



Newcomers News

A Message From the President

In 1947 a group of ladies saw a need for an organization to welcome new people into the community. On September 12th a meeting was held for the purpose of organizing such a club and so here we are celebrating 60 years of friendship and entertainment. The life of this Club is solely dependent on you. I have thought about what it is that makes our members so special. One thing is the effort that our members put in to keep the Club evolving with fresh ideas while keeping with traditions that we hold so dear and make it unique. In the near future you will have an opportunity to choose what venue would interest you for a six-month stint. Your participation is valued. So think about getting on board.

Remember Pin the Tail on the Donkey or Musical Chairs? Those were the games of yesteryear's birthday party. At the September birthday luncheon we will not play those fun, innocent games but rather a more sophisticated contest, one that reflects our gentility: Hats. Design your one-of-a-kind creation or wear one of your favorites. Remember that there will be prizes. Hope to see you at the luncheon. Wishing you a song in your heart and a dance in your step.

Patti

The September Birthday Luncheon will be held at Zea's Restaurant located at 1525 St Charles Ave., NOLA 70130 520-8100 www.zearestaurants.com on Tuesday September 25th. The menu will be Zea House Salad, Choice of Rotisserie Chicken or Shrimp Breaux Bridge Pasta, Birthday cake for Dessert and the cost is \$29 per

September Luncheon Reservations for Tuesday September 25, 2007
Please call Madeleine Boyer at 862-6681 to make your reservations.
Call before Friday September 21st at noon



October Board Mtg
10:00 am
October 9th at the Metairie Library on Old Metairie Road Metairie, LA

It's our Birthday!! As has been our tradition for well over a decade or "Zea Marvelous Concours de Chapeau" Categories for the contest will be: most imaginative, most stylish, most fun, most elegant, and most trendy chic. We will also have a mystery activity to help celebrate as well!

Community Awareness – September 2007 Ladies – let's have some fun despite the heat!

While many of us have lived here for a while, we do have new arrivals to the area AND there's always the possibility that you "missed" some of the basics. So, let's look at some of the "regular" activities available in our area.

First, most of us LOVE the food here, but do you know its history? How about trying out a walking and eating tour? New Orleans Culinary History Tours offers the only culinary history and food tasting tours of the French Quarter. This walking and tasting tour of the French Quarter will immerse you in the history of New Orleans and how its unique cuisine evolved. We tour select historic restaurants and discuss their culinary contributions - including the two oldest (Antoine's and Tujague's, established in 1840 and 1856, respectively). Food sampled include: Gumbo, French or Italianpastry, Beef Brisket with Creole Sauce, Pralines, Mini-Muffulettas, Sazerac Cocktail. In addition to the tastings, the tour also visits the historic Hermann-Grima House built in 1831, to tour its 19th century kitchen and learn about 19th century cooking techniques. We also pass such notable landmarks as the St. Louis Cathedral and Jackson Square. Tours last 3 hours, cost \$40 and start at 2pm. Visit <http://www.noculinarytours.com/> or call 212-209-3370 for more information.

Second, have you been on a tour of the French Quarter that WASN'T self-guided? Why not try out Historic New Orleans Tours' tour. Your tour includes the birthplace of New Orleans, the Mississippi River, the "Father of Waters." The tour continues through the French Market, on to the Ursuline Convent, the oldest building in the Mississippi River Valley and then to the Jean Lafitte Blacksmith Shop to hear the dramatic tales of legendary pirate Jean Lafitte and his "Baratarians," determining what is fiction and what is fact. The French Quarter History Tour visits Jackson Square and its splendid architecture. The tour also stops at Pirate's Alley, the scene of daring pirate prison escapes and a legendary dueling ground as well as several other points of interest. Tours are at 10:30am daily, cost \$15 for adults (\$13 for seniors) and begin at Bourbon Cafe Beignet at Legends Park, (across from Royal Sonesta Hotel), 311 Bourbon Street. Visit www.tourneworleans.com or call 947-2120 for more information.

Finally, for a bit of the macabre, how about a Ghost and Vampire Tour? Experience an eerie evening walk of suspense into the dark edges of the haunted historic French Quarter. Drink in the tragic history of the city as it's woven through legendary stories of the gruesome and horrific deeds of the slave owners, the decadent Creoles, and the city's most infamous and bloodthirsty. This tour combines the ancient art of storytelling with historic research and documentation. Check out www.neworleanstours.net or call 369-1224. On-line ticket orders are \$15 (regular admission is \$20). Tours begin at 8:15 nightly (arrive 15 minutes early), meeting at Royal Blend Coffee House, 621 Royal Street and lasting about 2 hours.

Marathon Cards



Only two months remaining to join us for fun and friendship playing the game of your choice. On September 28th at 9:30 A.M. we will meet at the home of Sophia Kunkel, 29 Platt Street, Kenner. We play Canasta, Mahjonn, (quick learn), Bridge or ANY game you like just let us know. For \$12.00 you will enjoy a breakfast snack, a light lunch, door prizes and an afternoon with a great group of ladies! We usually finish by 2:00 P.M. If interested contact Sophia Kunkel 467-6381 or Kathy Randall 866-7435.

Krewe of Neophermenos August Captain's Report



I'm just "humming" with news this month!

The Queen's ballot will be included in this month's newsletter. Please think of a deserving lady and cast your secret vote! Ballots must be postmarked by October 1, so return them as soon as you get your newsletter. This way you won't forget and the ballot won't get lost. Help to choose *your* queen!

The Krewe of Neophermenos' annual auction will be held November 3rd at Salvatore Ristorante, 3226 N. Arnoult Rd., Metairie at 7:00 P.M. The price is \$35.00 per person and includes dinner and an open bar. Please support this important fundraiser through your attendance as well as your donations! For tickets or to make a donation, please contact me (home: 466-3722, cell: 722-4650, email: peggymoore111@yahoo.com). A portion of the proceeds will go to our club charity, Raintree.

Don't forget to buy your patron pin! Both gold and silver are still available. You will want to be included in the three \$100 drawings, so get your pin today! Contact Barbara March (466-2058) or Elaine Nemer (home: 469-6441, cell: 858-7844, email: eknemer@cox.net).

The 2008 doubloon will be revealed at the September Luncheon. Have you been trying to figure out what is going to be on the doubloon, using the clues I gave last month? Here they are again in case anyone forgot: they are twins, they were inspired by a World's Fair exhibit, and they have portholes and smokestacks.

Rooms at the Hilton are still available. They are \$259 per night plus tax and gratuities. Have a mini-vacation in your very own city. Imagine...check-in, relax, eat (Drago's?), get ready for the ball and walk to it (no traffic!), enjoy the ball and stay 'til the end 'cause you won't have to drive home tired, get beignets for breakfast! Did I tempt anyone? Reserve your rooms now! Call (504) 584-3999 and tell them you are reserving a room from the Krewe of Neophermenos block of rooms. If you are told all of the rooms have been booked and you have to pay a higher rate, call (504) 556-3751 for verification.

Thanks for all of your support!

Your Captain, Peggy



K OF N LITTLE KREWE PARTY!!!

WANTED: ALL NEW ORLEANS NEWCOMERS
DID YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU ARE A MEMBER
OF NEWCOMERS' CLUB OF NEW ORLEANS YOU ARE
ALSO PART OF THE KREWE OF NEOPHERMENOS?



INTERESTED IN WEARING A NEAT COSTUME TO K OF N BALL? DOES THROWING BEADS AND DOUBLOONS SOUND LIKE FUN? IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS PLEASE COME JOIN US on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2007 at the home of Diania Johnson 5700 FLAGLER ST. METAIRIE, LA at 6:00 P.M. TILL ... BYOB - Setups will be provided For more information please contact Diania Johnson at 504-324-9371



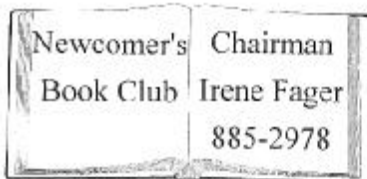
AREA COFFEE

Chair: Barbara March 466-2058

Twenty-two ladies enjoyed the lovely coffee at the home of Gloria Ayres. Thank you Gloria and your co-hostesses; Betty Spurlock, Linda McDermott, Lyn Barnes and Barbara March.

The September coffee will be held at the home of our Queen Diana Parker at 5028 Ithaca Street in Metairie. Call Diana at 454-7038 for directions.

The October coffee will be held at Raintree House at 1233 (1219) 8th Street New Orleans.



The Book Club met in August to discuss "Eat, Pray, Love," a spiritual memoir by Elizabeth

Gilbert. It was a popular choice. Our September meeting is at the home of Diana Parker, following the area coffee.

Our selection is a different genre entirely, "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen, a best-selling novel involving love and murder set in the circus world of America in the 1930's. It should make for some good discussion, so we hope to have excellent attendance as we did in August.

For October we plan to read "Thirteen Moons" by best-selling author Charles Frazier. We'll choose for November and December at the next meeting, and we welcome everyone's ideas.

Volunteer Hours Hours Hours for Aug.

Chairman: Vickie Beers 837-2791

St. Philip Neri Church	6	
Girl Scouts	3	
Mom's Club Metairie	6	
Alice Birney	45	
Friends of Raintree	18	
St. Jude Childrens Hospital	1	
Boy Scouts	3	
St. Catherine of Siena Church	20	
LA Renaissance Festival	32	
Atonement Lutheran	8	
JCC	18	
Total Hours	166	Total Volunteers 9



Bunco! Bunco! Bunco!

Come make new friends
and have fun too!!!

The September Bunco will be at Laurel Brown's home, 19 Echezeaux Dr., Kenner. The cost is \$12.00 and includes dinner, snacks, soft drinks, door prizes, fun and friendship. BYOB. It all begins at 6:30 p.m. So, what are you waiting for??? Call Laurell Brown (469-0515) or email her at laurellb@cox.net to let her know you are coming on.

Newcomers' Gourmet

Chair: Sophia Kunkel - 467-6381

Co-Chair: Judy Foren - 461-0847

The Gourmet Group held their organizational party on September 8, at the home of Jack and Sophia Kunkel. Gourmet meets from



September through May. Members selected a month during the season to submit a menu to be prepared by the four groups. We also collected dues of \$10.00 a couple for the year. If you were not at the party please send your dues payable to Sophia Kunkel.

During the year we have dinners once a month and using a rotation system, dine with a group of four couples at members homes and are with different people each month.

If any of you like to cook or your husband likes to cook you will enjoy this group of great people. You cook one or two dishes for each dinner. We still have room for two couples on the regular monthly rotation and we always need substitutes. Call Judy or Sophia and we'll explain how Gourmet works.

Krewe of Neophermenos 2007 Auction

Saturday, November 3

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Salvatore Ristorante

3226 N Arnoult Rd., Metairie

\$35.00 per person

Includes Dinner Buffet & Open Bar

***Let me make you an offer
you can't refuse!***

Dressy Casual

or

Come dressed as a famous mobster or moll

PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Annetherese Hirth Co-Chair: Donna Montgomery Treasurer: Diana Parker

Raintree Children and Family Services was very appreciate and thankful for the very generous contributions and donations of school supplies by members of the Newcomers' Club. The club's support has helped the girls begin their school year in a very positive way. Thanks for your continued generosity. Information concerning our annual Christmas sharing card will be in the October newsletter. Please be sure and watch for it.



Chair: Diana Parker 454-7038 fparker147@aol.com

As the club's activities get busier it gets harder to schedule Dinner and a Movie. I will try my best to have them every month. So the next Dinner and a Movie will be Saturday October 6th. We will have dinner at Cafe East (4628 Rye St.) and see the movie at the AMC Theater in the Clearview shopping center. I hope to see you in October.

Membership Report Kathy Randall, Chair 866.7435

We have 20 extra handbooks for sale at \$5 each should you need an extra for the car, etc.

An orientation for new members will be held on Tuesday, Sept 25 during the Birthday Luncheon, 12 noon. A special reserved section will be waiting for all new members!

Welcome New Members we are glad you joined us!

Tracy Cassidy 1111 Lake Avenue, Apt 222 Metairie, LA 70005 504.835.0509(h)

cell- 401.212.6039 tracee@yahoo.com Born in Westerly, RI Tracy has lived in New Orleans for seven years, just learning of us through her sponsor Annetherese Hirth. She works in sales and has three cats! Her interests include Dinner & Movie, Discover New Orleans, Lazy Gourmet and Photography.

Barbara Tobin (Gregory) 5044 Tartan Drive Metairie, LA 70003 504.888.0231

A native of Hartford CT, Barbara moved here from MA thirty-four years ago and did not learn of Newcomers in time to join. She comes to us through open-enrollment. She is the mother of four and enjoys playing bridge. Betty Spurlock is her sponsor.

Correction: Joan Wood – telephone 891-8313

Change of email address: Heidi Hack – h-ghack@cox.net

Change of address:

Maureen Stockwell (Lonnie) 9632 Prytania Avenue Baton Rouge, LA 70809 225.778.5230
same cell and email.

Vote for the 2008 Queen

Thanks to everyone for choosing me as Queen LIII. It was a year I will never forget. But now it's time to choose the next Queen. I had to ask myself what are we looking for in choosing the next Queen? I looked in the hand book for some guidance and that told me NOTHING. The only requirement is you have to be DESERVING. Think about that one person who is always willing to help and does whatever is needed. That's who should be Queen LIV.



NEWCOMER'S CLUB
OF NEW ORLEANS
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**June - November
Elected Officers**

PRESIDENT: Patti Visin 469-8082

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Carol Lynch 833-5327

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Gloria Ayers 891-1684

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Beth Brigden-Webb 885-5231

TREASURER: Diania Johnson 324-9371

7000182126 0017 No Matter where you're from, we're glad you're here!

Mary Anne Long came out of surgery and did wonderfully well. She had a kink in her intestine so they removed some of the intestine. The doctors were pleased that her heart did well and there was no excessive bleeding. She will be in recovery for several hours and may go to ICU for a while before going back to her room. She is in Oschner Hospital.



Woman of the month is proud to announce that Gloria Ayres is the Woman of the Month for July 2007 and Diania Johnson is Woman of the Month for August 2007. Please continue to send in the nomination forms so we can surprise another deserving woman.

To the Ladies of Newcomers, Thank you for the Honor of being Woman of the Month for August. It was an unexpected honor and I feel very blessed by all of the friends I have made during my time in this club and hope to make many more in the years to come. Thank you again, Diania Johnson

Sad Newcomer's News

Jacqueline Brill who was a Newcomer Member before moving to Kerrville in 1990 died August 20, 2007 of natural causes. When she no longer worked, Jacquie became more active in newcomers and was a Glee Club Member. She was born in Bethalto IL 77 years ago, and was survived by her partner in life, Charles Rylee, her son, Mark, 2 brothers, a sister, a step grandson and her beloved chocolate lab, Jazz II