

WELCOME WAGON CLUB OF HENDERSONVILLE



2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

To the members who displayed and sold their work at the July 29th Arts and Crafts sale, all I can say is WOW! There was such an array of hand made arts and crafts to both buy and admire that I won't even attempt to name everything. The members who displayed contributed 15% of their sales to charity and even with that the prices were so reasonable. Thanks ladies for a unique shopping experience! And thank you Ann Dice for organizing this event. Sipping a mimosa while shopping-----who could ask for anything more?

As for the meeting itself, Sue Hatch reported that we have a total of 215 members. Pat Blunck reported that we have a total of \$3,563.78 in the treasury. Diane Fitzgerald read the Minutes of the last General Meeting. Ann Dice passed around a "Help Sheet" for members to indicate whether they would be willing to be called to help at club events. Ann made clear that signers were not committing to anything other than being called. There are still plenty of blanks on the sheet, so please contact Ann if you would like to add your name to the list. Last but not least, Betsy made us all laugh with her humorous ribbing of members about who is and is not actually reading the Newsletter (you had to be there).

Each of the board members also gave an additional report on the costs involved in changing the name of our club. This idea was proposed at the last executive board meeting and has been met with positive comments from the general membership. Our club is no longer associated with the national Welcome Wagon brand which is a commercial enterprise. Even though the national Welcome Wagon no longer makes home visits carrying baskets of goodies to new residents in the community, many people remember that they used to do so and wonder why we do not. Our club name should first and foremost accurately describe what kind of club we are. Instead, it causes confusion. Also, our By-Laws state that people from Henderson and adjacent counties can join our club, but our name, "Welcome Wagon of Hendersonville, North Carolina" suggests otherwise.

Please see the blurb in this Newsletter regarding this proposal. We want your ideas and suggestions.

Don't forget Coffee and Conversation 10 a.m. August 19 at the home of Ann Dice.

Judy Bunting

BOGGLE Two Groups

Third Thursday 1:30 pm
Ann Dice, 891-5244; williamdice@bellsouth.net

The September meeting is the 18th at the home of Cynthia McCurdy. Please RSVP yes or no to Cynthia, 698-8792.

First Friday 1:30 pm
Vicky Lieber, 890-3408 evlieber@bellsouth.net

We would love to have new, word loving members for this group! It's so much fun and you can learn quickly, so give Vicky a call or e-mail if you're interested in joining this group.

The September 5th meeting will be at the home of Linda Holt, 698-6670 or lindandmax@yahoo.com
Please contact Linda if you will or will not attend.

BOOK CLUBS Many Groups

Morning 1 (Tuesday) (9 Sep) 10:00 am
Barb Orolin, 692-8306

Hostess: Brenda Decker
Book: A Thousand Splendid Suns, Khalid Hosseini

WNC Readers (9 Sep) 1:30 pm
Shirley Banks, 698-5980

Hostess: Florence Younkin
Book: The Way the Crow Flies, Ann-Marie Macdonald

Second Tuesday Book Bugs (9 Sep) 10:00 am
Sue Hatch, 890-0151

Hostess: Kathy Bachand
Book: God is Not Great, Christopher Hitchens

Thursday Afternoon Book Club (18 Sep) 1:00 pm
Carolyn Wig, 890-0006

Hostess: Elaine Tully, 890-2932
Book: The Double Bind, Chris Bohjalian

Ladies of the Evening Book Club (15 Sep) 7:00pm
Rose Marie Puncke, 693-7183

Hostess: Ann Christenson, 692-5126
Book: Run, Ann Patchett

BOOK CLUBS, Continued

Second Thursday Book Club (11 Sep) 10:00 am
Jan Scott, 890-3770

Hostess: Susan Aronowitz
Book: The Book Thief, Marcus Zusak

The Flat Rock Readers and Feeders (4 Sep) 10:00 am
Terry Goodfield, 693-6024; terrygood730@mchsi.com
Nan Dellamea, 697-5911; nanette720@hotmail.com

Hostess: Terry Goodfield
Book: The Prodigal Summer, Barbara Kingsolver

BRIDGE GROUPS Many Groups

There are several people interested in learning bridge and forming a beginning bridge group. If there any experienced bridge players who are interested in coaching/participating, please contact Lynne Wenz at 890-5596.

Evening Ladies Only 7:00 pm
Lynne Stafford, 696-1581

Daytime Ladies Many Groups

1st & 3rd Mondays - meet in member's homes (1:00 pm); 1st Thursday - meet in member's homes (1:00 pm); 2nd & 4th Mondays - meet in member's homes (1:00 pm); 2nd Monday - meets at the Ugly Mug on Highway 25 in Hendersonville (1:00 pm); and 4th Monday - meets at the Ugly Mug (1:00 pm).



BRUNCHES AND LUNCHES HOUSE

PARTIES Times will vary

Cheryl Keyes 698-8623 or ckraven@mchsi.com

The Brunches & Lunches group gets together about every five weeks for a "house party". Our motto is "Eat, Drink and Be Girly". The house parties incorporate themes, varied cuisines, party favors, door prizes, games, craft and special activities.

We rotate from house to house of our members. Each designated hostess chooses a theme for her house party and she coordinates the get-together, with each guest contributing to the menu plan.

Our next house party will be at 12:00 on September 17th - an *African Safari Luncheon* - hosted by Ann Christenson. Our luncheon menu will highlight foods from regions of the African continent and our meal will begin with an Ethiopian dinner ritual.

CANASTA Three Groups

Monday Group 1:00 pm

Joan Rick, 694-0216

The 2nd Monday Canasta is now Hand and Foot. The September 8th meeting will be at the home of Joan Rick.

Tuesday Group 1:00 pm

Elaine Tully, 890-2932

The September 30th meeting will be at the home of Judi Wondolowski, 698-0484.

Friday Group 1:00 pm

Diane Hamilton, 890-5522

The September 5th meeting will be at the home of Gloria Filebark, 698-7625. Please call Gloria to confirm attendance.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION August 19th

E.J. Meyer, 697-6810/Nan Dellamea, 697-5911
Nanette720@hotmail.com

What a great ending to the summer season! Ann Dice, our past president, has graciously opened her home for the event. Co-hostesses are Jodi Scott (who co-chaired the Coffees in 2005-6 season), Shirley Banks (our first vice-president and organizer for so many of our events this

year), active new members Monika Beck and Ursula Von Paczowski, and our multi-talented Dona Badgett. Wow! This will be great! We have new members ready to attend. One has only been in town a week.

Directions to Ann Dice's in Etowah:

Take 64 West from Hendersonville. Turn South (left) onto Etowah Park Road (runs between the Texaco Station and Ingles). Turn left at the stop sign onto Etowah School Road. Go about 1.5 miles and turn right onto Drexel Road. Take Drexel Road up a hill and turn left at the top of the hill onto Drexel Farms Road into Celadon Hills. Then take a quick right onto Karla Circle. Ann's house is the first house on the left - #67 Karla Circle.

Coming from Cummings/Big Willow/Evans:

Go west on River, then north on Etowah School Road, West on Drexel, Left into Celedon Hills and Drexel Farm Road, then the quick right onto Karla Circle. First house on the right, #67.

If you get lost, call 891-5244.

Coffee and Conversation for all of Welcome Wagon Members

Remember to call EJ or Nan for reservations. Do NOT call your hostess for reservations.

DINNER AND A MOVIE times vary

Florence Younkin, 697-7186/Patty MacDuff, 329-4742

This group meets the 2nd Saturday of the month. We meet at a local restaurant, and follow dinner with a movie, both chosen by a volunteer. We have a great group - call Patty MacDuff if you would like to join us!

FUN 'N GAMES

7:00 pm

Jan Partin, 698-2763

This group meets on the 4th Saturday of the month. Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. Hosts will provide games for the evening. Guests are welcome to bring games also. Hosts will take calls on a first come, first serve basis. Hostess for September is Jan Partin, 60 Beaumont Drive. Please call Jan at 698-2763.

NEW GROUP FORMING
ATTENTION ALL HIKERS/WALKERS

Several new members have indicated an interest in starting (or restarting) a group of hikers or walkers. If you are of a like mind or have participated in such a group in the past and have some ideas, please give Activity Chair, Rose Marie Puncke a call at 693-7183, or contact her by e-mail at rpuncke@mchsi.com. It only takes a few to get a group going – so give her a call today!

KNITWITS **1:00 pm**
Sherry Scott, 697-5156, scottonsilk@yahoo.com

This new group is open to members who knit or crochet, regardless of experience level. We meet at various yarn-related locations and at each other's homes. Our September meeting will be at the home of Cynthia Gaughan on September 25th

LUNCHEON 8 **Three Groups**
Terri Gibson, 891-9209

Group 1: Chair: Elaine Tully
Sep 3: Hostess: Suzanne Soos

Group 2: Chair: Terri Gibson
Sep 2: Hostess: Diane Fitzgerald

Group 3: Chair: Brenda Decker
Sep 3: Hostess: Barbara Holland

MAH JONGG **Three Groups**

Second Tuesday **1:00 pm**
Nan Hess, 697-3679

The September 9th meeting will be held at the home of Brenda Decker. Please RSVP to Brenda at 693-4254.

Second Wednesday **1:00 pm**
Betsy Schwind, 697-0781

The September 10th meeting will be held at the home of Shirley Catanese, 890-1565.

Friday Group **1:00 pm**
Shirley Catanese, 890-1565

The September 26th meeting will be at the home of Phyllis Perry, 891-2906.

MEMBERSHIP
Sue Hatch, 890-0151

Please add the following new member to your Membership Directory:

Kristin Dedich (Peter)
27 South Inglenook Lane
Flat Rock, NC 28731
698-9079
DOB: 3 March
kdedich@hotmail.com

Please make the following changes to your Membership Directory:

Gail Buzby has a new e-mail address:

Gbuzzer1@gmail.com

Mary Highberger has a new e-mail address:

Smhigh141@yahoo.com

Eve Fisher Siegal has a new phone number:

697-8712

Joyce Slicer has a new phone number:

698-2454

OPERA & CLASSICAL MUSIC
Joy Charlebois, 890-3160, j-charlebois@mchsi.com

The Opera Group will be going to 'The Met: Live in HD 2008-2009' Saturday performances. The first performance is *Salome*, by Richard Strauss. It is at 1 pm on October 11th. Tickets will become available to the general public August 22nd. Please contact Joy if you are interested.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH
Virginia Newsom, 696-7980/Sue Kamerick, 891-4890

The Out to Lunch Bunch will meet Friday September 26th at 12 noon at the South Rock Grill, corner of 225 South and Chadwick. South Rock Grill is under new management. No smoking, very informal, good choices of salads and sandwiches, both hot and cold. Homemade soups too, and platters. Notify Sue or Virginia by Tuesday September 23rd.

RUMMY Q Two Groups

Second Friday Group 1:30 pm
Sue Aronowitz, 692-7703

This is a fun game played in groups of 3-4 people and you may call Sue if you'd like to join us. It is easy to learn, so sign up and we will teach you at your first visit. Our September 12th meeting will be at the home of Vicki Lieber, 890-3408.

Fourth Thursday Group 1:30 pm
Jan Scott, 890-3770

The new 4th Thursday Rummy Q group will be meeting on September 25th at the home of Vicki Lieber, 890-3408.

SCRABBLE SCRAMBLERS 1:30 pm
Linda Holt, 698-6670

The September 2nd meeting will be at the home of Gail Brown. Please call Gail, 692-2345, if you will or will not be attending.

SUNSHINE

Our deepest sympathy goes to Rhoda Galvani on the recent loss of her mother, Dorothy Brennan. Both have been very active members of Welcome Wagon.

TEA SOCIETY 1:00 pm
Donna McCall, 697-7461, BSKTLDI1@aol.com

THEME: Famous Women in History
HOSTESS: Kristin Dedich
DATE: Wednesday, August 27th
TIME: 1:00 pm
RSVP: 698-9079 or kdedich@hotmail.com

Details: Please choose a famous woman in history whom you admire. If possible, dress as that person and be prepared to share contributions she has made or why you admire her. From your description, we will try to guess your character. A drawing from accurate guesses will determine the door prize winner.

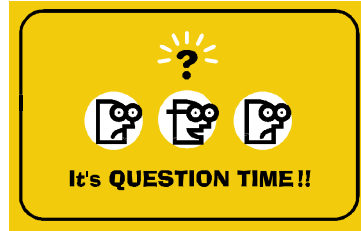


A Special Thanks to all our Artists
Who participated in the July 29th
Arts Show.
Your Work is Much Appreciated!!

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| Gretchen Batra | Betty Copp |
| Diane Fitzgerald | Terri Gibson |
| Marcia Hecht | Barbara Holland |
| Ann Lazarus | Elaine Moyzis |
| Peggy O'Connor | Linda Sauter |
| Jeneil Stevens | Betsy Tibbs |

Sharon Tirrell





MARY: Oh, You're in Welcome Wagon? You're the People who bring the Baskets to newly arrived in the community, right?

JANE: Uh, no, we don't do that.

MARY: Well, what DO you do?

JANE: Well, we have fun, we support a different charity every year and we are a social organization to welcome newcomers and others into the community.

MARY: So, why do you call yourselves Welcome Wagon?

JANE: Uh, I don't know!

Does this conversation sound familiar to you? You may have had it yourself with a newly arrived individual. It is a little awkward, isn't it?!

In reality, the name "Welcome Wagon" doesn't really describe who we are or what we do.

We are a Social Group for Newcomers (regardless of how "new") to the community and we do support a different charity every year. And the name Welcome Wagon doesn't really describe that very well.

So, what IS the best name to define who we are?

DO YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION? The Executive Board wants to hear from you!!

Any and all suggestions are welcome, and all will be considered. The Executive Board will narrow down the list to five or six (one of which will be the current name) and submit a ballot for the full membership to vote on in the fall.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR SUGGESTIONS IN ONE OF TWO WAYS:

BY MAIL: TO Judy Bunting, 1435 Patriots Drive, Hendersonville, 28739

BY E-Mail: judybunting@mchsi.com (please note "suggestion" in subject line)