

# Greater Lexington Newcomers

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MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE VIRGINIA HORSE CENTER ON ROUTE 39 (2ND LEVEL).

## ACTIVITIES FOR 2004-2005

Thanks go to our activities committee members who have worked hard to plan the following activities for us during the up-coming season. To participate, call the contact person for the activity.

### November

**3: General meeting.** 10 AM, Horse Center

**Lunch** at the Sheridan Livery Inn

**12: Overnight trip to Barter Theater.** Abingdon, Va. *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, Main Stage. Mistletoe Market for browsing; dining at the Tavern. Contact person, Faye Welch (463-5320) for information about trip and accommodations.

### December (\*\*Note the change in date for the Holiday Party.)

**5: Holiday Party.** 3:30-5:30 PM, Moody Hall at VMI in the Banquet Room. See page 3 for details. Holiday Planning Group includes Linda Donald, Sharon Kirk, Jan Perkins and Nancy Mills.

**9: Christmas at the Herb Farm.** It's never too early to start thinking about the Christmas Holiday Season!!! Get into the spirit of Christmas by joining us for the Buffalo Springs Holiday Home Tour on Thursday, December 9 at 10 AM (tour begins at 10:30 AM). Holiday refreshments will be served in the log cabin afterwards. Browse in the gift shop as long as you like! Cost \$8 per person, paid to Marceil McDaniel (463-7342) by November 15.

### January

**5: General Meeting** followed by lunch at the Joyful Spirit Cafe on Main Street.

**13: New Member Coffee.** Mary Adkins' home.

### February

**2: General Meeting** followed by lunch at the W&L Commons and a tour of the bookstore.

**25: House Mountain Musical Group**, Natural Bridge Volunteer Fire Department. This event is limited to 100 people, first come first served.

## PAST ACTIVITIES

**Luray Caverns.** On October 20, 7 members attended the function at the Luray Cavern and had a wonderful time. Thanks go to Shelley Undercoffer for her planning.

**Dining Out.** In October, five individual groups dined out at The Dining Room in Staunton, Café Michel's in Lexington, The Cat and the Owl in Lowmoor, Sweet Magnolias in Lexington, and The Pullman in Staunton. All hosts and hostesses gave feedback of very good food, good service and outstanding social interaction. A great time was had by all.

## Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

Nov	1	Couple's Bridge #1
	2	Bridge #2
	3	General Meeting, Horse Center - 10 AM (lunch at Sheridan Livery Inn)
	11	Bridge #1
	12	Hunchback of Notre Dame Barter Theater, Abington
	15	Painting Book Club #2 - 1:30
	16	Canasta
	17	Couple's Bridge #2
Dec	1	Book Clubs 1 & 2 Holiday Luncheon -noon
	5	Holiday Party, Moody Hall, VMI
	6	Couples Bridge #1 - 7 PM
	9	Christmas at the Herb Farm
	14	Canasta/Potluck lunch
	20	Painting - 9:45 AM
Jan	5	General Meeting
	13	New Member Coffee
Feb	2	General Meeting at VMI Commons
	25	House Mountain Group

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## INTEREST GROUPS

To be a participant in our interest groups, you must be a member of Newcomers. If you are interested in joining an interest group, please contact the chairman. If the group is full, an additional group may be formed.

### Baseball Club

Contact: Jerry Plante (463-4032, [jplante@ieee.org](mailto:jplante@ieee.org))  
The Baseball Club will resume in the Spring of 2005. Veteran members are not required to resign. Prospective members should contact Jerry Plante. For Salem Avalanche information, go to: <http://www.salemavalanche.com/>

### Book Clubs

**Book Club #2** - Norma Combs (463-2745) - filled  
([nacombs@ntelos.net](mailto:nacombs@ntelos.net))  
3rd Monday at 1:30  
11/15: 1:30 at home of Sally Emory  
Book: *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison

**Book Club #3** - Betty Alldaffer (462-3933) - open  
4th Thursday of the month; 3rd Thursday in November  
11/16: at Suzanne King's house at 1:00  
call Betty for more information

**Both Book Clubs:** 12/1: noon at the Lexington Golf & Country Club holiday luncheon. In lieu of gift exchange, Book Group #2 will donate children's books to Lisa's House.

### Bridge

**Bridge #1** - Faye Welch (463-5320)  
11/11: 1 p.m. at Faye Welch's.  
**Bridge #2** - Marlies Aldridge (464-3080)  
At Lexington Golf and Country Club  
1st Tuesday - 11:30 lunch; 1:00 game  
**Couples' Bridge #1** - Faye Welch (463-5320).  
12/6: 7 p.m. at Karen and Nelson Hyde's  
**Couples' Bridge #2** - Cathy Broach (261-3141)  
3rd Wednesday of the Month at 7 PM  
11/17: at Marge and Bob Hubbard's

### Canasta

Contact: Sandy Harrelson (261-1141). Call to join or substitute. Meets 4th Tuesday, third Tuesday in November.  
11/16: at Margaret Skovira's at noon.  
12/14 at Aline McKenna's at noon  
(Holiday Potluck Lunch beforehand)

### Dining Out

Contact Frank Harrelson (261-1141)  
([fharrelson@earthlink.net](mailto:fharrelson@earthlink.net)) The Dining Out group is up to 62 persons. Dining out arrangements will be planned in December for January. If you have not already signed up and would like to participate, please call Frank.

### Fine Dining Club

Contact Barbara Rollenhagen (463-7473, [rollo\\_va@cfw.com](mailto:rollo_va@cfw.com)) or Denise Gorsky (258-1252, [mrschief@rockbridge.net](mailto:mrschief@rockbridge.net)) Refer to web site for more information. There is a rotating list for substitutes who may be called when space becomes available at the last minute. Members who do not want to be regular participants can sign up for that.

Host, date and guest lists for October/November are:

McKenna - 10/16: Textor, Rathmell, Egyed  
Rollenhagen - 10/21: Halseth, Jones, Lera  
Grasse - 10/28: Belden, Dunlap, Gorsky, Welch  
Broach - 10/30: Figlo, McDaniel, Aldridge  
Plante - 11/6: Donald, Leinbach, Schmoll  
Bronander - 11/7: - Bushnell, Ricks, Undercoffer, Whittle

### Hiking Club

Contact: Dottie Lion (291-3514; [twolions@lexfirst.net](mailto:twolions@lexfirst.net)).  
Hiking trips have been rained out. Nothing is planned at the moment. If hikers would like to initiate something, call Dottie to obtain the list of hikers.

### Painting

Contact: Pat Monroe (464-8436).  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month  
9:45 - 12:30 AM at City Hall.

### Scrabble

Please call Sarah Pierce (261-2108) if you would like to start a new group or be on our substitute list. If you would like to learn how to play Scrabble and/or learn ways to improve your score, Sarah would be pleased to set up a session(s).

**Group #1** - 3rd Thursday at 1 PM.  
11/18: at 1:00 PM at Sarah Pierce's  
**Group #2** - 2nd Thursday at 1 PM  
11/11: at 1:00 PM at Sarah Pierce's  
**Group #3** - 4th Tuesday  
TBA: at 1:00 PM. Place TBA

### Wine Club

Contact Glenda & George Grasse (540) 463-4267.  
email: [glendagrass@rockbridge.net](mailto:glendagrass@rockbridge.net)  
website: [www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm](http://www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm)  
The Wine Club will hold eleven White Burgundy tastings in November. Scheduling is finalized and all parties are full. Party hosts and dates are:  
Benton (7<sup>th</sup>), Rollenhagen (9<sup>th</sup>), Podstawski (10<sup>th</sup>), Jackson (11<sup>th</sup>), Combs (12<sup>th</sup>), Mills/Hamm (13<sup>th</sup>), Welch/B&F (17<sup>th</sup>), and Plante (19<sup>th</sup>).

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## NEWCOMERS' HOLIDAY PARTY - DECEMBER 5

Due to scheduling conflicts at VMI, the Greater Lexington Newcomer's Club will host its annual Holiday Gathering December 5 from 3:30 to 5:30 PM at the Moody Hall Banquet Room on the VMI campus (Note change in date and time). The theme for this year's event is Favorite Things: Food, Fun and Friends. Cost is \$17.50 per person, or \$35.00 a couple and payment must be received no later than November 12. Please make your checks payable to Greater Lexington Newcomers' Club and mail to Nancy Mills, 180 Moore's School Lane, Lexington, VA 24450. Refunds will be made to those who can not attend due to the change in date if requested by November 12. Please contact Nancy if you desire a refund.

**Please note that this is not dinner.** The appetizer menu will consist of a carving station with roast beef and smoked turkey, rolls, mustard, cranberry relish and other condiments. Also offered will be mini quiches, dill cheese puffs, vegetable tray w/ ranch dip, fruit and cheese trays w/crackers, spinach and artichoke dip w/toastees and Swedish meatballs. Desserts include mini lemon bars, mini cream puffs and chocolate tipped strawberries. Beverages offered are hot cider, coffee, and water. There will be beer and wine available. **Each person will receive two tickets for beer and/or wine. Additional wine or beer may be purchased by the glass.** Please plan to attend and enjoy a pleasurable start to the holiday season.



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We will not have a monthly meeting in December. The holiday party will serve as our meeting. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 5, 2005.

Please join fellow club members for the holiday party on December 5, 2004 from 3:30 to 5:30 PM at Moody Hall on the campus of VMI. The holiday party committee, Nancy Mills, Linda Donald, Sharon Kirk and Jan Perkins, have worked diligently on organizing and planning this event. Come and show your support.



**Smokin' Jim's Barbecue**

Many thanks go to Sally Claeys for all her hard work in prepping our club directory. If your address, phone number or email changes, please notify Sally so that she can update her master file. Please check your new directory. If there are any errors with your particular listing, please notify Margaret Skovira and Sally Claeys via email or write it down and give it to these ladies within 48 hours so that the correction can be posted in the newsletter and in the master file.

Please also read the by-laws of the club. If you see any by-law that you would like to see revised, please write out your suggested revision and give it to me at the January meeting. The Executive Committee will meet in February to review the by-laws. Your input is important.

Thank you for your participation. Have a joyous holiday season.

Respectfully,  
Ann Jones

### Officers/Committees

President: Ann Jones .....	464-8906
Vice President: Sandy Harrelson.....	261-1141
C. Secretary: Judy Halseth.....	464-6191
Treasurer: Glenda Grasse.....	463-4267
Activities: Faye Welch, Chair.....	463-5320
Directory: Sally Claeys.....	463-6322
Historian: Dottie Lion.....	291-3514
Interest Group Review: Aline Mckenna...	261-8798
New Member Coffee: Karen Jackson.....	462-3784
Teri Brasz.....	463-3368
Newsletter: Dorothy Coker.....	348-6248
Margaret Skovira.....	348-1093
Publicity: Pat Rafferty.....	348-4222
Welcome: Betty Alldaffer.....	462-3933
Web Site: Nora Gaty.....	464-3091
Dorothy Coker.....	348-6248
Immediate Past President:	
Linda Donald .....	463-2947

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## NOTICES

**Membership.** The membership directory for 2004-5 was distributed during the November meeting. Former members with unpaid dues were not included in the directory. All addresses and email changes for existing members need to be submitted to Sally Claeys at 463-6322 or sjclaeys@msn.com. Membership Application Forms for new or returning members can be found on the website. Forms and membership dues of \$20 should be submitted to our treasurer, Glenda Grasse at PO Box 903, Lexington VA 24450-0903. Checks should be made out to Greater Lexington Newcomers Club.

**Articles for newsletter.** The newsletter is only as good and punctual as made possible when articles are submitted in a timely fashion. Committee Chairs and officers need to submit announcements for the newsletter by email to Margaret Skovira before the first Wednesday of each month when the general meetings are held. (Note email address and telephone on masthead on page 1).

**Photographs.** Please take pictures at Newcomer events, group meetings, etc. and give to Dottie Lion, Historian and keeper of the scrapbook. Please write on the back of photos names of those in the pictures, as well as where and when they were taken. Photos of activities that may be of interest to include in this newsletter can be submitted to Dorothy Coker. Electronic submission is preferable but photographs are acceptable. Photos will be returned to the submitting individual or given to Dottie Lion for the club history, as requested.

**Financial Reports.** All financial reports are published on the web site. See page 1 headings for site address.



### CORRECTIONS

Please note the following postal and email address corrections to the October Newsletter (these addresses are correct in the Membership Directory):

Page 2:

Ruth Dick's email address: jasdick44@juno.com  
Pauline and John Mason  
address: 308 Maple Swamp Road  
email address: hallampauline@hotmail.com  
Linda Textor: phone number: 348-1919

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Nancy Mills' address for Holiday party checks is  
180 Moores School Lane

### DIRECTORY

Please make the following correction in your new directory:  
Glenda Grasse: phone number should be 463-4267.

### INVALID EMAIL ADDRESSES

*(only changed information is listed - update your directory)*

The following emails came back this month as invalid. Please notify Sally of the correct email address. Thanks.

cmack@rockbridge.net  
skiing@lexfirst.net

### NEW MEMBERS

Dot Henderson (Glenn), 31 Greystone, Fairfield, VA 24435; (540) 377-2741 (grhender@aol.com)

Nancy Vallance, 476 Mackey's Lane, Fairfield, VA 24435; (540) 261-2945 (jamvallan@aol.com)

### RENEWALS

Margaret Fletcher(Bob) 845 Jacktown Road, Lexington, VA 24450; (540) 463-7282 (springfarm@planetcomm.net)

Patricia Kovach(Robert) 175 Buckland Drive, Lexington, VA 24473; (540) 463-7713 (patkovack@earthlink.net)

Barbara (Boo) Shrack (Bill), 145 Adair Hill Drive, Rockbridge Baths, VA 24473; (540)-464-5014 (wbshrack@rockbridge.net)

### CARDS

Thinking of You  
Barbara Whittle

Thanks to Jim Wade and all those at Smokin' Jim's Firehouse Grill for a delicious barbecue picnic.

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## GENERAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 3, 2004

The General Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:30 AM by our president, Ann Jones. Fifty-two members and one guest were present. It began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Two new members, Dot Henderson and Nancy Vallance, were introduced. A visitor, Peggy Maurer, was also introduced.

A count was taken for those members who wished to go to the Sheridan Livery for lunch. Sandy Harrelson announced our next meeting would be in January. The February meeting on Ground Hog Day would be at the Commons at Washington Lee followed by a tour of the bookstore.

The secretary's report indicated that two cards were sent out from the organization before Glenda Grasse delivered the financial report for October. All other financial reports will be listed on the web site. Glenda also reminded us that each member should pick up their directory. There are some additional copies available on a first come first serve basis for \$3 a copy. We all appreciate the hard work by Sally Claeys that went into creating this directory.



Special thanks were also given to Marge Hubbard for all her work in planning the October 9th Octoberfest at the Frontier Cultural Museum which was so much fun. We also thank Shelley Undercoffer for a special trip to the Luray Caverns that was enjoyed by all who attended.

Requests were made for updates from committee members and interest group leaders, however, information listed elsewhere in this newsletter will not be repeated here in the interests of saving space.

Connie Schmoll has been in charge of the name tags. She requests that we make efforts to return the tags at the end of each meeting in alphabetical order, if possible. If there are any missing name tags, please contact Connie or Glenda Grasse.

Upcoming events include the November 12 overnight Abington trip in which 22 people have signed up and the December 9 event at the Buffalo Springs Herb Farm that includes a talk, tour of the home, and snacks in the log cabin. Forty people have signed up for this event though each is reminded that payment is due by November 15. In February, the House Mountain Musical Group will be scheduled on Friday, the 25th at the Natural Bridge Volunteer Fire Department.

Dottie Lyon, our historian, thanks you all for the pictures and says to keep them coming. She will make them available for use on the web site and in the newsletter.

Members were advised there may be a change in the date of the holiday party to December 2 due to conflicts with other VMI events. Please note the activities calendar for the date of this event since it has been changed again. Refunds may be made for cancellations due to this change of date if Nancy Mills is notified quickly. Payment must be made by November 12 for those planning on attending. Single members are also advised that they can bring one non-member as a guest. By-laws prohibit local non-member couples as guests but if you have out-of-town guests that you would like to invite, you can contact Nancy Mills to find out if there is room.

Individuals who signed up for the Fine Dining Group after the deadline date will be included in the remaining dinners scheduled this year. (Feb-Mar and Apr-May). Everyone had a great time for the Oct-Nov dinners.

Fifty-fifty raffle tickets were again offered for sale at 3/\$2 or 1/\$1 with half the proceeds going to the organization and half going to the winning ticket. The pot for this meeting amounted to \$17.00.

The meeting ended with some community announcements.  
*Dorothy Coker*

**GENERAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 3, 2004**



**GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 31, 2004

Bank Balance	October 1, 2004	\$3,923.69	
Deposits	50/50	\$16.00	
	Dues deposited	880.00	
Total Deposits			\$896.00
Expenses	Newsletter: Printing and Postage	55.32	
	Office Supplies	23.86	
	Room Rent	100.00	
	Web Site	11.95	
Total Expenses			\$191.13
Bank Balance	October 31, 2004	\$4,628.56	
Club Membership	October 31, 2004	137	