

Newcomers and Neighbors of Arlington Heights Newsletter May 2010



Wine Tasting

When: Saturday, May 22

Where: The home of Val and Jeff

What: A fun evening with a wine tasting sponsored by Tuscan Wine Market of Arlington Heights.

A chance to purchase wine, drink wine, sample wine

A chance to hang out with friends and try some new wines and enjoy good food.

An opportunity to win great raffle prizes.

A warm and fuzzy feeling you will get from helping raise money for a local charitable cause.

So save the date!!! And feel free to invite other friends who would like to enjoy a fun night out and may even consider joining our fantastic group!

Date		Time	RSVP
May 11	Mom and Tot	10:00	Carla J.
May 13	Girl's Night Out	7:30	Becky B.
May 19	Book Club	7:30	Carla J.
May 22	Wine Tasting - Fundraiser	7:00	Val Z.



President's Prattle

May has arrived and judging by the awesome weather in April, it should either be a beautiful May or a thunderstorm filled month of tornado warnings. I'm betting on a beautiful May though! And there are many things to enjoy this month: Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and of course our annual Newcomers Spring Fundraiser. If you have not already, PLEASE rsvp to the e-vite soon and consider joining us for this fun event sponsored this year by Tuscan Market Wine Shop in Arlington Heights. We will be having a professional wine tasting with bottles available for sale that night, great appetizers, an exciting raffle, and the always gracious hosting of Val and Jeff! If you normally only attend one type of Newcomers activity such as playgroup or book club, consider breaking out of that and bringing your hubbie, date, or friend for a truly fun night out! And come on, it's for a good cause so you have no excuse!

Since the spring fundraiser is right around the corner I know this means that the end of the Newcomers Year is also approaching. This is a great time to thank all of our current officers, and encourage some new people to take on officer positions for the coming year. We will officially change over in July, so please check out the list of officer positions with descriptions in the newsletter. I have already talked with several people who are interested in maintaining their current roles and taking on new ones. I will post all taken positions next month, so let me know what you might be interested in for the coming year. Without our members working in these roles, Newcomers would not exist or run so smoothly. Everyone has done such an incredible job this year; it really shows their commitment to the group. Thanks!

I look forward to seeing you all at upcoming May events!

Kindly,

Katie

President

Wanted: Energetic person needed to lead social group. Involvement and dedication to Newcomers and Neighbors of Arlington Heights a must. You will be leading a team of able-bodied assistants in keeping our club running smoothly, encouraging involvement in activities and suggesting events that appeal to our members. Skills needed are organization, delegation, cheerleading, motivation and the ability to meet monthly newsletter deadlines. Position provides for complete flexibility on defined duties and the authority to change any and all club activities, with membership approval. Time commitment is 1-2 hours a month.

Vice President of New Membership

A warm and welcoming personality and a gift for organization are key with this position. V.P. of new membership is responsible for answering calls and e-mails from women who are interested in joining the group or getting more information, and communicating their needs with other officers. This officer will also work closely with the Welcome Committee Chair and members. It is an excellent way to meet new people. Time Commitment: Willingness to attend an event each month and an hour a week.

Welcome Committee Chairperson

Energy and enthusiasm abound! This officer will work closely with the V.P. to make sure that new members feel at home and are introduced to other members. This officer will most likely lead a small group of *welcome committee members* who will help keep in touch with new members and make and distribute welcome pots (or whatever welcome gift you decide to present) Time commitment: Willingness to attend an activity each month and a couple hours a month.

Treasurer

Are you responsible, good with numbers and like to write checks? If so, this is the position for you! The treasurer is responsible for keeping our books, reimbursing members for club expenses and reporting financial position at meetings.

Social Coordinator

If you are the Plans-Maker anytime you go out with friends or family, you have the experience we are looking for! Social coordinator will make the monthly Girls' Night Out plans and coordinate special events, including couples events, throughout the year. You will be empowered to recruit volunteers as needed to help you fulfill your duties. Time commitment is 1 hour per month.

Mom-Tot Coordinator

If Playgroups, My Gym and the Stroller Stroll are just your speed, this activity is perfect for you! Responsibilities include matching members with playgroups, suggesting and organizing other Mom-Tot activities for our membership. Assistants can be assigned as needed. This position would be easier if each playgroup had a group lead and volunteers/committees. Time commitment is 1 hour per week.

Public Relations Chairperson

Group seeks member who is proud of Newcomers and Neighbors and wishes the whole world to know. Responsibilities include blitzing local newspaper staff with Club activity information and thinking of creative ways to reach prospective members. As a bonus this chairperson is copied on all Newcomers events prior to newsletter publication.

Helping Hands Chairperson

Chairperson is responsible for all fundraising, charitable and civic efforts. Activities for this role are completely flexible and defined by the Chairperson. A support committee may be formed at the chairperson's discretion. In addition, this person shall be responsible for organizing our Helping Hands committee, which provides meals to members who have experienced a birth, loss, or other special need. This position would be easier if there were co-chairs or a committee instead of one person. Time commitment is 1-2 hours a month.

Book Discussion Coordinator

If you enjoy book group, this is a terrific position for you. The book discussion coordinator does NOT host or lead all discussion groups. This person submits the book information to the newsletter and makes sure that a book and location is organized for each month. This person also gives the monthly hostess a bit of advice on where to find good discussion questions and how to put an e-vite together, if needed.

Webmaster

Updates the Newcomers website with newsletter articles, etc. Volunteer needs Microsoft Frontpage or similar web editor to update content (FrontPage is the cheapest & most recommended). Cherie is willing to help / train anyone to use the software as needed. Time commitment is a half hour per month.

Newsletter & Directory Editor

This position coordinates the monthly newsletter articles, updates the member directory and keeps the e-mail list current. This position requires some creativity as well as proof-reading capabilities. The newsletter is currently done using Microsoft Publisher software (provided by Newcomers) that is very easy to use.

Movie Night Coordinator

Do you love to be "in the know" about new movies? Each month, you choose a movie to attend, invite the group and enjoy the film!

Girl's Night Out

Date: Thursday, May 13, 2010

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Javier's Sabor Mexicano

8 West Miner St. Arlington Hts, IL

847.255.7075

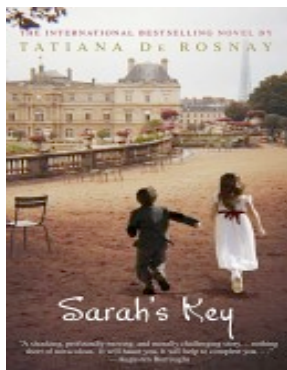
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RSVP: Becky Becker or Karen Martin

Join us at Javier's for a fun night with good food, yummy drinks and great friends. Reservations are under Becky, we will be sitting outside on the patio (if the weather is nice). Hope to see you there!

Feel free to bring a friend who might be interested in joining this great group.

Book Club



Carla's House on May 19th

Sarah's Key

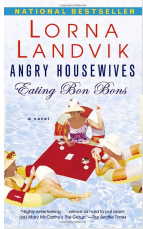
By: Tatiana De Rosnay

May 19th at Carla's house

De Rosnay's U.S. debut fictionalizes the 1942 Paris roundups and deportations, in which thousands of Jewish families were arrested, held at the Vélodrome d'Hiver outside the city, then transported to Auschwitz. Forty-five-year-old Julia Jarmond, American by birth, moved to Paris when she was 20 and is married to the arrogant, unfaithful Bertrand Tézac, with whom she has an 11-year-old daughter. Julia writes for an American magazine and her editor assigns her to cover the 60th anniversary of the Vél' d'Hiv' roundups. Julia soon learns that the apartment she and Bertrand plan to move into was acquired by Bertrand's family when its Jewish occupants were dispossessed and deported 60 years before. She resolves to find out what happened to the former occupants: Wladyslaw and Rywka Starzynski, parents of 10-year-old Sarah and four-year-old Michel. The more Julia discovers—especially about Sarah, the only member of the Starzynski family to survive—the more she uncovers about Bertrand's family, about France and, finally, herself. Already

translated into 15 languages, the novel is De Rosnay's 10th (but her first written in English, her first language). It beautifully conveys Julia's conflicting loyalties, and makes Sarah's trials so riveting, her innocence so absorbing, that the book is hard to put down. (July)

June Book Club: *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons: A Novel* by Lorna Landvik



We are able to get the book club set from the library so no one will have to buy the book. Contact Ilene if you'd like to borrow a copy.



Weekly Walking Group

Join us in starting this new weekly group! We'll meet once a week to encourage the healthy habit of walking (or jogging, running, roller blading!) For the remainder of summer we will meet at the same location, and as the group evolves, we'll select more weather appropriate options.

Where: Lake Arlington in Arlington Heights (gather near the playground)

When: Thursdays at 7PM

Why: Because it's healthy, and it's an excuse to get together!
No need to rsvp, just show up! (if it's raining we will not meet)

Please feel free to contact Carla J. with any questions.



May Birthdays

Happy birthday

May 6 Christine D.

May 10 Katherine K.

Happy birthday Christine and Katherine.

About Newcomers & Neighbors of Arlington Heights

The cornerstones on which Newcomers & Neighbors of Arlington Heights has been built since 1947 are social, civic and charitable activities. We are here to extend a warm welcoming hand to anyone who relocates to our area and as such, would like to join a social organization. The club sponsors a number of events designed to bring members together on a social basis, and conducts charity fund-raising events throughout the year. All residents of Arlington Heights and the surrounding suburbs are eligible for membership in the club. Dues are \$25 per year for membership, which includes a monthly newsletter and access to the club's many activities.

If you are interested in joining Newcomers & Neighbors of Arlington Heights or in learning more about our organization, please contact Valerie Z. at vicepres@ahnewcomers.com.