

Southern Cross Club
UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS

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COMING EVENTS - 2011/2012

AAA (Australia-New Zealand) Wine Expo

Saturday, October 8, 2011

Embassy of Australia

(Save the Date)

SCC Fall Brunch and AGM

Marco Polo

(To be scheduled Fall 2011)

SCC Holiday Brunch

(To be scheduled December 2011)

AAA Australia Day Reception

Saturday, January 21, 2012

(Save the Date)

scarcity of post-WWII Europe, shy but sensual farm girl Ada, dogmatic Marjorie, and Jewish fashion designer Esther are filled with hope for a future of love and freedom. Each takes a very different path in their strange new land, but together with handsome bachelor Frank, they form a bond on the flight that continues to link them for decades to come. Honored with Audience Awards at film festivals across the country, BRIDE FLIGHT evokes a time of slim choices and desperate optimism, with sweeping views of the New Zealand countryside, stunning period dresses, and the faint smell of Pinot Noir from the thriving vineyard Frank establishes in New Zealand. (A Music Box Films release)

Watch the trailer and check local city listings at:
<http://www.brideflightmovie.com/>

FUTURE EVENTS

Arts

The film "**Bride Flight**," opens at the Avalon Theatre Friday, June 24th. Inspired by the 1953 KLM flight which brought Dutch immigrants -- mostly young brides -- to Christchurch, New Zealand, the film follows their lives in New Zealand, including one character's successful launch of a vineyard in the countryside.

BRIDE FLIGHT is a lavish romantic drama inspired by the true story of the 1953 KLM flight that won the "Last Great Air Race" from London to Christchurch. The flight was dubbed "Bride Flight" by the international press, because of its special passengers -- young women with wedding dresses in their suitcases, traveling to join their fiancés who had already emigrated to New Zealand. Leaving behind the gloom and

Directed by Ben Sombogaart, stars Waldemar Torenstra, Karina Smulders, Anna Drijver, Elise Schaap, Rutger Hauer, Pleuni Touw. Screenwriter Marieke van der Pol also wrote the best-selling novel (3 copies of which the SCC will be receiving for giveaways at future functions).

"BRIDE FLIGHT" opens Friday, June 24th at:
Avalon Theatre, 5612 Connecticut Avenue, NW,
Washington, D.C. 20015.
<http://www.theavalon.org/>

From Libby McInerney,



Sydney Theatre Company's *Uncle Vanya*

Sydney Theatre Company returns with an exclusive U.S. engagement of Andrew Upton's new adaptation of Chekhov's tragicomedy *Uncle Vanya*, starring (Australian award-winning actress) Cate Blanchett, Richard Roxburgh, Jacki Weaver, and Hugo Weaving.

Aug 4 - 27, 2011

[Eisenhower Theater](#)

2 hours, 45 minutes

\$59.00 - \$120.00

From Sydney Theatre Company--the team that brought 2009's smash hit production of *A Streetcar Named Desire*--comes an exclusive U.S. engagement of *Uncle Vanya*, another tale of high drama in low society. On a dilapidated, remote farm Uncle Vanya (Richard Roxburgh) and his niece Sonya (Hayley McElhinney) have worked slavishly for years to sustain an estate in decline. Now Professor Serebryakov (John Bell) and his wife Yelena (Cate Blanchett) have returned to visit, bringing with them chaos and disruption. Constant visits from the charismatic Astrov (Hugo Weaving) are not helpful. Lunch is no longer served at lunch time--now it is procrastinated until dusk--work is forgotten and the long, cool nights have become sleepless. From this hotbed of disarray grow three consuming love affairs, each of which is destined to wither in disappointment before it has reached bloom. It is in this climate of frustration and thwarted hopes that the Professor chooses to announce a shocking plan.

The *Daily Telegraph* calls *Uncle Vanya* "a triumph. It respects the poignancy of Chekhov's gloriously spare writing and simultaneously revels in the sometimes farcical, often brutal humor.... Each of the performances are excellent." With a stellar cast including John Bell, Cate Blanchett, Sandy Gore, Hayley McElhinney, Anthony Phelan, Richard Roxburgh, Andrew Tighe, Jacki Weaver, and Hugo Weaving, *Uncle Vanya* promises to be the can't-miss theater event of the year.

<http://www.kennedy-center.org/>

The SCC Fall Brunch and AGM will be scheduled in the autumn of 2011. (A slate of officers and agenda will be sent in advance. Elections will be held for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chairperson, Welfare Chairperson, Newsletter editors, Social Committee, and Nominating Chairperson and nominations are welcomed for these positions. Those board members who would like to remain or take on different positions are of course welcomed as well. Please contact Colleen Greer.)

PAST EVENTS

The AAA-SCC BBQ, held on Saturday evening, June 18 at the Smithsonian National Zoological Park pavilion, was attended by 50 plus members and guests who enjoyed a real "American" barbecue with Australian beer and wine, ice cream bars and ANZAC biscuits. Door prizes were won and the group had lots of fun with the fantastic face painter and caricaturist – besides visiting the real animals at the zoo.

Southern Cross Club Spring Brunch at Marco Polo in Vienna on April 10 was attended by a small – but quality group of members and friends -- including Stephanie Stout and her mother Valda Bond from Pennsylvania, and 5-year old Jack Jones (Colleen's nephew).

ANZAC Day Events – 25-26 April 2011

ANZAC Day marks the anniversary of the dawn landing by allied forces at Gallipoli, Turkey, on 25 April 1915. It was the first major military campaign in which Australian and New Zealand forces operated as an identifiable national entity. ANZAC Day is a day of great significance for all Australians. It is marked by a public holiday, dawn services and marches by veterans and or their descendants in all cities and towns – however small – across the country. ANZAC day honours all Australians who have fought for their country and all those, including our allies, who have died in conflict.

This year in Washington DC, ANZAC Day was marked by the following activities:

CANZ ANNUAL ANZAC LECTURE

On ANZUS Turning 60

By Hon Kim Beazley, AC

Ambassador of Australia

6:30 pm, Wednesday, April 20

<http://www.usa.embassy.gov.au/files/whwh/HOM-ANZACSpeech-20-Apr-2011.pdf>

Dawn Service

Korean War Memorial, National Mall

5:45am, Sunday 25 April

Gunfire Breakfast at the Australian Embassy

Commemorative Service

Washington National Cathedral

10am (for 10:30am), Monday, 25 April

<http://www.usa.embassy.gov.au/files/whwh/AMBANZACSpeech-NationalCathedral-April11.pdf>

CSIS Southeast Asia Program on May 18, 2011 hosted "New Zealand and the United States: Pacific Partners" Keynote Remarks by **New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs, Honorable Murray McCully**, who was introduced by Dr. John J. Hamre, President & CEO, CSIS, moderated by Dr. Michael J. Green, Senior Adviser and Japan Chair, CSIS, at CSIS B1C Conference Facility, 1800 K ST NW, Washington DC

<http://www.nzembassy.com/usa/news/nz-foreign-minister-speaks-at-csis>
(from the NZ Embassy website)

KEA Sponsored a Hangi at the NZ Embassy on June 4 as a fundraiser for Freeville School in Christchurch. A significant amount was raised.

MEMBER NEWS

Sarah Bennett new e-mail address:

Craig Emerick and Lorna Glub write: "Colleen: We have reached that point in our lives called "retirement" and "downsizing" and "relocation." Our house in MD sold in mid-February, and we have relocated to Corvallis, Oregon.

We enjoyed our SCC events and opportunities over the last 17 years, and really appreciate your tireless efforts which make the club "go" very successfully.

We hope to find another group of "downunders" here in Corvallis, and I believe Lorna has already met a younger woman from NZ.

All the best to you always! Craig & Lorna"

Colleen Greer writes that she and Leslie Greer Jones were pleased to present the annual Greater McLean Republic Women's Club scholarship awards in Betty Greer's name at a June 11 event in Vienna to 2 young ladies going to universities in the fall. The Greer family was also honored to receive Virginia House of Delegates Resolution No. 71 "Celebrating the life of Betty Frazer Greer" and we are including the text as an attachment to this newsletter.

Colleen also reports getting together at O'Lordans Pub in Westminster, MD with the Kiwi group – Sheila Roberson, Lin Willsie, Stephanie Thomas and daughter Esther, Carole Goshe (visiting from NY), Sue Clark, and Jean Surgi. We played catch up with club members who haven't been able to get to Virginia.

Victoria Guvanasen writes:

"I received the attached letter from my mother's first cousin Peggy Grant in Christchurch about her experiences during the Christchurch earthquake in February. The letter was written by hand; I transcribed it for others to read. Peggy is one of the last survivors of my mother's generation. She lives alone in a flat in a retirement village in Woolston, Christchurch.

Peggy will turn 89 in May. I thought you might like to reproduce some or all of this in the next SCC newsletter. I have spoken to Peggy on the phone since she wrote the letter and she doesn't mind if it is reproduced."

(letter follows)

"March 27, 2011

Dear Vicky,

At last, I have a moment to write to thank you for remembering me over our recent trouble. Vicky, it has been a dreadful time, and I don't know where to begin. Your calls must have been mainly while I was away, or since, when I had no time to do anything. There were 42 calls on the answer phone from desperate people phoning to see if I was still alive. All very worrying, and I have just done the best I can.

So just one or two facts: On the Tuesday when the quake struck, I was cutting something for lunch; had the wit to open my hand and let the knife fall. From then, I was thrown round in the kitchen, but somehow managed to get into the lounge room and fall on the sofa – screaming like mad! So were my neighbours; Imelda (next door) got into my lounge room somehow and fell on my sofa, where we clung to each other screaming like fury all the time – as were other neighbours. Finally it eased, leaving behind untold damage.

To cut the story short, the authorities then came in to help. My kitchen cupboard doors were forced open and nearly everything shot out onto the floor – unbelievable. I was taken away to a cousin in Kaipoi (north of Christchurch) where I stayed a week. It was horrible returning to all the shaking (which we have still, but not so much). My feet go up onto chair rungs; that way one can't feel the floor shaking so much. Because the quake was so shallow, it was far worse than any other.

When I returned from Anne's home, I was shocked. The liquefaction was awful. The block of flats was "floating" in the awful grey silt –

mercifully at our place, below the door! We had armies clearing everything away, day after day. One can't ever get rid of it all. The reason I was away was because we lost all power, water, etc. and the phone as well. The phone was still out when I got back, but thankfully, it came back on the next day. When I went inside, I could have cried. The mess was beyond belief, but I just had to grit my teeth and get on with it. At least I still had my life. Sadly, some people are still dying – those who were badly injured. I'll be 89 next month; I would have gladly gone instead of the children and other young people. All I can say is that a quake that can bring down the Christchurch Cathedral must be some quake.

I am still working on what needs attention, but decided to drop you a note, and if in touch with Warwick (brother), please tell him they aren't forgotten, and I'll try again sometime before long to reach him.

Take care of yourselves; kind regards to Dua and Gareth. Love, Peggy"

Jeff Homewood: writes: "Hi everyone, For anyone who I haven't passed this on to before, I am retiring on June 30th 2011. From now on please use my [home E-mail address](#)

Thanks,

Jeff Homewood
(w) 301-863-4329
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(h) 301-475-8327"

Lin Willsie writes: Please pass on a "Giddy" to the club from me. I hope everyone's friends and family in Christchurch are coping alright. I'm glad to say that my brothers and their families are fine and also that my Mum had eye surgery in Christchurch two days after the latest big shake a couple of weeks ago! Blimey, that was a nerve-wracking prospect but all went well! Do hope you're doing well and I hope we can get together again soon. Lin.

Elizabeth Wilson travel: In January 2011, Elizabeth Wilson (Wellington, New Zealand) celebrated her 70th birthday in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, with friends having same birthdate, and mutual friends who flew in from various places to join the celebration. After spending with 3 days in Kailua-Kona, Elizabeth, and her friend Suzie Lewis (from Honolulu) rented a car & drove to the Volcano National Park at Kilauea Crater, spending 5 days at the Park. They drove around the rim of the crater several times, and out to where the lava falls into the sea. Also, while there they drove to Akaka Falls (a most beautiful waterfall memorialized in song), visiting Hilo en route, and then on to Kamuela, home of the Parker Ranch - the largest privately-owned ranch in the US - home of the Paniolos - Hawaiian cowboys, & their beautiful rodeo songs. From Kamuela, they drove back to Kilauea via the Saddle Road, which goes between Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea snowcapped mountains. This road used to be so bad that rental car agencies would not allow their cars to cross this road. However, in the past few years, the Federal & Hawaiian Governments have spent \$\$\$ in upgrading this road, which is now straightened, leveled, and in some places, a 4-lane highway. They also saw the "Geico Gecko" - which is really a beautiful Madagascar gecko with bright orange/red triangles on his head and back. They eat jam, and you can get quite close to them. After 3 days in Kailua-Kona, and 5 days in Kilauea, it was time to move on - so Elizabeth and Suzie flew to Honolulu (home to Suzie) and were joined by Sarah Bennett (Elizabeth's daughter) for a final eight days in sunny paradise before returning home to the winter weather. The beautiful Hale Koa resort on Fort DeRussy in Waikiki was the base of operations for that leg of the trip. Having previously lived on Oahu, revisiting the old haunts and seeing old friends was a must. A fascinating highlight of the trip was a visit to the estate home of Doris Duke - Shangri La. It houses the most extensive collection of Islamic art outside of a museum in the United States. Also visited was the Valley of the Temples, which houses a beautiful Buddhist

Temple, fabulous koi in the moat around the Temple and birds that eat out of your hand. Trips around the island included stops at their favorite beaches among them the world-renowned Sunset Beach on the North Shore, home to the world-wide surfing championships, as well as the eclectic art shops - stopping at their favorite eating holes, including Buzz' at Kailua Beach. During one beachgoing trip a Hawaiian monk seal decided to take a break from the water and lay in the sun as well, very close to Elizabeth and Sarah. In fact, if they had not moved their towels out of the way the seal may have been lying on them! It was sad to have to return home to the East Coast winter weather, and find a tree had fallen on Sarah's house, as well as cars covered in snow, just waiting to be dug out. Now it is all a wonderful memory of great mum / daughter bonding.

OBITUARIES

Patricia York Pongracz, long-time New Zealand SCC member and war bride, passed away on February 17, 2011. She had been in poor health for some time -- but was still living at home and paid daily visits to the St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. Pat was active in the American Red Cross, the Naval Memorial Hospital and was a member of Bethesda Chevy Chase Country Club where the SCC had a couple of events. Club members fondly remember Pat as a vibrant, interesting, and active member of the Club and of her community. Pat went all out all the time. A memorial service was held for her at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church (where Pat was very active in Church affairs) in Bethesda at 11:00 am on Friday, February 25. Her long-time friend Pam Mellor was present with her son and daughter, as well as Colleen Greer.

Edith H. "Sally" Spangler, Secretary
Edith H. "Sally" Spangler, 90, who was a secretary at the National Institutes of Health from the late 1960's until she retired in 1985, died April 21 at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in

Rockville. She had complications from a series of strokes.

Mrs. Spangler was a longtime resident of Montgomery County, most recently of Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg.

Edith Heather Finlayson was born in Melbourne, Australian. During World War II she served in the Australian Women's Army Service.

After the war, she was a driver for a business executive in Sydney.

In 1950, she married Gilbert R. Richardson, an American she met in Australia. She lived in India and Nepal in the 1950s while her husband was an official with the U.S. Agency for International Development. The marriage ended in divorce.

In 1964, Mrs. Spangler moved to Silver Spring and worked as a secretary for Project Hope, a Non-profit health-care agency, before joining the NIH.

She had an interest in theater and often directed productions for the NIH's recreation department.

George Spangler, her longtime companion and husband of two years, died in 1985.

Survivors include two sons from her first marriage, Guy Richardson of Sugarland, Tex, and Gilbert E. Richardson of Olney; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

(Washington Post, May 23, 2011, Timothy R. Smith)

Elizabeth Courtner was a long-valued friend of Sally's and often brought her to local events.

Received from our website: Re **Thelma Parks** Sunday, January 23, 2011 1:58 PM

(Included for Club members information -- for anyone who may have remembered Thelma.)

Dear Southern Cross Club,

I will also send a notification of my mother's passing to the Australian Embassy in Washington DC and the ESU as I believe they too would like to know.

My mother was an Australia War Bride who came to the US on the very first ship, the Matson line's SS Lurline, after World War II. She came to DC to be with my father. This was the first ship out of Australia after the war - which sailed under combat conditions for fear that many Japanese had not heard the war was over, etc. My mother recounted the "Red Cross "Brides School" set up for Aussie war brides, the three week sail to San Francisco, the chits for travelling to their husbands - which in my mother's case was Union Station in Washington DC.

It is my understanding from my mother and many of our (former/deceased) DC friends that my mother co-founded the "Billie Tea Club" (with a Mrs Jane Johnson) which was specifically for the many Australian war brides who found themselves lonely in the DC area. This would have been circa 1945-1946, I believe. The Billie Tea Club became the follow-up organization known as the "Southern Cross Club," of which my mother was also an integral member.

Another women who participated after my mother when the New Zealanders were voted admission, circa 1952, will remember her. And both their many activities keeping the social aspects of the Australians and New Zealanders alive in DC. This woman is Sheila Roberson, who was probably active with the group until the last few years. So your SCC members may have her direct contact information. My mother was also active in the ESU events in "the early days" of her Washington DC period - 1946 - 1960's.

There is to be a lovely brunch (some tucker and beer) followed by a bronze plaque dedicated to her where she worked. See: <http://www.smmirror.com/#mode=single&view=3>

[1666](#) It is to be held at the world famous "The Lobster" Restaurant located at the foot of the Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica.

Do you think the Los Angeles Australian Consulate or, if someone is in the LA area from the original Billie Tea Club or Southern Cross Club, would be interested in sending a representative? My mother is truly a citizen of the world now. ***But always a Queenslander first.*** Someone who wanted me to have dual citizenship until the day she passed. :-)

Thank you,

[Adrienne Parks](#)

Daughter

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

There have been several high-level Australian Government visitors to Washington, and the U.S.:

On March 7, 2011, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Prime Minister Gillard announced **Australia's Commitment to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Education Center.** The following links are provided for those of you who could not be there.

Remarks delivered by Adm. Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Honorable Julia Gillard, Australian Prime Minister. www.jcs.mil/speech.aspx?id=1541

Australian PM Announces Commitment to Education Center
<http://www.buildthecenter.org/component/content/article/169.html>

May 18, 2011: Trade Minister **Craig Emerson** is visiting the United States, France and China over

the next two weeks for a series of meetings that will further Australia's trade interests.

In the first leg of the trip, Dr Emerson will meet with counterparts from around the Pacific Rim at the Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Trade from the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

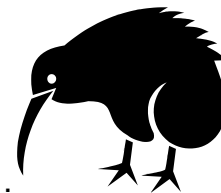
Being held in Big Sky, Montana, the meeting will provide a fresh opportunity for Dr Emerson to discuss with APEC Ministers the creation of a seamless regional economy among APEC members, regional food security and the Doha Round of global trade talks.

APEC's 21 member economies account for more than half of global GDP and almost 70 per cent of Australia's trade.

Former PM and current Foreign Minister **Kevin Rudd** spoke at Brookings May 3 on Australian Foreign Policy and the Asia Pacific Century

http://www.foreignminister.gov.au/speeches/2011/kr_sp_110503.html

(From Australian Embassy website)



NEW ZEALAND NEWS

An invitation from US President Barack Obama to **New Zealand Prime Minister John Key** to visit the White House was announced by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton May 18.

Secretary Clinton made the announcement after meeting New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs Murray McCully in Washington. The Prime Minister's visit is expected for later this year.

Our former man in Washington, Denis McLean, dies

Former ambassador to Washington and defence secretary Denis McLean has died in Wellington, aged 80. Mr. McLean, who died suddenly at his Khandallah home on March 30th had a distinguished career as a public servant and was a writer, historian and commentator on international relations.

He began with the Department of External Affairs in 1957 after completing his Rhodes scholarship at Oxford. He was posted to Washington DC, Paris, Kuala Lumpur and London, where he was deputy high commissioner from 1972-77.

He was secretary of defence from 1979-1988 and ambassador to Washington from 1991-1994.

He wrote three books: *The Long Pathway, Te Araroa*, based on walking the North Island, *Prickly Pair*, on Australian-NZ relations, and *Howard Kippenberger Dauntless Spirit*, a biography of military commander Sir Howard Kippenberger.

Another former defense secretary, Gerald Hensley, said yesterday Mr. McLean was "a great New Zealand public servant", a diplomat, public service chief, very bright, and a good writer and biographer who contributed in many ways. This extended to his involvement in the project to establish a walkway the length of the country. He also service on the Press Council.

Russell Marshall, former foreign affairs minister and resident of the Institute of International Relations, said Mr. McLean was a significant figure, very well informed, well regarded and an enthusiastic member of the institute.

Mr. McLean is survived by his wife, Anne, and three children.

(Colleen has Anne McLean's address and has sent a note to the family from the SCC.)
(AmCham News March 2011, by Hank Schouton in Nelson Mail)

RUGBY WORLD CUP 2011

New Zealand will be hosting Rugby World Cup 2011 (RWC 2011) in September and October 2011. For more information on travel, tickets and hospitality packages, visit www.rugbyworldcup.com

FROM NZ EDGE WEBSITE

Extraordinarily special kiwi

A rare white kiwi chick has been born — the first to be hatched in captivity — at the Pukaha Mount Bruce National Wildlife Centre, 24km north of Masterton. The chick, named Manukura, is not an albino but the rare offspring of some North Island brown kiwi from Little Barrier Island. Elders from the Rangitane o Wairarapa iwi gave the chick his name, which means "of chiefly status". Rangitane chief executive Jason Kerehi said tribal elders saw the white chick as a "tohu" or "sign" of new beginnings. "Every now and then something extraordinary comes along to remind you of how special life is," Kerehi said. Manukura will remain in the nursery until the end of May. Visitors can view him in his nocturnal brooder box and at his daily weigh-in at 2pm. (24 May 2011)

Te Kanawa to sing in Israel

"There may be imitators or wannabes, but there is really only one true diva — legendary soprano Dame Kiri Te Kanawa," *The Jerusalem Post's* David Brinn writes in a profile of the opera star. "These days, Te Kanawa pleasantly surprises herself by working in frameworks like the Kiri Te Kanawa Foundation and the BBC Radio 2 Kiri Prize competition to discover and develop the

next generation of vocal talent. 'This has been one of the great pleasures of the past year,' Te Kanawa said. 'Selecting young talented singers from all over the UK from almost 600 tapes and auditions in different cities was a huge task, and one I enjoyed thoroughly.' [Te Kanawa will perform a] highly anticipated concert at Jerusalem's International Convention Center on 4 June as part of the Israel Festival, Te Kanawa's first visit to Israel in over a decade." (12 May 2011)

Heart-to-heart in Red Zone

Bob Parker is taking advice from former San Francisco mayor Art Agnos, who was mayor when the Californian city was struck by a devastating earthquake in 1989. Agnos has come to Christchurch to advise New Zealand authorities on recovery plans and pitfalls. Agnos was shown through the Red Zone, a fenced off no-go area that takes up much of the city centre, by Christchurch Mayor Parker. "It's horrific, and frankly it was worse than ours," Agnos said. Agnos said Christchurch residents could take heart from the fact that San Francisco recovered completely but he warned that took many years. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to rebuild a city for the first time since the founders laid it out 150 years ago." Parker said he was confident the damaged parts of Christchurch could be rebuilt as a modern, quake-proof, hi-tech, energy-efficient, people-friendly and beautiful place. (21 May 2011)

Support our troops

The Department of Defense's "America Supports You" website- www.americasupportsyou.com – is a great place to visit to learn what you can do to support our Soldiers and their Families. Another website is www.USO.org.

WEBSITE

Check out our website for upcoming events: www.southerncrossclubdc.com
And please send any photos, event information you may think would be of interest to members

and the public to [Carole Ivener](#) - for posting on the website.

THANKS ARE DUE

The newsletter editors wish to thank Elisabeth Courtner, Victoria Guvanasen, and Elizabeth Wilson for their contributions to the newsletter. (The editors wish to apologize in advance for any inaccuracies or omissions and delinquency in getting the newsletter and member news out to the members.) We're finally back "on line."

Please e-mail [Sarah](#) at and [Colleen Greer](#) with any family news, trips, finds, events and information you may wish to share with the membership.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – DUE FOR THE CLUB YEAR JULY 1, 2011 to JUNE 30, 2012 (see attached renewal form). Dues for the membership year are \$25 for singles and \$30 for family memberships. Call or email Victoria Guvanasen (703-793-0699) with any questions or updates. We appreciate members who renew their memberships!

Enjoy the summer!

