INTRODUCTION

HISTORY OF NEW NEIGHBORS LEAGUE CLUBS
New Neighbors League Club (NNLC) is the official social club of New Neighbors League, Inc., d.b.a. New Neighbors Services (NN), which was founded in Dayton, Ohio in 1939 by Theodore R. Briggs. Out of the business of greeting new residents grew a recognized need for a social organization allowing newcomers to meet others who are new to the area. Theodore's wife, Bunny, lived in many cities throughout the United States and knew the loneliness associated with moving into unfamiliar areas. With the aid of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, the Constitution and By-Laws for NNLC were drafted. The first chapter was chartered in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1943. As the greeting service operations were established, new club chapters were founded.

Dayton was home for NN until 1986 when Corporate and Club Headquarters were moved to Atlanta, Georgia and Cheryl Beaudreault assumed the position of National President. Currently, there are fourteen (14) operations nationwide. Each chapter operates independently within established guidelines and under the direction of a local Board of Directors and Club Director (CD).

BUSINESS OF NEW NEIGHBORS LEAGUE, INC.
The business of NN is to promote the community to residents who have recently relocated into the area. NN serves as a greeting and referral service representing and promoting selected Service Providers (SP) a new resident may need because of relocating. Prior to being accepted for referral, all SP are required to submit a business profile including their qualifications and references. Selected for promotions are those whom can best understand and serve the unique needs or priorities of new residents.

The SP promoted by NN are referred to as Sponsors in NNLC because the revenues generated from the NN promotional services provide the financial resources needed to locate and greet new residents, allowing a continuous flow of potential members into NNLC. The Sponsors make the Club and new friendships possible. Sponsors are the only for-profit businesses or professionals permitted to give programs or participate in club functions. Should a Sponsor donate a door prize or gift for any club function, or give a special service, a personal note of thanks should come from the recipient. Only Sponsors can contribute to the Club and no one other than the CD ever solicits any favors for the Club.

PURPOSE OF NEW NEIGHBORS LEAGUE CLUB
The purpose of NNLC is to bring together the new neighbors (nn) of the area so they may meet and become friends while adjusting to new surroundings. The Club is a not-for-profit social organization with a variety of interest groups and special activities, including monthly luncheons and speakers. The motto of NNLC is "fun and friendship".

MEMBERSHIP
All new residents visited by the CD or an Area Representative (AR) (no longer than six months after relocating) and invited to visit the Club are eligible to join NNLC within their first year of relocating to the area. A one-time membership fee and annual subscription to the Chapter newsletter are required to maintain membership.
**VOTING MEMBERS**
Voting privileges in NNLC are limited to the first two years of membership to allow all new members an opportunity to serve in a leadership capacity. Any member within their first eighteen (18) months of joining NNLC is eligible to serve on the board.

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS**
While board participation and voting membership is limited to the first two years in NNLC, you are encouraged to continue with your club activities and interest groups. The only requirement is to continue your subscription to the Club newsletter.

**TRANSFER PRIVILEGES**
Club membership is lifetime and transferable to any NNLC Chapter if relocated. A two-year voting membership begins anew with each transfer. The membership fee to join NNLC is paid only once, to the original Chapter. All transfer members must subscribe annually to the Club newsletter.

**ANNUAL AMNESTY DAY-AUGUST MONTHLY LUNCHEON**
At the discretion of National Club Headquarters, one day a year has been established as open membership for residents not necessarily new to the area, but who wish to join NNLC. Amnesty members must be sponsored by a Club member and are not formally visited and invited to join the Club by the CD or AR. Amnesty members are not eligible to serve on the Board of Directors (including committees), but may act as a six-month activity chair/contact if asked during their first two years of membership with the approval of the CD.

**CLUB FEES - MEMBERSHIP**
A one-time membership fee set by NN, INC., (currently at $25.00) is required to join NNLC and is divided equally between the local Chapter and NNLC Headquarters. Funds sent to Headquarters are used by NN to help defray the cost of maintaining a national organization. The portion staying within the local Chapter is used for club operating expenses.

**CLUB FEES - NEWSLETTER**
Every voting and active non-voting member is required to subscribe to the Club newsletter at the annual subscription rate. The monthly newsletter is the lifeline of communication for all activities of the club. Without it, a member cannot possibly know all the club has to offer. Members must renew their subscription on the annual anniversary date of membership.

**CLUB DIRECTOR**
The representative of NN to NNLC is known as the Club Director. It is the CDs responsibility to screen, select and secure the SPs promoted by NN. As needed, the CD hires ARs to assist in greeting nn. The CD is responsible for enforcing the club rules and regulations as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws while fostering an atmosphere of fun and friendship.
**AREA REPRESENTATIVES**
The "greeters" who assist the CD in locating and visiting with the new residents are known as Area Representatives. They are compensated by the CD and are independent agents of NN.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL**
The Advisors are appointed at the discretion of the CD for a one-year term to serve as the CD Advisory Council to the Board of Directors. The Advisors are chosen for their leadership qualities and individual experience on previous boards. It is their responsibility to facilitate a smooth board transition by insuring adequate training has been administered to incoming board members. The Advisors meet with their respective committees on a regular basis to aid board members in fulfilling their duties.

**NATIONAL BOARD OF ADVISORS**
A National Board of Advisors to NNLC is appointed at the discretion of NN to review club policy while adhering to the Constitution and By-Laws.

**LOCAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Each six months, a new board is selected to serve the Club to insure the newest members an opportunity of leadership. A nominating committee is appointed under the direction of the CD to select a single slate of officers and standing committee chairs for approval by the general membership. All eligible members are encouraged to serve on the board. This is an opportunity to attend board meetings and to voice opinions regarding the management of chapter affairs. All executive officers and standing committee chairs are required to be represented at the monthly board meeting. The Club's monthly luncheon serves as a meeting for the general membership advising of the Club activities and announcements. Each Board is encouraged to be unique and adventuresome while staying within the Club guidelines.

**LOCAL CHAPTER TREASURY**
The Club treasury (local operating funds) is to be budgeted each six months by a budget committee from the Board of Directors. Only those funds budgeted can be disbursed. All other expenditures must be voted upon by the board and be within the guidelines of the Constitution and By-Laws. All social functions and activities sponsored by the Club are self-supported by those in attendance. Because NNLC is a not-for-profit social organization of fun and friendship, fund raising events organized are to be specific in nature and are to support the financial and emotional needs of the Club. Excess funds raised may be donated to an approved charitable organization only if a written request is submitted to National Headquarters for written approval prior to the fund raising project commencing.

**NEW NEIGHBORS LEAGUE CLUB CHAPTERS**
ALABAMA - Birmingham
GEORGIA - Atlanta & Peachtree City
KANSAS - Johnson County
NEBRASKA - Omaha
MISSOURI - Kansas City Northland & Saint Louis
OHIO - Canton, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo
TENNESSEE - Nashville
NEW NEIGHBORS LEAGUE CLUB CHAPTERS continued  
TEXAS - Corpus Christi  
WASHINGTON D.C. - Northern Virginia

CLUB THOUGHT  
We are all different in origin,  
Adjusting to new surroundings  
While seeking fun and friendship.  
We wish to be friendly and kind,  
And to give generously of ourselves,  
To each other and our Club.  
We refrain from being hasty in judgment,  
And are united in our effort,  
To always, greet someone new with a smile.

CLUB MOTTO... Fun and Friendship

CLUB FLOWER... Rose

CLUB COLORS... Pale blue & white

CLUB PRAYER  
Heavenly Father, we thank you for your many blessings upon us this day, our families, this food and these friends. Help us to open our hearts to each other and offer understanding and kindness to all. Amen

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