

Newcomers Evening to Remember, Southern Style

By Jenny Alvarez Special to Barcroft News

As the weather cools off with the wonderful fall breezes, we say good bye to summer.

Hopefully you had a chance to get out on the Lake to make some friends.

We just had the much-anticipated Newcomer's Barge Party on September 19 at the Penlands of Waterway Drive. The food was fantastic with hors d'oeuvres, BBQ beef brisket, pulled pork, salmon, and let's not get started on the chocolate truffle dessert. The barge tour around the Lake sure felt like the perfect way to end the pleasant weathered afternoon before dining with Tiki torches on the lawn and enjoying some relaxing bluegrass. We had 130 guests, 17 barges, and the music inspired a few of us to dance, of course.

Photo by Larry Goltz



The Newcomers Club Annual Barge Party, Bluegrass and Barbecue, featured live music by City Farm. Band members Paul Mengel and Don Parish entertain partiers on the Lake during the barge tour.

The event was a success getting some of our newer neighbors out to meet people (one moved in the day before). We got a chance to see all our new guests on stage and hope they all received a warm welcome. Thank you for joining us and thanks to the Penlands for their hospitality. Also, thanks to our event coordinator, Nomi Taslit and her helpers, for making this happen. It was a beautifully decorated party.

Sadly, we will not have our Halloween party this year. However, there are many other opportunities for getting involved and enjoying our great Lake Barcroft community! There are many clubs for many different interests. Contact us for more information. As always, we welcome all Lake residents regardless of how long you've lived here.

Remember: Newcomers are Forever. To join and get an early heads-up and discounts on all Newcomers Club events, it's just \$20 for the entire family. Questions? Contact Newcomers Club President, Paul Mulligan at 703-642-3914, or paulmulliganphd@gmail.com. Or are you new to Lake Barcroft? Your neighbors

would like to welcome you; we have a gift bag waiting, filled with gifts and useful Lake Barcroft information. This bag is assembled and delivered by your neighbors, courtesy of the Newcomers Club. Please contact Paul Mulligan, information above.



Photo by Ellen Purocell

Sculptor Andrew Mallon of Annandale carves "Lady of the Wood" in Lori Gordon's backyard, 6509 Waterway Drive. Curious? Come to Lori's reception following the Halloween Parade, Sun. Oct. 25, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. for the unveiling and to meet the artist. Refreshments will be served.



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