



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

A warm welcome, as a new member, to your new club --FVNN! We're so glad you've joined us.

ENGAGEMENT

As a new member you may find it confusing, and we don't want you struggling. Those who get started fast get most benefit from the club. So you will be assigned a BUDDY by our Engagement team, headed by Pat Papenbrok – Pat's email: pat1030@comcast.net cell: (630) 418-8785.

As you attend events, you can ask questions and should get the swing of things quickly. We try to be friendly and welcoming, but if you're not feeling at home, reach out to your Buddy or Pat for help.

ACTIVITIES

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

NAME BADGES

To help new members feel welcome, our club uses name badges at events. New members have temporary **green** dots on theirs, so that existing and other newer members can greet and welcome you. You can remove the dot whenever you feel ready. Board members have **red** dots so you can find them for questions.

NEWSLETTER and MAILCHIMP

We publish our newsletter monthly, September through May, toward the end of the prior month so you can make plans.

It comes via an eblast using MailChimp, from a "no-reply" email. To RSVP (if requested), **follow the instructions in each article for who to respond to**. The sending email fvnn@foxvalleynewcomers.com is only used for eblasts, prospective member inquiries, and ZELLE payments from members (see later)

WEBSITE

We encourage you to enroll in the Members Only section of our website. The website URL is www.foxvalleynewcomers.com or use the QR code above.

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, DeWayne Allen – DeWayne's email: dewayneallen@comcast.net

In the **Members Only section of the website**, 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. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to send an email to DeWayne. Once he gets your request, he will grant access to the 'Members Only' section.

PAYMENTS BY ZELLE

Though checks are acceptable, our much-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 to show you 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.

ZELLE payments should be made using your bank app that offers ZELLE, sending money from your bank account to ours using email fvnn@foxvalleynewcomers.com (Fox Valley Newcomers as account holder).

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

If signed up for alerts with your bank, you should automatically and promptly receive a confirmation email from ZELLE and/or your bank, sent to the email address you registered with your bank.

WELCOME ABOARD!

Feel free to contact me or Pat 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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