

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,

Thanks to all 32 members who braved our cold return to winter to attend the meeting this month! Hopefully next month will bring us into nice spring weather.

We had an excellent presentation from Tara Rodi from the SPCA. I learned so much: ASPCA is not the same as SPCA—a critical distinction in fund raising. Tara also tempted me with the cat socializing program where you get to hold and pet a cat. She told us of many ways to volunteer, so I would encourage people to support this worthy cause. Larry Spurgeon then gave us an update on the goings on at the Stonewall Jackson house where it looks like they are really making progress both with the construction and discovering more about the man and his times. He (and Mike Lowry) also pointed out that they can use volunteers to do a variety of things, so please consider this opportunity as well. Then George Grasse asked that we all take a moment to review a poll he will be sending out in an email (via Deb Bodner, our Newsletter queen) to provide him with ways to create a better tour experience for those interested in his and Dick Halseth’s Civil War-oriented tours. He also highlighted the Mystery Dinner group—but more on that in our activities! Finally, we presented a gift certificate to John Ekin (and Janet Gibson will get hers, too!) in thanks for all the work they did on the new website.

Speaking of which, I hope everyone is checking out the website—it’s really a great and easy way to keep up with things going on with the club. The calendar in particular is helpful. Remember, for security reasons we have a new password for the Membership list. If you lose the password, you may contact John or Bill Stone (kingsway807@yahoo.com).

Lauralee Hart, our Activities Committee Chairperson, again had a list of interesting and varied activities to offer us. She and her team do great work! Check them out in the Activities section of the newsletter.

I have assembled a nominating committee, per our bylaws, to come up with good candidates for the Vice President and Treasurer positions for next year. If anyone is interested in either of those positions, please let me know! I have found that being in a leadership position is very rewarding, especially in how it allows me to get to know lots of our members. I recommend it!

Spring is right around the corner—hang in there! Oh, don’t forget this weekend we switch to Daylight Savings Time.

Regards, Carol Humphries

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TREASURERS REPORT
March 6, 2019
Submitted by Aileen Spurgeon



THINKING OF YOU

Beginning Balance:	\$2,540.93
Income:	
Dues	\$120.00
Expenses:	
Rent	60.00
Secretarial supplies	3.16
Ending Balance:	\$2,597.77

I sent a card to the following members:

A Get-Well card to Dean Morris who had rotator surgery.

A Thinking of You card to Roseanne Facciolo who is recovering from shingles.

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 205 members of the Newcomers club.

Please welcome the following new members who joined in February:

Kam Flynn
216 Catalpa Place
Lexington, VA 24450
kamflynn7@gmail.com

FOR THE HISTORIAN

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

HOSPITALITY

The next new member tea will be on May 5. Diana and Dave Hopkins have agreed to host it. Details to follow.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Arsenic and Old Lace, Friday, March 22, 2019 at Southern Virginia University. Dinner at 5:30 and 7:30 show. We have 56 members signed up to enjoy the evening. Please arrive as close to 5:30 pm as possible. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00pm. They will take us as a group to the theater. NO individual tickets will be given out, so it is very important that everyone be prompt so that we can enjoy our dinner and be ready when they need to take us to the show.

The dinner will be in the ballroom of the main building at SVU. The ballroom is to your right when you enter the building. There is very little

parking by the main building so carpooling is STRONGLY encouraged. Allow yourself time to find a place to park and walk to the building. For those of you who are not familiar with the campus, it is hilly and most of the parking is on the street. So caution is advised in walking up and down the hill.

Lauralee will be sending an email to all attendees before the event.

New Events

The Merry Wives of Windsor at the Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton, VA. Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Special group rate for Premium seats is \$36.00 per person. Limited number of seats available at this price. Please email Lauralee at lauraleesorensen@yahoo.com if you want to attend. Make checks payable to Lauralee Hart and mail to: Lauralee Hart, 10 West Oaks Drive, Lexington, VA 24450.

The 13th Annual Lewisburg Chocolate Festival, Saturday, April 13th, 2019, from 11am to 4pm in beautiful Lewisburg, West Virginia. Tasting tickets are sold in packets of 5 for \$5.00. It is recommended that you purchase at least 2 packets (10 tasting tickets) to enjoy the tastings. This event usually sells out so it is recommended that tickets be purchased early. You can either purchase the tickets online at www.LewisburgChocolateFestival.com or Lauralee Hart will purchase them for you. Please email Lauralee at lauraleesorensen@yahoo.com if you wish to attend. Carpooling is suggested.

Crozet Spring Arts & Crafts Festival, Crozet, VA, Saturday, May 11, 2019, 10am to 5:30pm. Tickets will be purchased at the gate. Adults \$7.00 Seniors \$6.00. To sign up and carpool, please email Lauralee at: lauraleesorensen@yahoo.com

A Beautifully Broken Virginia, Sunday, April 28, 2019 event is **sold out**. Lauralee will be emailing those signed up with details.

Looking for a last minute St. Patty's Day event?
The Historic Masonic Theatre in Clifton Forge is hosting a Progressive Dinner, a four floor IRISH dining experience. Saturday, March 16 at 5:30 pm. This is a Heart of the Community fundraiser for the Theatre. Tickets may be purchased online at www.historicmasonictheatre.com or by calling the box office at 540-882-5655.

SAVE THE DATE – Thursday, June 6, 2019. This year is the 75th anniversary of D-Day. The National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA is having 5 days of remembrances and activities to commemorate the day. On June 6, 1944 Bedford, Virginia lost 20 of the 32 sons it sent to the invasion of Normandy, a devastating blow to the tiny community of just over 3,200. More information will come later for this event. Please mark your calendars.

Battlefield Tours: Dick Halseth and George Grasse have launched an email questionnaire to the Gettysburg and/or Antietam participants to help guide them in deciding on this year's battlefield tour. A second questionnaire will be sent out to the Newcomers general membership to determine if we have reached all who might be interested in battlefield tours. This questionnaire will be released by Deb Bodner via the Newcomers newsletter email list but separately from the newsletter. Instructions on completing the questionnaire will be included in the email to be released this month.

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 if you would like more information. We are open to new members!



Dining In/Fine Dining Group

March is a busy time for Fine Dining. One of our host couples took pictures and shared their fabulous menu. Thanks to Joe Little and Bill Stone for being the best hosts ever. It was a delightful evening with fine food and great conversation.



David Hopkins, Ann Jones, Lee Martin, Joe Little, Diana Hopkins, Lynn Jones and Pamela Douglas. Not pictured Chef Bill Stone.



We started with delicious crab cakes, then onto salads with pears, pistachios and goat cheese. The main course was a crown roast of lamb with roasted root vegetables followed by a lovely pavlova for dessert.

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: Is it hedge-fund embezzlement or stock fraud? There will be at least four mystery dinner parties this year and the game to be played is "The Wall Street Scandal". An announcement of the Lead Detectives (hosts) and their gum-shoes (detective party-goers) will be made shortly.

For information about the mystery dinners, contact: 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.

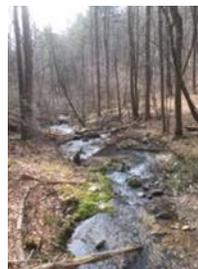
.Pinochle Club

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 March 20 we will be playing at the home of Ray and Peg Leinbach. For more information contact Marilou Schindler 540-291-2992 or marilous@aol.com



Hiking Group

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



In mid-February we had a special guided to hike through Brown Mountain to the site of an old share-croppers community. David and

Claudette Benavitch shared information about the history of the area.



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 vatxrok@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.

Page Turners

The former **Fourth Thursday II Book Club** have elected to change their name to **Page Turners**. 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

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 Page Turners
- 29 Hiking

April

- 2 Yoga
- 2 Canasta
- 3 *Club Meeting***
- 3 *Merry Wives of Windsor*
- 5 Hiking
- 9 Yoga
- 10 Pinochle
- 12 Hiking
- 13 *Lewisburg, WV Chocolate Festival*
- 16 Yoga
- 17 Bunko
- 19 Hiking
- 23 Yoga
- 23 Canasta
- 25 Bunco
- 25 Page Turners
- 26 Hiking
- 30 Yoga