

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Newcomers,

We had quite a nice turnout this month which was a good thing, as there was a lot going on. 42 members were in attendance on Wednesday—we had to bring in more chairs!

First off, John Ekin gave us a demonstration of our new website. I think everyone agreed that it is a refreshing update, and has several new features that make it both more visually appealing and more helpful. Please take a look: www.lexvanewcomers.org (same as the previous version) and let John know what you think (jmax806@live.com) . We will be polling members in April to find out what you think are the best features, the worst features, and what you might want to see added, removed, changed. I think you will enjoy perusing the features. Note: the password for the membership list has been changed. While I will include it in this newsletter because this goes out in a private email to all members, we have removed the password from the newsletter that gets posted on the website for security reasons. If you lose the password, you may contact John or Bill Stone (kingsway807@yahoo.com). Kudos to John and also to Janet Gibson, who put so much extra time and effort into ensuring a quality product, with the kind assistance and sharp eye of Sharon Littlepage.

We also heard from Paul Gordon who updated us on some of the committees and activities Habitat for Humanity has going on currently. A worthwhile cause always looking for a variety of volunteers!

Lauralee Hart, our Activities Committee Chairperson, had several interesting events to offer club members—be sure to check out details in the newsletter. One I would like to highlight is the buffet dinner and show (“Arsenic and Old Lace”) being offered by Southern Virginia University in March. This activity will be our “fall” event this year, in other words, it is subsidized by your club dues. We are already filling up, so don’t hesitate to jump in. Again, further details are available in the newsletter.

It was nice to have a little vacation from winter this past week. Makes it feel like we can make it through the rest of winter. We can do this!

Regards,
Carol Humphries

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TREASURERS REPORT
February 6, 2019
Submitted by Aileen Spurgeon



THINKING OF YOU

Beginning Balance:	\$2,320.93
Income:	
Dues	\$280.00
Expenses:	
Rent	60.00
Ending Balance:	\$2,540.93

I sent cards to the following members:

A sympathy card to Susan Gitlin in the loss of her Father.

Sympathy cards to Judith Williams and Debby Maurer in the loss of their Mother.

A Get well card to Margaret Roark who recently underwent lung surgery.

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

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MEMBERSHIP

There are currently 201 members of the Newcomers club.

Please welcome the following new members who joined in January:

Jerry & Patty Brost
122 Heah Ton Lane
Lexington VA 24450
eudoro2009@live.com

FOR THE HISTORIAN

Don't forget to send your activity photos to Gary Sullivan for the on-line photo album.
garysullivan@rockbridge.net

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Join us, Friday, March 22, 2019, for an evening of great food and a classic play *Arsenic and Old Lace* presented by Southern Virginia University (SVU). A delicious dinner will be catered by SVU and will begin at 5:30 in the Main Building Ballroom. The play begins at 7:30. Dinner and play for Club members is \$20.00, with the Club picking up the cost of the play ticket. This event is one of three subsidized events for members. The deadline for signing up and sending payment is Tuesday, February 26th.

Please email Lauralee Hart at lauraleesorensen@yahoo.com AND mail check to her at: 10 West Oaks Drive, Lexington, VA 24450. PLEASE email as well as sending the check.



Stories of an Abandoned Virginia, Sunday, April 28, 2019, 1:00 - 3:30 pm at the Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke, Virginia. This program is by John Plashal and Black Dog Salvage. Come spend a Sunday afternoon enjoying this highly visual presentation of Virginia's "abandoned afterworld". John Plashal has not only spent many years identifying and photographing beautifully decaying houses, churches, schools, hospitals and other structures throughout rural Virginia, but has assimilated into their respective communities to learn about their accompanying back stories. The result is Stories of an Abandoned Virginia, a super-unique presentation full of "frozen in time" structures and the accompanying Virginians that once occupied them. As part of the program, Mike Whiteside, co-owner of Black Dog Salvage and co-host of the TV show "Salvage Dawgs", will also be there for a Meet and Greet session. A complimentary 5x7 print will also be available to all ticket holders and Plashal's photographic coffee table book, "A Beautifully Broken Virginia" will be available for pre-order.

Mr. Plashal has graciously offered to hold 20 tickets for our group. The price is \$21.22 per person. This includes the ticket, tax and handling fee from Eventbrite. In order to participate in the LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS, Lauralee Hart **MUST** have your money AND an email by Friday, February 28th. This event is expected to sell out. Make check payable to Lauralee Hart and mail to: 10 West Oaks Drive, Lexington, VA 24450.

Paint and Sip Party, Saturday, March 2 from 3-5 pm. This fun event will be held at Lavender Fields at Tantivy Farm. The price is \$35.00 per person and includes 2 mugs, painting materials,

lavender themed treats and drinks. Come out and enjoy the company of other Newcomers and get creative. Due to interior space at the farm, this class is limited to 12 people. A wait list will be created if needed.- The deadline to sign up and mail your check is February 23. Please email Lauralee Hart at lauraleesorensen@yahoo.com to confirm your spot. Checks can be made out to either Lauralee Hart or Tantivy Farms but they should be mailed to Lauralee. Mailing address is 10 West Oaks Drive, Lexington, VA. 24450.

The Gourmet Progressive Dinner and Wine Stroll Raffle benefiting Rockbridge Area Habitat for Humanity still has tickets available for purchase. The winner and 7 lucky guests will stroll to four homes in the historic Main and Preston streets' neighborhood in Lexington. The drawing is March 24 and the event will take place Saturday, April 20, 2019. This prize is valued at \$800.00. Tickets are \$35.00 each and may be purchased by calling the Habitat office at 540-464-3700.

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 debglncdo@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 or 703-969-4023 if you have any questions or want to sign up.



Mystery Dinner

Memo from Chief Inspector George Grasse: Preparations are underway for the 2019 Mystery Dining Event. Three lead detectives have volunteered, with one more still needed. If you would like to try your hand at detecting, please let me know: George Grasse, gandg@histomin.com.



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 rbytyner@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

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, or Debbie Maurer, mountaintoppers@exede.net

After dismal hiking weather in November and December we were able to get some hikes in this January. We had a very nice snowy hike on the Blue Ridge Parkway to Indian Rocks and an abbreviated hike to the Lynchburg Reservoir. Also took in town hikes on the Chessie and Woods Creek trail. Everyone really enjoyed the W&L cafeteria on the Woods Creek hike. February 1st was a cool morning but a few hardy souls went on a short scenic hike at Roaring Run which included an old Iron Ore furnace. And then we had lunch at Maw and Paw's in Eagle Rock. Very tasty food.



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 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 vtxrok@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 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

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.



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 or call 540-280-2533.

Calendar is on the following page.

CALENDAR

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 II Book Club

March

- 1 Hiking
- 2 *Paint & Sip*
- 5 Yoga
- 5 Canasta
- 6 *Club Meeting***
- 8 Hiking
- 12 Yoga
- 13 Pinochle
- 15 Hiking
- 19 Yoga
- 20 Bunko
- 22 Hiking
- 22 *Dinner & Arsenic & Old Lace*
- 26 Yoga
- 26 Canasta
- 28 Bunco
- 28 Thursday II Book Club
- 29 Hiking