

New at Newcomers

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ALL OF US have been new at Newcomers at one time. We all know how it feels to join a group that is perceived as being well established. Some find it easy to integrate to the group and others do not.

Being a Sponsor Sister, I've heard comments about our club being *cliquish* and in many ways this is true. Ladies have naturally bonded together from common experiences, for example, ladies with young children will find others when they take their children to the play groups. Another example is the Quilting group which has formed bonds through their interest in sewing.

Although some of us have created our groups, we also must be reminded to step out of our comfort zones and make our new international sisters feel welcome. We have all been there before. It also helps for our new members to reach out to us as well. After all, we are all Newcomers.

One new member was practicing this at our last meeting. Liz was sitting at the reception table and she had done a wonderful job of organizing the name tags (thank you) —I'm sure she learned lots of names in the process.

Newcomers always needs members for the board of directors—even just the support and input at board meetings. All members are invited to attend the board



Join our fun Quilters Guild and discover your hidden talents. IQMM is a wonderful, organized group of ladies willing to teach Newcomers Members. You don't have to be an expert sewer. But be careful, it's addicting!

meetings. Get involved, it's a good way to join in and learn how Newcomers works. We should all act as Sponsor Sisters to eachother.

If you find your self feeling isolated for some reason, find a club, just go to one meeting (quilters, bookclub, scrapbooking, playgroups. . .). Newcomers is always looking for other ways to have fun and socialize. Newcomers meetings can be hectic but the individual clubs and coffees are more relaxed.



These are some of our board members and committee members. We are all volunteers who enjoy helping the expat community. We would love for you to join us in 2006!

Want to get Involved?

Newcomers' Club still has some Committee openings (listed below). If you are interested or want to learn more about the positions available

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Let's make make 2006 an even better year. Any Newcomer is eligible, so, volunteer today!

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