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NEWSCOMER

Where New Neighbors Become Old Friends

UPPER SAINT CLAIR NEWCOMERS' CLUB EVENTS

Family Spring Picnic

Spring is here! The snow is gone and it's time to play outside. We'll have games (relay races, bean-bag toss, hula hoops), prizes, cotton candy and sno-cones, and lunch. If there's a game your family enjoys, bring it along; we'd love to learn it too!

When: Sat. May 4,
10am to 12pm

Where: Boyce-Mayview
Pavillion at USC Rec Center

Cost: \$5 + charitable
donation TBA

Host: Anjula Singh,
anjula.singh@gmail.com

Contact Anjula with
questions.

You Are Invited!

The Annual Progressive Dinner Party

Leave your passport at home and make plans to take a culinary tour of sunny Spain. This year's menu will feature foods and beverages Spanish style! We can't think of a better way for you to kick off the summer. Come and enjoy an evening trying new foods and mixing and mingling with fellow club members.

When: Saturday, June 1, 2013

The Progressive Dinner Party begins at 6pm!

Appetizers and Cocktails will be served at Jennifer & Andrew Cox's home at 2625 Lindenwood Drive. We will begin the evening enjoying traditional Spanish Tapas while we sip Sangria.

Dinner will be served at 7:30pm

For dinner we will eat in smaller groups of 6-8 individuals at one of the designated member host homes. The dinner entrée is Paella, which is chicken, Spanish sausage, and clams over saffron rice that will be accompanied by Gazpacho, a mixed green salad and green beans with ham.

Dessert will be served 9:30pm at Stacia and Phil Stalnaker's home at 1746 Waterford Court

We will all reconvene as a group and enjoy dessert including Flan, a traditional Spanish custard dessert.

Cost \$30.00 Per Person

Send your payment made out to Upper St. Clair Newcomers' Club to Mia Moran, 2009 Murdstone Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241.

RSVP to secure your spot at the party no later than May 20th.

Use the link below to RSVP and select the home you would like to have dinner at. You will be able to select which side dish you would like to bring to dinner. Recipes for the side dishes will be sent to you via e-mail once you have RSVP'd for the party.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044AADA92FA64-progressive>

USC Newcomers' Book Club

MAY 2013

We love books and if you do too, come out and enjoy some fun socializing with other book lovers. The hostess will provide soda or juice. Members bring snacks, wine or beer to share. It's not necessary to have read our current selection, but you'll enjoy learning about it through lively discussion. Another member will review the book, highlighting information about the author, as well as any other interesting and pertinent information.

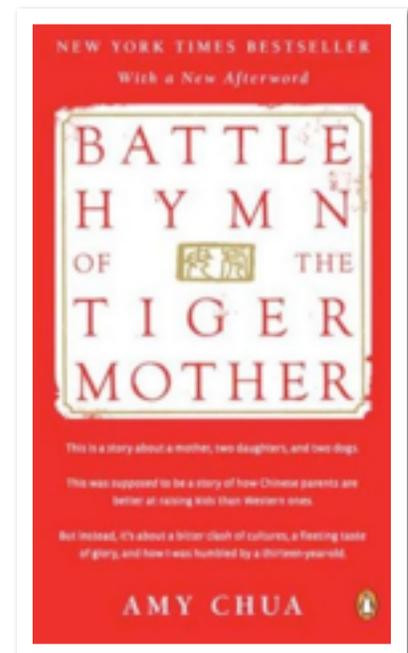
The book for May: Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother by Amy Chua

Synopsis: An awe-inspiring, often hilarious, and unerringly honest story of one mother's exercise in extreme parenting, revealing the rewards-and the costs-of raising her children the Chinese way. All decent parents want to do what's best for their children. What *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* reveals is that the Chinese just have a totally different idea of how to do that. Western parents try to respect their children's individuality, encouraging them to pursue their true passions and providing a nurturing environment. The Chinese believe that the best way to protect your children is by preparing them for the future and arming them with skills, strong work habits, and inner confidence. *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* chronicles Chua's iron-willed decision to raise her daughters, Sophia and Lulu, her way-the Chinese way-and the remarkable results her choice inspires. Here are some things Amy Chua would never allow her daughters to do: have a playdate, be in a school play, complain about not being in a school play, not be the #1 student in every subject except gym and drama.

When: Wednesday May 15, 7:00pm
Where: Home of Cynthia Cable, 2102 Blairmont Drive
Reviewer: Martina Offenberg
RSVP: **Via the website.**

Please arrive at 7pm with (or without) the book and a snack for some socializing. If you have questions, please contact one of the Co-chairs.

Co-chairs:
Martina Offenberg martina.offenberg@web.de, (412) 980-7833
Stephanie Robinson srobsn@verizon.net, (412) 851-1857





Community Affairs

USC COMMUNITY DAY

Save the date for Community Day - Saturday May 18th. We need at least two volunteers each hour to staff our USC Newcomers' booth. Shifts last for 1 hour, the earliest being at 11:00 am and the latest at 5:00pm. Grab a friend, choose a time-slot from the listing below and let Jean (jmlesogor@gmail.com) or Julie (juliehaaswilliams@gmail.com) know when you're available. We have some new and exciting plans in the works for our booth - you do not want to miss being a part of the fun!

- 11-12 need 3 volunteers (Pam Scureman has already signed onto this time)
 - 12-1 need 4 volunteers
 - 1-2 need 4 volunteers
 - 2-3 need 4 volunteers
 - 3-4 need 4 volunteers
 - 4-5 need 4 volunteers
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Ladies Night Out

MARGARITAS IN MAY

Join your fellow Newcomers' out for an evening of Margaritas in May! If you've been wanting to try one of the newest, locally owned restaurants in our area, now is the time!! Taste the heart of Mexico at Cinco's Mexican restaurant close to our home in USC!! Casual dress!

When: May 21, 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Where: Cinco Mexican Restaurant, 1600 Painters Run Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243

www.5cincos.com

Cost: Is for your own beverages/meal + tip

Please contact Lisa DiSora with questions: lisa.agostini@fedex.com



Morning Coffee

Coffee is served! Come join us Tuesday, May 7 from 9:30am to 11am for a casual kid-friendly coffee. We will gather at Emily Mamakos' home, 2528 Heartwood Drive. Please bring a sweet or savory breakfast snack to share with your neighbors. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and learn about upcoming club events. If you have questions, please contact Andrea Constantinides at andreac@stanfordalumni.org or (412) 595-8254.



Join our Facebook Group

The USC Newcomers' Club has a group on Facebook. The group allows members access to our own private newsfeed. We can post messages for other members about upcoming events, post pictures from past events, invite others to outings with the kids, ask questions of the group, or just say hello! To join the group, search for "Upper St Clair Newcomers" within the search bar at the top of your Facebook page and click the button asking to join. The administrator (Elizabeth Schwall) will confirm your request shortly. Only members will be able to view contents of the page, as it is a "closed" group. It is particularly good to be a member so that you can check if an event is still on if there is inclement weather etc.!



Ladies' Day Out

Come join us for a May Day Morning Out, Wednesday, May 1 from 9:30am to 11am. We will gather at **the Pie Place**, 1771 N. Highland Road in USC (near Pier 1). Choose a sweet or savory treat from the display case of lovely baked goods and enjoy fresh brewed coffee/tea. Cost is for your own snack and/or beverage. If you have questions, please contact Mia Cooper at 115harborkey@gmail.com or (412) 595-7459.



Moms & Tots

Beginning Thursday May 29 our Mom and Tots playgroups will meet every Wednesday at 10:00am at different playgrounds in the area. We will use Thursdays as a make-up day in case of bad weather. If the weather is bad both days that week, we will cancel that week's playgroup and meet on the next scheduled date. Feel free to bring a snack, drink, and toys with you to the parks. Please contact Emily Mamakos

(emily.mamakos@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Schwall (erschwall@gmail.com)

for directions to any of these locations. We're looking forward to getting all of the playgroups together for some summer fun! Parks marked with a (*) have sprinklers so please bring towels/change of clothes. At Peterswood Park we meet at the second playground.

Summer Dates:

May 29: Baker Park
June 5: Township/Library Park
June 12: *Wiltshire Park
June 19: Johnston Park
June 26: *Hays Park
July 3: *Trotwood Hills Park
July 10: Peterswood Park

July 17: Eisenhower School Playground
July 24: Baker Park
July 31: Township/Library Park
August 7: *Wiltshire Park
August 14: Johnston Park
August 21: Eisenhower School Playground
August 28: *Trotwood Hills Park



Happy Birthday Newcomers!

The following Newcomers are celebrating birthdays in May. If you see them or meet them wish them a Happy Birthday.

Marthe Groves	May 8
Pamela Scureman	May 13
Janet Sanner	May 14
Deni Laskey Few	May 27
Shay Morey	May 30

We Need Your Photos!

Please send us your photos of you and your neighbors enjoying Newcomers' Club events for our club scrapbook. Please email your photos to our Newcomers' Historian: Deni Laskey Few at denifew@gmail.com.

Craft Night

Are you looking for some quiet time to work on scrap-booking, quilting, knitting, or any other hobby? Newcomers' hosts a craft night in the Multi-Purpose Room located on the first floor of the USC Library. For more information, please contact Julie Williams: juliehaaswilliams@gmail.com.
This event is open to all members.

UPCOMING
CRAFT
NIGHTS

May 17

Jun 14

Good Samaritan

The Good Samaritan service of the Newcomers' Club is available to help members in situations of need with ready-made meals when necessary. Families with new babies, experiencing an emergency (illness, bereavement, etc.) can contact Tina Roeschenthaler, chair of the Good Samaritan Committee, to have meals arranged at tinaroeschenthaler@verizon.net or (412) 831-8934. Members who would like to be contacted to help with meals can also contact Tina so she can be ready when need arises.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Kara & Rob Meston

Kelly & Joe Pascarella

<i>April</i>						
	1 Spring Break	2 Morning Coffee 9:30am	3	4 General Board Meeting 7:00pm	5	6
7	8	9	10 Meet the Author 7pm - 9pm	11	12 Craft Night 7:00pm	13
14	15	16	17 Book Club 7:00pm	18 RSVP for Spring Brunch	19	20
21 Spring Brunch 11am	22	23	24	25 LDO 11:30am	26 1/2 day early dismissal for students	27
28	29	30				

<i>May</i>						
			1 LDO 9:30am	2 General Board Meeting 7pm	3	4 Family Spring Picnic 10am
5	6	7 Membership Morning Coffee 9:30am	8	9	10 Craft Night 7:00pm	11
12	13	14	15 Book Club 7pm	16	17 Craft Night 7pm	18 USC Community Day
19	20	21 Ladies' Night Out 5:30pm	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Summer Playground Playgroup: Baker Park 10am	30 General Board Year end Party 7pm	31	