

## President's Message

Happy Fall!

Newcomers & Neighbors' 50th season is starting on a high note. Thank you to all the members and visitors who joined us for our 2025–2026 kick-off in August.

We are excited to welcome eight new members to our wonderful group, as well as a new interest group, Bridge, led by Donna Pfeufer. Thank you, Donna!

Be sure to check out all the fun things happening this month, and see you September 10th.

Kelly





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OUR PURPOSE: Hopkinsville-Christian County Newcomers and Neighbors is an organization that connects new people in our community together with long-time residents in order to learn about the area and to develop new friendships while supporting local charities.

## **September Luncheon**

If you weren't able to make it to the August kick off for the 2025-2026 year, please come! You can renew your membership, pay your dues, and best of all, receive a gift bag.

Wednesday, September 10th

**Pennyrile Electric Meeting Room** 

2000 Harrison St. Hopkinsville

11:00am-12:30pm

Speaker: Carolyn Cobb, Planters Bank Passport 50 Program

We will be collecting donations of baby items such as diapers, wipes, sippy cups, bottles, baby wash, baby lotion, baby towels and wash cloths for Alpha Alternative Pregnancy Center.

Please RSVP by Thursday, Sept 4<sup>th</sup> to Sandy H., <u>hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com</u> Attention: This is a shorter than normal RSVP time! We must have a head count by Thursday!

Due to our wonderful growth in membership, please have correct change (\$12) or a check written out before the meeting to help our registration flow smoothly.



## **Community Outreach Coordinator**



We are looking for a motivated individual to coordinate volunteer opportunities for our members. She/He would also work with the board in choosing a recipient for our monthly donations and help with delivery. Please contact any board member if you are interested in serving in this position or would like more information.

Lunch Bunch is in need of a coordinator. If you would like to see this interest group continue, please consider stepping in to fill this position. Don't want to do the job alone, pair up with a friend.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the office of Secretary is now vacant. We are eagerly searching for a willing volunteer to fill the position. Please reach out to any board member if you are interested or with any questions.



Newcomers & Neighbors will have a table set up at the YMCA for their Welcome Week, September 15–19. There will be lots of things going on for this event. Stop by and check it out even if you are not a YMCA member. On the 17<sup>th</sup>,11:45 to 1:30, they are having a Cultural Event, anyone can come. You need to bring a dish of your favorite food and a recipe card explaining how to make the dish. They will be having a person doing a demonstration of how to make some Indian cuisine. You don't need to sign up, just come with your food dish and enjoy. If anyone is interested in helping with this event, please reach out to a board member.

### **Christian County Military Affairs Committee**

### **Upcoming opportunities include:**

September 19<sup>th</sup> - there will be a Welcome Home for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 506<sup>th</sup> (deployed troops). This will take place at the Smoke Hause outside of gate 10, across from Saber Airfield. Volunteers are needed to help with cooking, setting up, and cleaning up.

October 25<sup>th</sup> - Annual Chili and Cornbread Cookoff - volunteers are needed throughout the day from set up to clean up. We would also like to encourage anyone interested to form a Newcomers team and enter the cookoff!

If you are interest in either of these opportunities, please contact Newcomers & Neighbors MAC liaison, Kelly B., hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com

### \*There are also regular Send Off and Welcome Home receptions.

\*(When our single soldiers return from deployment, they often go right to the base housing, without household goods like cleaning supplies, paper goods, pillows, etc. Anyone who would like to donate is welcome to drop off items to Shannon Lane, MAC Director, at the Hopkinsville-Christian County Chamber of Commerce office at 2800 Fort Campbell Blvd. Please include a little note letting them know you are with Newcomers & Neighbors.)

The Military Affairs Committee meetings are open to all Chamber Members and held the first Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. at the Commerce Center unless otherwise noted.

If you'd like to be connected to the text chain which provides regular information on volunteer opportunities with the MAC, please email Newcomers & Neighbors MAC liaison, Kelly B., <a href="https://hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com">hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com</a>



# Interest Groups



Our next Book Club will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00am at the home of Barbara Moore. We will be discussing Finding Me, A Memoir by Viola Davis. Please feel free to join us, even if you haven't read the book. Be watching for an email with more information. If you want to be added to this list, or for help obtaining a copy of the book, contact Barbara Moore, hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com



Lunch Bunch If you would like to organize Lunch Bunch, please let one of the board members know. Lunch Bunch will be discontinued if a coordinator is not found soon.

**Theatergoers** 

**Theatergoers** will be attending Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. There is one ticket remaining if you would like to attend. Please contact Susan B., hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com. Be on the look out for emails about upcoming outings.



Crafters will meet September 10<sup>th</sup> immediately after our luncheon and will be Trafters creating Ghost Portraits. Be sure to let Kelly S., hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com know if you want to be added to this list. Space at each is limited, so be sure to reply to the emails to reserve your spot.



**Bunco** will meet Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hampton Inn from 11:00 to 1:00. Please contact Karen C., hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com if you would like to be added to this list. Be watching your email for more information.



Beginning in September, Donna P. will be organizing a **Bridge** group. For those who have already signed up, Donna will be in contact soon. If you have any questions, please reach out to Donna P., hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com.

If you have an idea for a group or would like to lead a group, please contact Kelly S., hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com



## HAPPY

# BIRTHDAY

9/5 Anwen T.
9/12 Joann S.
9/20 Sandy H.
9/22 Carolyn C.

9/27



Sherri T.

Looking for ways to stay busy while contributing to the community?







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If you provide a product or service that would be beneficial to our members, please let Cindy H. know, <u>hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com</u>

If you know of other volunteer opportunities, please share them with a board member.