



# Athens Area Newcomers

A.A.N.C. meets the second Thursday morning of each month at 9:45  
at the new facilities of the Central Presbyterian Church  
380 Alps Road, Athens, near Beechwood Shopping Center  
**SPRING & SUMMER 2008 NEWSLETTER**

During the past fifty years, AANC Programs have been presented with the intention of giving members insight into the varied opportunities of living in Athens-Clark County and Oconee County. During the programs each month, new residents:

- hear about the history, character, and future possibilities for this region of North Georgia,
- learn about some of the achievements and interests of some of our noteworthy community members,
- are informed about upcoming area events, and about other civic, educational, and social groups,
- and, most of all, are welcomed and encouraged to share ideas and background stories with the group.

\*\*\*\*\* **ABOVE and BEYOND is the yearly theme for AANC 2007-2008 Programs** \*\*\*\*\*

## SPRING PROGRAMS

**March 13 Welcoming, Encouraging, Nurturing, and Keeping Trees Healthy in our Yards !**

You will recognize the familiar voice of **STEVE PETTIS** from the 10:00 Saturday morning WGAU Athens Home Gardening Show, and seeing him in person is even better—much better for questions and answers to some very important questions! Our yards and landscapes require such a great investment of time and \$\$\$, what can we do to best assist our trees to deal with all that Mother Nature sends, or in the case of drought, doesn't send our way?? Looking **ABOVE and BEYOND** our tree-tops, Steve will give some pointers even novice, weekend "yard keepers" can utilize to preserve and improve our landscapes. Steve is a highly credentialed non-stop teacher and consultant, offering either one-liner answers to common questions—or teaching specialized semester-long classes through the UGA Center for Continuing Education and the State Botanical Gardens of Georgia. He is a Horticultural Consultant to regional businesses and will also work with individual homeowners. Steve is a Tree Professional and Certified Arborist, yet his great talent is that he will talk with us as if over the back-yard fence,

**April 10 "We Will Talk With You in Our Own Special Language—and You W I L L Understand!"**

Pets are very important members of most of our families, bringing their versions of happiness, joy, comfort and love to us. ....even when we sometimes place them in "Pet Time-Out"! But **ABOVE and BEYOND** the love and bonds we have with our own pets, there are a few animals and their trainers and handlers who provide incredible levels of love, understanding and companionship that cannot be experienced in the usual words of language. Communication between a person and a service dog is such an exceptional

form of communication that it has to be seen and experienced to be believed. **TOM and JUDY LEATHER** will share their story of moving to Athens from Florida with their two Portuguese Water Dogs who are trained to be Hospice Visitors, and also visit with people at assisted living facilities. There is an amazing devotion and commitment of people and dogs-in-training who then share this incredible talent with families who desperately need these services. Also, our other special guest will be a puppy-in-training with the Seeing Eye Dog handler **DEBRA BRENNER** from the Guide Dog Foundation.

**May 8 at 11:30 Spring Fling Luncheon at Jennings Mill Country Club**

The AANC always has an exceptionally good time and really GREAT luncheon at our Spring Fling! Don't even think of missing this one, with guest speaker **LORI KUNKLE** of Posh Pots! We will have a program featuring A SPECIAL SIMPLE SPRING SURPRISE. It is an **ABOVE and BEYOND** project to be enjoyed all year!!

Members may register and pay for the luncheon at the April 15th meeting OR use the RSVP cards which will be distributed. The luncheon cost of \$22.00 includes the tax and gratuity. Please RSVP by May 2 (send RSVP card and check to Betsey Barth at 123 Weatherly Woods Circle, Winterville, GA 30683).

**June 12 "Entrepreneurs Who Prove the GE Slogan—Imagination at Work!!"**

There is a large corporation in Athens named burton+ BURTON. The story of when, how, where, and why this international business started will keep you on the edge of your seat. There were laughs, tears, bravado, and incredible astonishment from friends and the community when this business literally took off. And even today, these same words (continued on Page 3)

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50/50 Club

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**Welcome to all Newcomers for the 2007-2008 club year! We hope you will join us for some great programs. Please call me if you have any questions!**

**Mary Gould (706) 353-3483**

**Standing Committees:**

Community Involvement:

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**Special Interest Groups:**

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Contemporary Classics Book Club

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Hand & Foot

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Stitch & Chat:

Ann Hines (706) 369-8645

**If you know someone who needs cheering up or has suffered a loss, please tell our Corresponding Secretary, Dottie Quarterman at (706) 546-4775, so she can send a card.**

**(June 12 - continued)**

describe the success of **MAXINE BURTON** and her unusual business venture. You **W I L L** be hearing a LOT about flowers!

More recently, a new business venture started up in Oconee County as a result of the ingenious imagination of **STEPHANIE CARTWRIGHT**. Bread and Budder Buckets has also become an international enterprise.

In both these businesses, an individual thinking **ABOVE and BEYOND** reasonable concepts has proven that the sky is the limit when an idea has merit! Maxine and Stephanie have stories to tell, and you will be encouraged and impressed with their attitudes toward success.

**SUMMER MEETINGS**

The AANC Board and Committees conduct business meetings from September through June. Although there are no Business Meetings during July and August, members enjoy getting together to enjoy a good time and

special events. These are a few of the things we expect to do this summer:

- visits from local artists and authors
- In July, we will hear recommendations and reviews of books to take on summer vacation
- plan to participate in a Members Arts and Crafts Show.

**SUMMER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**Our Community Involvement continues through the summer. Frances Lang will be happy to accept items for the area Food Bank and paper and plastic bags. Remember, SCHOOL SUPPLIES are especially appreciated in July so they can be delivered prior to the opening of school in August.**

**Special Interest Groups**

Special interest groups have something for almost everyone and we are always open to new ideas. Joining a group is a great way to have fun and get to know other AANC members. Some of the current groups may be full. If you would like to form a new group please contact **Ann Hines at (706) 369-**

**STITCH AND CHAT**

*If you like to stitch or chat or both, join us at 9:30 AM on the 4th Friday of the month at the Lyndon House.*

**HAND AND FOOT**

*This fun game is easy to learn and we are happy to teach you. We meet the on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.*

**DINING OUT**

*Sign up to be contacted for these outings to Athens area restaurants.*

**LUNCH BUNCH**

*After the regular business meeting everyone is invited to go to lunch at a local restaurant!*

**Gourmet I & Gourmet II**

*10 couples each – contact leaders about vacancies or starting a new group*

**BURNT FINGERS**

*A lunch group that meets in member's homes – contact leader about occasional vacancies*

**BRIDGE I - 4th Tues**

- 9/25— Gay Gandrow
- 10/23—Joyce Martin
- 11/20—Joyce Brown

**Contemporary Classics Book Club**

*Join us at noon on the third Thursday of each month at a member's home for a light lunch and a discussion of our "book of the month" choice. If interested, please sign up at the front table or call the leader.*

*Upcoming selections:*

*March: Life of Pi by Yann Martel*

*April: Beloved by Toni Morrison*

*May: The Stone Diaries by Carol Shields*

*June: Saving Fish from Drowning by Amy Tan*

*July: Suite Francaise by Irene Nimorovsky*

*Aug: Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen*

## **Community Involvement**

**Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items, brown paper bags, school supplies, and plastic bags (grocery) to the meetings. In November, please be extra generous with food and money for Thanksgiving baskets. For more information, contact Frances Lang at (706) 353-7733.**

**Feel free to invite guests, including spouses, to any of the programs !**

## **To Join the Athens Newcomers Club**

Mail your check to:

Sharon Tate, Treasurer, AANC

101 Trillium Lane

Athens, GA 30605-4972

Annual dues are \$18.00 per person and are payable by or at the first general meeting in September. Dues for **new members only** joining after the first of January are \$9.00 .

*Reminder: You must pay your dues by October 1 to participate in the Special Interest Groups and receive the annual updated membership directory!*

From:

A. A. N. C.

P. O. Box 5201

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To:



**Address Correction Requested**