



Subject - Welcome to our Social Club – Fox Valley Newcomers and Neighbors (FVNN)

A warm welcome, as a new member, to the Fox Valley Newcomers and Neighbors club (FVNN)! We're so glad you've joined us.

Here is some info and tips about our club. As you attend events, you will be able to ask questions and should get the swing of things quickly. We are very friendly and welcoming. But be sure to reach out to me if you have any questions in the interim.

NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter is published monthly, September through May, around the 25th of the prior month. It comes via an eblast using MailChimp, so is from a "no-reply" email. To RSVP if requested, follow the instructions in each article as to who to respond to. It is several pages long, so read it online and only print the pages you need.

ACTIVITIES

Our activities are led by volunteers we call Special Interest Group (SIG) leaders. Some activities require an RSVP if attending, especially if space is limited, though some events need no reply at all. Many events are cost free (just BYOB), but those at venues are pay-if-you-go. We do separate checks. We have activities appealing to varying interests (for ladies, men, or both), and we urge you to try many. If something doesn't appeal, try another!

MAILCHIMP

Again, our eblasts are sent using MailChimp through our club's general email address which is fvnn@foxvalleynewcomers.com -- basically a "no-reply" email, just used for outgoing eblasts, prospective member inquiries, and to receive ZELLE payments from members (see below). If an event RSVP is needed, the contact's phone/email which is given in the article text. You can usually click on it to respond.

WEBSITE

I encourage you to enroll in the Members Only section of our website. The website URL is www.foxvalleynewcomers.com Here's how to get access:

Clicking on Login/Sign Up brings up the login page where you provide your email and choose a password. Then, await confirmation that your access has been granted. It may take some days to verify your membership and authorize you, so please be patient. If you experience trouble, you can reach out to our IT Director, Trent Nanke - tnanke@yahoo.com

In the Members Only section, you'll find useful info such as the Calendar, Member Directory (updated when new members are added), our Board and leader teams, past newsletters, and our Constitution, which we urge you to look over.

PAYMENTS BY ZELLE

Our STRONGLY preferred method of payment for your club expenses (luncheons, annual dues, etc.) is the secure banking app ZELLE. Most banks support it, so if you're not familiar with it, ask your bank how to use it. Many people already use ZELLE for other purposes. It's very easy for us to receive your funds via ZELLE, rather than by processing checks, so as a volunteer organization, we'll appreciate your cooperation. But checks are still OK if you're Zelle-averse.

ZELLE payments should be made using your bank app that offers ZELLE, by sending money from your bank account to our email: fvnn@foxvalleynewcomers.com (GREGORY, our treasurer, will show as the account holder).

Add the amount and a brief memo describing what the payment is for. Be sure it's all correct before hitting send. We don't want it going to the wrong place, or wrong amount.

You should automatically and promptly receive a confirmation email from ZELLE and/or your bank, sent to the email address registered with your bank.

NAME BADGES

To help new members feel welcome, our club uses name badges. New members have temporary green dots on theirs, so that existing and other new members can greet and welcome you. You can remove the dot whenever you feel ready.

WELCOME ABOARD!

Feel free to contact me by email, text, or phone if you have any questions. Should you know of anyone in your circle who may also like to join, please let them know about our great club -- and point them to our website so they can kick the tires.

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