

Alumni Group of Newcomers

(AGN)

Opportunities for Active People

EDITOR: JUNE DOWD 633-2667

EMAIL: AGNEDITOR123@GMAIL.COM

SEPTEMBER 2011

* * * * *

Board Members Message

To: AGN Membership

Welcome, welcome, welcome! A new year is starting with wonderful activities planned for all of you! However, we would like to first take this opportunity to send kudos to our outgoing President and Social Chair, Jack and Patti Fleming, for an outstanding job done over the past two years. Their leadership and endless enthusiasm provided memorable events for all to enjoy. As always, they are remaining active in our organization and have pledged their continued support and assistance where needed. Thank you again Jack and Patti.

Now is the time to renew and/or join AGN. Don't miss out, remember, you must be a paid member to participate in any events offered. If you have not received an application for 2011-12, please email agneditor123@gmail.com

Newcomers/AGN is going into its 25th year of existence. What a truly fantastic testament to all the past and present dedicated volunteers for their time, efforts, creativity and talents shared with us. At the end of last year AGN had over 240 members. Over 100 renewals have been received with more flowing in. The opportunity for educational, cultural and social events is provided nonstop through the capable hands of our Activity Leaders and the volunteers who continue to make it happen. In addition to private AGN events, we have been fortunate enough to combine four activities (singles, golf, boating and outdoor adventure) with the Newcomers Group, as well as co-sponsor two socials. We have evolved and are still growing to provide our members with opportunities to continue the active lifestyle they are entitled to. Please help us on this journey. We are still in need of a President and a Social Chair to lead us this year. The Board has agreed to kick start our current season until these positions are filled. Remember, co-chairing these offices is acceptable, so ask a friend to help out. We ended last year with activities to do, but no time left to fit them in! There is an abundance of support, as we have three past presidents on the Board willing to help make this an effortless task. At the end of this year our Treasurers' term will end. Another opportunity to give back. Waiting to be asked? We are asking! Consider stepping forward to help us help you! [Contact any Board Member, Officer or Chair today**](#).

What a year to come!!! All Activity Leaders have gone full steam ahead to make this another great year. Check out the upcoming happenings and mark your calendars. Our Chairs have assured us that new as well as old favorites will be in the offering this season. Try something different this year. Treat yourself with a new adventure, you deserve it!

Joan Baumann
Recording Secretary

• • • • •

****Contact any Board Member, Officer or Chair today if you would like to volunteer to help our great club or if you have any questions about any specific job.**

Here are a few contacts:

**Jack or Patti Fleming 633-0309 eilcmhor@gmail.com
Sharyn Foster 635-1426 dpfostr@suddenlink.net
Joan Baumann 638-8886 jbugman@gmx.com
Sandie Swigart 633-4094 sandieles@hotmail.com
June Dowd 633-2667 june515@suddenlink.net**

• • • • •

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 10	Outdoor Adventure – Hammocks Beach
September 14	Ice Cream and Cake Social
September 25	Wine Tasting – Meet and Greet
October 19-21	NC Wine Tasting Trip
November 14-19	Wine Tasting

• • • • •

Don't forget to take pictures at your AGN activities, and email them to agneditor123@gmail.com

• • • • •

*If you have a change in your personal information (address, email, telephone), please notify **Pete Peterson cpeter@yahoo.com**. Without the correct email address, your Newsletter will be undeliverable.*

• • • • •



ICE CREAM and CAKE SOCIAL
SEPTEMBER 14TH 7:00 - 10:00
AT A CATERED AFFAIR ON TRENT ROAD

THERE WILL BE SEVERAL DESSERTS FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM:

- ›TUXEDO CAKE (VANILLA AND CHOCOLATE MOUSSE WITH GRENACHE TOPPING)
- ›CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY MOUSSE CAKE
 - ›KEY LIME PIE
 - ›CREAM PUFFS
- ›LEMON CREAM CAKE
- ›CHEESECAKE - PLAIN, OR WITH CHOCOLATE OR RASPBERRY TOPPING

ALL OF THE ABOVE WILL BE SERVED WITH VANILLA ICE CREAM
YOUR CHOICE OF COFFEE, HOT TEA OR ICED TEA

THERE WILL ALSO BE A CASH BAR FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

THE COST IS **\$5.00** PER PERSON

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE OF DESSERT AND RETURN FORM TO SHARYN FOSTER ALONG WITH
YOUR CHECK MADE OUT TO AGN:

SHARYN FOSTER
123 TUPELO TRAIL
NEW BERN, NC 28562

Name _____ Dessert _____

Name _____ Dessert _____

DEADLINE FOR RSVP IS SEPTEMBER 10TH

.....

ARTS AND CRAFTS

The upcoming months will have some interesting arts and crafts for us to try. You don't need to be an artist or an experienced crafter to do any of these classes; you just need an open mind, a laugh in your heart, and a willingness to try. Hope to see you at one or all of the get-togethers.

KNITTING:

We need a volunteer to begin a new group, please contact Sue if you are willing to start one.

CROCHETING:

There was a request to have a group for crocheting. We need a volunteer to begin a class/group, please contact Sue if you are willing to start one.

PAINTING POTTERY:

October 3rd, Monday at 6:15
Accidental Artist, Craven Street in New Bern
\$8 studio fee plus cost of chosen pottery (\$2 - \$45)

PAPER FLOWERS on PAPER BOXES:

November – date to be determined (see next newsletter)
Held at McCarthy Court (McCarthy Blvd)

JEWELRY DESIGN/MAKING:

December – date and place to be determined (see next newsletter)

Please contact Sue Marsh if there is any other type of class that would be of interest or if you have any questions. Call Sue at 637-9371 or contact her at sue1946@hotmail.com. Please put AGN Craft Class in the Subject Line of your email.

* * * * *

Alumni/Newcomers BOATING GROUP

This month starts the 2011-2012 year for the Boaters Group. Most activities are still in the planning stage, including the "Winter Get-Away Weekend" (this year tentatively scheduled for Manteo in February or March). We will be scheduling one event per month with the exception of December. Too many other things in December, so we'll have a dinner and White Elephant gift exchange in January.

You must be a member of the Boaters Group to participate in Group activities, and you must be a member of the AGN or Newcomers Club to be a member of the Boaters Group.

If you are interested in joining the Boaters Group, or would like more information, please contact one of the following: Jack Fleming at 633-0309, or Jim Talbott at 636-2521.

* * * * *

BOOK CLUB

All meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 1-3:00 pm. The discussions are lively, refreshments are served, and we welcome new faces and ideas. Come to any or all of the meetings.

Please contact the host if you are planning to participate in this month's selection:

September 28 Homer & Langley

Author E.L. Doctorow

Host: Pat Danehy 340 Lakemere Drive River Bend 672-8449 b.p. danehy@gmail.com

Chairperson: Mary Hudson 633-4630 maryjoe44@embarqmail.com



October 26 Begin Again, Quinn AND Down East on Nelson Island

Author Karen Dodd

Author to attend meeting

November 30 Bel Canto

Author Ann Patchett

January 25 Charms for the Easy Life

Author Kaye Gibbons

February 22 Look Homeward, Angel

Author Thomas Wolfe

March 28 The Painted Veil Watch movie; discuss adaptation

Author W. Somerset Maugham

April 25 Major Pettigrew's Last Stand Potluck Luncheon

Author Helen Simonson

May 23 Out Stealing Horses

Author Per Petterson

• • • • •

GOLF

To sign up, contact Jim Wittmeyer at 716-860-2360 or email him at golfwitt@yahoo.com.

• • • • •

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

*Saturday, September 10, 10:30 a.m. ferry**
Bring you lunch, beverages, chairs, etc.

***** There is no signup, just show up at the event *****

Hammocks Beach State Park

Address: 1572 Hammocks Beach Road, Swansboro, NC 28584

Office Phone: (910) 326-4881

Email: hammocks.beach@ncdenr.gov



Venture to Bear Island to one of the most unspoiled beaches on the Atlantic coast. Accessible only by passenger ferry or private boat. The 2.5-mile passenger ferry ride takes about 15 minutes and offers a glimpse of interesting wetland inhabitants, including herons and egrets. After traveling through the Intracoastal Waterway, the ferry moves through the shallow waters of Cow Channel, a channel through which cows were once herded to the island for grazing. The ferry then docks at the pier on Bear Island where a half-mile trail travels through the dune system, across the island, to the beach. This 15-minute walk is like a trip through the desert. The sand is often hot; wear protective shoes.

***Ferry Schedule:** We plan to take the 10:30 ferry, but you may choose a different time if you prefer. Be at the visitor's center to purchase your tickets at least a half hour before departure time. (28 person ferry capacity at one time) Depart island whenever you choose. Carts and wagons are prohibited on passenger ferries due to space and weight limitations. Passenger conveyance devices, such as strollers and wheelchairs, are allowed.

Departs mainland at: 9:30am 10:30am 11:30am 12:30pm 1:30pm 2:30pm 3:30pm 4:30pm

Departs island at: 10:00am 11:00am 12:00pm 1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm

Adult roundtrip --- \$5 Senior Citizen (62 or older) roundtrip --- \$3

Directions: Follow Highway 24 west into Swansboro. Turn left onto Old Hammocks Road. Turn left onto Hammocks Beach Road. About 500 feet before the end of the road, turn right into the park entrance.

Contacts: Steve Spaziante cell: 571-3880 / June Dowd cell: 571-5210 june515@suddenlink.net

* * * * *

SINGLES MINGLES

If you are interested in hosting a get-together at your home, please contact:

Cinda Hill chillnewbern@gmail.com
Diane Smith iya0531@yahoo.com
Tina Beach tbeach238@gmail.com

If you do not drive at night, call Debbie Knight & she will arrange a ride for you. We want everyone to be able to join in the fun!

Dates & places are subject to change.

* * * * *

WINE TASTING

Remember: You must have paid your dues to AGN and \$3. per person to the Wine Club made out to AGN Wine Club in order to attend the following activities:

On **Sunday, September 25th at 4 p.m.**, we will hold our “meet and greet” event at the Civil War Battleground area by Taberna. (Turn rt into Taberna , cross the RR tracks and make an immediate left and follow road to outdoor covered pavilion). You may tour the area while you are there. Bring a heavy hors d’oeuvre, a bottle of wine and your own glass if you like. Email Dee by Sept 21st if you are coming so we can plan for paper goods. Bring folding chairs since seating is limited.

Mark your calendars for the NC wine trip leaving on **Wed. Oct 19th and returning Friday, Oct 21st**. We will attend 2 wineries on day one and 3 on day two with dinner at night. Please send your check for \$35.person to June for the winery tours and tastings once you decide to go, but no later than Wed., Oct 5th. Also, make your reservation for the Jonesville-Elkin Hampton Inn for 2 nights asap at tel # 336-835-1994 and book under Wine Tasting Group. Cost is \$76. per night plus tax. Cut off date is Sept 25th. This year we are putting a limit on the number. Reserve early.

In **November, between the 14th -19th** (dates TBA) our in-home wine tasting will be featuring international wines with paired food. We need 3 volunteer hosts for this event. It requires the host to provide glasses, plates, utensils, napkins (not funded by club) and be ready to heat up or refrigerate certain items. We need volunteer cooks who will get the recipes for a specific item and will be reimbursed for said expenses. We will be keeping our price to \$12. per person. Send monies to June Yates at 205 Token Ct. New Bern NC 28560 by Sat., Nov 5th.

No refunds after the deadlines.

Dee Dricks (633-9671) lende@always-online.com
June Yates (635-3055) juney1_2000@yahoo

* * * * *

Fun at 3 Activities 2010-11



Dining In (Combined AGN and Newcomer Activity)



Wine Tasting



End of Year Picnic (Combined AGN and Newcomer Activity)

.

Other Activity Times and Information

- Arts and Crafts** Susan Marsh 637-9371 sue1946@hotmail.com
- Boating - Newcomer/Alumni** Jim Talbott 636-2521 talbott720@gmail.com / Jack Fleming 633-0309
eilcmhor@gmail.com 633-0309 eilcmhor@gmail.com Meets 3rd Sunday
- Book Club** Mary Hudson 633-4630 maryjoe44@embarqmail.com All meetings are on
the fourth Wednesday of the month from 1-3:00 pm
- Bridge**
- Ladies Duplicate** Carolyn Herz 514-2260 Meets 3rd Monday
Meets 2nd & 4th Thurs, 10 am, West NB Rec
- Couples** Donna Nixon 638-6870 draenixon@embarqmail.com
- Day Trips** Gloria Kelly
- Dining Out** Sharyn Foster dpfoster@suddenlink.net
- Golf** Jim Wittmeyer 716-860-2360 golfwitt@yahoo.com
- Outdoor Adventure** Steve Spaziante 571-3880 (cell) June Dowd 571-5210 (cell) june515@suddenlink.net
- Singles (with Newcomers)** Cinda Hill chillnewbern@gmail.com Diane Smith iya0531@yahoo.com Tina
Beach tbeach238@gmail.com
- Socials** Sharyn Foster 635-1426 dpfoster@suddenlink.net
- Wine Tasting** Dee Dricks 633-9671 lendee@always-online.com / June Yates 635-3055 juney1_2000@yahoo.com

