

# Greater Lexington Newcomers

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 10:00 to 11:30 AM Each Month Except August & December

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## *MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT*

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Dear Newcomers,

Happy new year! Hope your 2019 has started off on the right foot.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Holiday Party warm and wonderful. Thanks also to those who remembered to bring contributions for the Rockbridge Area Relief Association—they are very appreciative of our help. I had a great time meeting lots of folks who have been members for years, including some previous presidents! If anyone has any suggestions or comments on what they enjoyed or what they might like for next year, please feel free to shoot me an email and I will make sure your input is kept for next year.

Let me take this opportunity just to remind all our members that our snow policy for the monthly meeting is that if Rockbridge County schools are closed, we will not be holding a meeting. Our close call with the Holiday Party (remember the foot of snow the next day?!) reminded me that we are in that unpredictable winter weather time.

We were happy to see 30 members turn up for the January monthly meeting, given how early in the year it was. There was no guest speaker, so it was nice just to catch up with how friends had spent the holidays. We were also glad to welcome John and Valerie Thomas—and present them with a Newcomers bag.

A shout out of thanks also to Pam Douglas and Lee Martin for the wonderful time at their lovely home at the new members social in November. I think they had to kick us out because we were enjoying the food and company so much! It's great to see friendships forming, especially for those who are new to the area. Thanks for the hospitality, and for the work of Linda Andrew!

Check out the newsletter for what's happening with all of our groups. Hope your January is warm and fun, and look forward to seeing you in February!

Carol Humphries

**TREASURERS REPORT**  
**January 2, 2019**  
**Submitted by Aileen Spurgeon**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,854.08</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Dues	\$3,215.00
Holiday Party	1,500.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$4,715.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Member refund (overpayment Holiday Party)	10.00
Office supplies	24.21
Flyers	21.32
Gift Certificates	75.00
Rent	60.00
Holiday Party:	
Horse Center	3,711.00
Servers	100.00
Decorations	54.50
Tables	42.12
Photo booth	150.00
<b>Holiday total:</b>	<b>\$4,057.62</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$4,248.15</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$2,320.93</b>



**MEMBERSHIP**

There are currently 191 members of the Newcomers club. No new members have joined since November.

**FOR THE HISTORIAN**

Don't forget to send your activity photos to Gary Sullivan for the on-line photo album. [garysullivan@rockbridge.net](mailto:garysullivan@rockbridge.net)



**THINKING OF YOU**

I sent a card to the following member:

Beth Ekdahl - Thinking of You

Please remember even if we are on vacation, I will have cards with me. Just let me know when there is a need and I will respond.

Linda McCumber, Corresponding Secretary

[LDMCRETIRED@YAHOO.COM](mailto:LDMCRETIRED@YAHOO.COM)

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1. Call up our Homepage, [www.lexvanewcomers.org](http://www.lexvanewcomers.org), click on Membership.
2. Click on "Click here to lookup a member" or "Print out a current Directory"
3. Our username is: **lexcomer** Our password is: **member5**
4. To print the directory, set your "Properties" to "Duplex Printing" so to have front and back printing. Choose the % you wish to see – I use 80% to print more on each page.

## HOSPITALITY



New Members Social

Thank you to Pam Douglas and Lee Martin for hosting the new members tea at their lovely home this past December. We had a great time; thanks, as well, to the seasoned members for all their great snacks they brought.

## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clifton Forge Blues Festival is coming to The Historic Masonic Theatre on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The incomparable Bobby 'Blackhat' Walters will lead a rotating group of talented blues musicians. This year promises to be even better.

In order to guarantee the discounted ticket price of \$15.00 for the group, please email Lauralee Hart at [lauraleesorensen@yahoo.com](mailto:lauraleesorensen@yahoo.com) by Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Please mail checks payable to Lauralee Hart, by Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> to:

Lauralee Hart, 10 West Oaks Drive, Lexington, VA 24450.

See free movies and a chance to escape the rain for a few hours. All showings are at The Historic Wayne Theatre, 521 W. Main St., Waynesboro, VA.

Monday at the Movies series, hosted by Jimmy Overton with the Classic Cinema Club, present the following: Monday, January 28, "Butch

Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" and Monday, February 11, "Coal Miner's Daughter". Screenings include a 2 pm matinee and a 7 pm showing. Admission is Pay What You Will. Please email Lauralee Hart if you're interested in attending these movies. Note: Those wishing to attend a matinee, may want to gather for lunch in Waynesboro before the movie.

## Battlefield Tour

George Grasse and Dick Halseth will begin the new year with options for this year's battlefield tour and will be ready to announce more details in February.

## INTEREST GROUPS

*Interest group participants must be members of Newcomers. To join an interest group, call or email the contact person.*



## Dining Out

Each quarter volunteers make a reservation for a group of 8 at a restaurant of their choice (usually within an hour of Lexington). Group members then sign up to join their hosts at a meal out!

Please contact Deb Gordon at 610-357-9532 or [debglnco@gmail.com](mailto:debglnco@gmail.com) if you would like more information. We are open to new members!

## Dining In/Fine Dining Group

We will be starting the year off with a new round of dinners. The dinners are scheduled for January, February, or March. That should give us time to recover from our Fall dinner and all the Holiday festivities. Winter hosts, look for your guest assignments by early next week.

We are always in need of substitutes throughout the year. It is a good way to join in and see if you want to join the group. We always have a good time. Contact me at [Pstange@embarqmail.com](mailto:Pstange@embarqmail.com) or 703-969-4023 if you have any questions or want to sign up.



Lynn and Ann Jones hosted this lovely dinner in November



## Mystery Dinner

Memo from Chief Inspector George Grasse: Preparation for the new Mystery Dinner year will begin shortly so that by the March-April time frame, there will be an announcement of the upcoming parties for 2019. Members of the group only have to participate once per year as either a guest detective or as host. Only those members of the group who have played at least one game and were NOT hosts last year are obligated to volunteer as hosts for this year. Between now and then, I will be working on a 2019 members list.



## Wine Tasting Group

The Wine Tasting Group holds tastings three times a year (March-April, June-July, and October-November).

The group's chair selects the type of wine to be tasted and a local merchant selects six wines for the blind tastings. Each tasting is hosted by a member in their home with six to eight tasters at each location. Ratings from each hosting are shared with the leader, who compiles the scores and distributes results to members via email.

Hosts select a theme to coincide with the type of wine and request hors d'oeuvres for guests to bring. The cost of the wine is split among guests. Anyone interested in joining may contact Barb Tyner at [rbtyner@gmail.com](mailto:rbtyner@gmail.com)



## Yoga Group

The Newcomers' Yoga group meets weekly on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 in the Fitness Center at Kendal. The Center is down the hill and behind the main building, but it has been requested that we park our cars in the guest parking lot, anywhere on the circle.

Our class is appropriate to all levels, and individual needs are addressed with modifications. Bring your mat, wear some comfy clothes, and join us for an hour of gentle stretching, conditioning and strengthening in a union of mind, body and spirit. Please call Helen Moore at 850-240-5619 if you have any questions.

## **.Pinochle Club**

Presently, we have two full teams of four players. However, we are looking for more members to serve as substitutes and replacements. If you are interested in learning to play - it's easy - we would love for you to join us on the second Wednesday of each month from 2:00 to 4:30. On January 9 we will be playing at the home of Carol Humphries. For more information contact Marilou Schindler 540-291-2992 or [marilous@aol.com](mailto:marilous@aol.com)

## **Hiking Group**



Hiking around Glen Maury Park, Buena Vista

The Newcomers Hiking Group hikes every Friday weather permitting. If you would like to be on the email list, email Don Brooke, [donbrooke@gmail.com](mailto:donbrooke@gmail.com), or Debbie Maurer, [mountaintoppers@exede.net](mailto:mountaintoppers@exede.net)



## **BUNKO**

Come roll with the Bunko ladies! We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in learning to play, we would love to teach you. Currently we are adding to our sub list. For more information, please contact Aileen Spurgeon at [spurgchick@gmail.com](mailto:spurgchick@gmail.com) or 540-460-1654.

## **BUNCO!**

The Fourth Thursday morning Bunco group is looking for several "regular" or "substitute" players who are interested in an easy dice game of chance, as well as having an opportunity to spend the morning with friends. After a light breakfast is served by the hostess, the group plays from 9:30 to 10:45-11:00. Please call or email Diana Hopkins if you are interested, 348-6946 or [vatzrok@me.com](mailto:vatzrok@me.com).



**Poker night** - 2nd Monday of every month; covered dish; 6:30 - 10; opportunity for substitutes or if enough interest additional nights could be added. Reply to Bill Stone at [kingsway807@yahoo.com](mailto:kingsway807@yahoo.com) with "poker" in the subject.

## **Fourth Thursday II Book Club**

We are a diverse group of open-minded thinkers/readers. Our purpose is to read and enjoy literature! Generally, we keep on topic but also feel free to introduce relevant (or not so) to the discussion such as historical facts, bio details, book background, related authors or topics, and personal connections. Being able to disagree with something another member has stated is an important constant in our discussions. At times we may get off track but we always respect the authority of the moderator. We usually meet at each other's homes (host) with a moderator, the individual who chose the book, leading the discussion.

Contact Mike Quarles [quarlestwo@earthlink.net](mailto:quarlestwo@earthlink.net)

**Fourth Thursday Book Club  
(closed to new members for now)**



Fourth Thursday book club met for their Christmas luncheon at the home of Paula Zimmerman. After a delicious Greek lunch the books to be read by the group for 2019 were selected. The January selection is *Cutting For Stone* by Abraham Vaghese, a story of orphaned twins growing up in Ethiopia. The book will be presented by Suzanne King.

**Canasta Group**

There are two canasta groups. One group of eight, "The Black 3's" plays on the first Tuesday of each month and the other group of eight, "The Red 3's", plays on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Each group meets in the home of a member of that group for a fun afternoon of cards, snacks and dessert.

If you would like to become a sub for one or both groups, please contact Cynthia Tucker, 463-3344, [cmtucker@comcast.net](mailto:cmtucker@comcast.net).



In December canasta had a Christmas luncheon together before playing cards.

Left to right they are Andie Pollock, Aline McKenna, Teri Brasz, Jane Stange, Suzanne King, Aileen Spurgeon, Terry Fridley, Karen Jackson, Anita Ramp, Gloria Gorlin, and Cynthia Tucker.

**Prospective Group: Euchre**

We are exploring the possibility of a Euchre group. Anyone interested in learning how to play or already knows how to play Euchre, or if you just more information, please contact Linda Andrew [wayward45lja@gmail.com](mailto:wayward45lja@gmail.com) or call 540-280-2533.

**Calendar is on the following page.**

## CALENDAR

### January

- 2**     ***Club meeting***
- 4     Hiking
- 8     Yoga
- 9     Pinochle
- 11    Hiking
- 14    Poker
- 15    Yoga
- 16    Bunko
- 18    Hiking
- 22    Yoga
- 22    Canasta
- 23    Fourth Thursday Book Club
- 23    FourthThursday II Book Club
- 23    Bunco
- 25    Hiking
- 28    *Free movie, Waynesboro*
- 29    Yoga

### February

- 1     Hiking
- 2     *Clifton Forge Blues*
- 5     Yoga
- 5     Canasta
- 6**    ***Club Meeting***
- 8     Hiking
- 11    *Free movie, Waynesboro*
- 11    Poker
- 12    Yoga
- 13    Pinochle
- 15    Hiking
- 19    Yoga
- 20    Bunko
- 22    Hiking
- 26    Yoga
- 26    Canasta
- 28    Bunco
- 28    Fourth Thursday Book Club
- 28    Fourth Thursday II Book Club