

welcome mat

A Newsletter for Signal Mountain Newcomers

CO-DIRECTOR'S CORNER

For those of you who do not know, Newcomers was started by the Signal Mountain Guild. Each year, the Guild holds a Dogwood Luncheon honoring the Signal mountain woman of the year. The luncheon will be on Wednesday, April 28 at the Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club beginning at 11:00, with a cash bar and lunch at 12:00. The guest speaker will be Mary Ellen Locher, a two time cancer survivor. Our very own Beth Baker, Cynthia Lindsey, Embree Poole, Karen Bennett and Courtney Armstrong will be modeling fashions from the 20's to the present. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Alexian by calling Vicki Love. They sell out quickly, so call and let her know you would like to sit with the Newcomers. If you have any 'dated clothing' or would like to model, please call me.

Lonesome Co-Director,
Courtney Armstrong 517-8751



One more thing! It is that time of year again! Please look at the Newcomers Board positions and decide what you would be interested in doing for the 2004-2005 Newcomers Year. Thank you!

“THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITY FOR BUILDING THE KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED FOR EVENTUAL SUCCESS IN READING IS READING ALOUD TO CHILDREN.”

-- National Commission on Reading

reading aloud...making books into friends, not enemies

Bestselling author of *The Read-Aloud Handbook*, Jim Trelease, shows parents, teachers, caregivers and librarians how to help young children become readers. It's not about drilling kids or buying expensive systems. The best thing any adult can do to help a child become a strong reader is to read good books to them every day.

place: The Siskin Institute
date: April 28, 2004
time: 10:00am - Noon
cost: free
info: 265-9736 ext 1



You'll learn how reading aloud awakens imagination and improves language skills; the best books to read aloud; how to create reader-friendly home environments; how to lure children away from the TV; the latest research on reading to infants; and how to integrate silent reading with read-aloud sessions.

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Bulletin "Board" ...

bingo "B-8!" Join us and help the residents of The Alexian Alzheimer's Center play bingo! They especially love to see the little ones, so all children are welcome. Bingo is held the 4th Monday of every month from 10:30am-11:30am at 1164 Mountain Creek Road-- April's Bingo date is Monday the 26th. For more information, contact Kathyne Barrow at 886-6169.

bunco Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 6th at 8:00 p.m. at Leslie Briggs home. She lives at 19 Majestic Oaks Drive. RSVP to Leslie at 886-9773.

couples night out Look in next month's newsletter for what's happening!

the clothes house Newcomers are volunteering again this year to assist the Signal Mountain Welfare Council by hanging clothes at The Clothes House. On the Wednesday before the fourth Saturday of each month, four or more volunteers will be needed to help handle donated clothing. The next scheduled day is Wednesday, April 21st at 9:00a.m. The Clothes House is located between Signal Mountain Boulevard and Mississippi Avenue. A babysitting co-op is available for children under five. Come give an hour or two to this local charity who helps so many residents on our mountain. For more information, or to volunteer your services, please call Beth Lancaster at 886-5197.

family day out Take me out to the ball game, Take me out to the crowd....the Newcomers are heading to BellSouth Park on Sunday, April 25th for the Lookouts game. Game time is 2:15 p.m., but come out early for the fun. Just purchase your General Admission tickets and then join us in the General Admission section behind section 204 on the first base side of the stadium. For those of you who haven't experienced a Lookouts game, it's A LOT of fun. There's plenty of entertainment for the whole family and the food is actually reasonable priced!

guys' night out If your husband would like to get involved with the men of Newcomers, please e-mail Craig Baker at cbaker@riverassociatesllc.com or call 886-3119 for more information.

hospitality Please call on hospitality to arrange meals for you if you are in need. Whether you have given birth, had surgery, have had a death in the family, etc. just call, and your family will get fed. Please call Kathy Dudley at 886-6740.

ladies' night out It's a pajama party! Please join us for Ladies Night Out on Thursday, April 29th at 8:00 p.m. Kathy Dudley will be the hostess this month and she lives at 904 Dunsinane in Hidden Brook. Please call Kathy at 886-6740 to RSVP and see what you can bring.

membership If you know of anyone that would like to be placed on our mailing list please call 886-3119 or e-mail w.c.baker@worldnet.att.net. Anyone showing interest in SMN will remain on the mailing list for three months for free.

Please welcome our newest Signal Mountain Newcomers. Please add their names and information to the back of your directory.

Mia Ballard (Bob)
309 Lake Ave
886-6924
Dylan 7, Connor 6

Melanie Underwood (Jason)
308 Dawn Drive
886-6822
Madison 9-96, Megan 3-04

Shonda Nix (Aaron)
2610 Eagle Creek
886-6145
Lauren 8/96 Emalee 3/02

...what your newcomers' board members are up to!

m.o.p.s. That's Mothers of Preschoolers Group! The next m.o.p.s. meeting will be held on Friday, April 2nd from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Woodward Fellowship Hall at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church, 612 James Boulevard. Childcare is provided. Our speaker will be Lois Hearn. She is a professional etiquette consultant. She will be speaking to us on Teaching Manners to Young Children. We will be making an Easter craft. Feel free to invite friends! Your first meeting is free! The cost for each monthly meeting is \$7. For questions, please call Kim Callaway at 886-9996.

new programs Got a new idea? I'd love to hear about it! If you have an interest, hobby, or a passion that you would like to see others get involved with please contact Allie Levine to make your ideas a part of Newcomers. It doesn't matter if you've been a Newcomer for a week or several years. I can help you spread the word about your plans. You could start a tennis or golfing group. Or what about a babysitting co-op? Like to cook? Start a recipe club. Whatever you are into I guarantee someone else is as well. Call Allie at 886-1098 or email her at daveallielevine@juno.com to get started.

newsletter Just a few things to keep in mind...articles for submission are due to Leslie Goff by the third Thursday of each month. Please type your article directly in the email, and send to goff105@bellsouth.net. If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments about the newsletter, please call either Lori Baier at 517-8984 or Leslie Goff at 886-3158.

playgroup Playgroup meets on Mondays from 10:45-12:45 at the Pumpkin Patch*. A lot of moms bring a picnic lunch for their kids. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Micus @ 886-1354. * If anyone would like to host an outdoor playgroup at their house, please let me know.

schedule Monday, April 5th, 12th, 19th – Pumpkin Patch ▶ April 26th Micus' backyard unless it's raining at 6 Whispering Pines Drive in Hidden Brook.

In case of inclement weather there will not be any designated meeting spot. However, a lot of moms like to go to McDonalds. It's up to your own discretion whether it's too wet to play outside.

publicity Let's Be Sure to Brag! We want to make sure that we share interesting tid-bits and photos about Newcomers with the local newspapers. If you have some newsy ideas, events, or photos that you would like published, just let me know. I will be happy to distribute them to the Signal Mountain Post, the *Signal Mountain Mirror*, and others when appropriate. Examples of past write-ups discuss Newcomer of the Year, the Christmas Party, the Auction, and other gatherings. Publicity articles like these are one of the most effective ways to reach prospective members. And after all, who doesn't like to brag every now and then. Give me a call -- Anne Gilmour at 517-0038 or email: dwgilmour@comcast.net.

scrapbooking Come join us to have fun working on your scrapbooks! The scrapbooking group meets twice a month at the Signal Mountain Library from 6:30 until 11:00 p.m. The group is free. Mark your calendars for the following dates for our upcoming crops: April 5th, April 22nd, May 3rd, May 24th, June 14th, June 28th, July 12th, July 26th, August 9th, and August 23rd. Bring your scrapbook materials, or any project you are working on, to enjoy uninterrupted time to work. Please bring your own refreshments. Call Kim Callaway at 886-9996 to RSVP.

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Business Cards

Creative Memories Memory Keeping At Its Best. Kathy Dudley is now an Independent Consultant for Creative Memories. Please call to receive a new catalog. Also now booking home shows, home classes, workshops, and one on ones. For more information please call or e-mail Kathy at 886-6740 kathycm@bellsouth.net

DING, DONG, AVON CALLING... Lynn Marks is now selling Avon. If there's something you need or if you'd just like to take a look at a catalog, give her a call 517-0448 and she'll help you out.

INITIAL HERE Custom monogramming. Jenni Smith, owner. 598-0233 initialhere@hotmail.com

TWO PEARLS Direct importers of fine authentic oriental pearls. 75% off retail. Black, white, gray, pink, multi -- necklaces, bracelets, illusion, earrings. Host a trunk show! Contact Sandy Price 517-8808 or Tricia Stevens 821-3816.

PREMIER DESIGNS JEWELRY Cheryl Roberson Fashion Consultant for 5 years. Call to see a catalog or book a show. My average hostess earns \$200 in free jewelry! March/April - hostesses will be put in a drawing for a one night stay at The Stone Fort Inn. 517-0607

If you have any information that would fit into the "classified" -- just submit it! [See calendar for deadline.]

WHAT ELSE? ▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶

▶ **Thank you** to Brenda Martin at The Secret Garden for the monthly fruit & vegetable basket. It is a wonderful treat to the lucky member who gets to take it home.

▶ **Babysitting Reminder** Kim McKinney (886-7687) is our Newcomers built-in babysitter. Kim is going to sit for our children during our monthly meetings from 9:30-12:30. This will enable you to go to the meeting and attend Ladies Lunch. The children must be walking (non-walkers are more than welcome to come to the meeting). The fee is \$3 per hour (\$1.50 for siblings). Please bring an easy lunch and drink (both labeled). You will need to sign a babysitting release form when you drop off your child. Courtney Armstrong has graciously offered her house at 111 Arrow Drive. Please call Courtney @ 517-8751 to reserve a spot for your child -- the limit is 7 children. [If the limit of seven children is met, there is another option -- there is a drop-off babysitting next to the Signal Mountain Athletic Club.] And please send your children in warm clothes, since they will continue to play outside, unless the weather is inclement.

▶ **Drop a Line** Our two board members who moved have sent us their new addresses, they would love to hear from you.

Jackie Acevedo

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Germantown, TN 38138
email: rjacevedo@netzero.net

Kiersten Bohannon

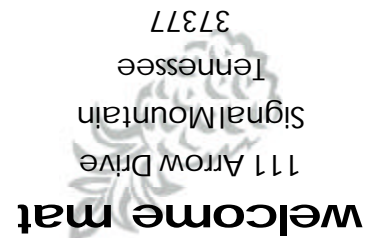
89 Thorncliff Landing
Acworth, GA 30101
phone: 770-966-7173

▶ **Congratulations** to Jennifer Mastin on the birth of her baby boy, William "Cooper" Mastin on February 26th!

And to Denise Wilson who had a baby girl, Kara Marie, on February 9th!

And on March 2nd, Melanie Underwood gave birth to a baby girl, Megan Skye! Congratulations, again!





a reminder...

- ▶ ...the next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20th @ 10am @ the Walden Town Hall
- ▶ ...“Ladies’ Lunch Out” will meet immediately following the meeting [*babysitting will be provided -- see inside for more details*]

a big thank you!

- ▶ thank you to the Bread Basket for the yummy snacks they provide at our monthly meetings
- ▶ thank you to Walden Town Hall for allowing us to hold our meeting in their beautiful facility

DO WORK OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS
KEEP YOU FROM ATTENDING OUR
MONTHLY MEETINGS? YOU DON'T
NEED TO ATTEND BUSINESS MEETINGS
TO BE IN NEWCOMERS. PLEASE
CHECK THE CALENDAR -- WE HAVE
SEVERAL EVENTS IN THE EVENINGS
AND ON WEEKENDS.