

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,

It was nice to see the 34 folks who came out on Wednesday. I hope you enjoyed the fellowship and meeting.

Rather than have a presentation this month, we took care of a couple of club business items—raising proposed language changes to the bylaws and hearing from our Treasurer and Vice President on what their jobs entail, as they will be leaving their current positions in August. I am required by the bylaws to ensure all club members see the proposed changes to the bylaws so let me do that now.

Currently Article 3: Membership, Section 1 reads as follows:

“The Club membership is open to residents who have lived in Rockbridge County or any of its municipalities no more than five (5) years when they join. To qualify for Club membership, one must (a) reside within the boundaries of Rockbridge County or one of its municipalities; or (b) have a residence with a Rockbridge address. The latter restriction does not apply to anyone who is a member in good standing as of September 2003 and has maintained a paid membership. The length of time one may remain a member is unlimited. Having met these requirements, any person wishing to become a member is accepted upon payment of dues. Dues are charged on a per person basis.”

The proposed change is to add the following sentence: **“Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed/considered by the Executive Committee for allowing former members to rejoin.”**

The reasoning behind this is that there are occasional cases where people have been members but for unforeseen circumstances had to leave the area or the club, and they wish to rejoin. This will allow us to accommodate those situations.

The second proposed change is just one word: we would like to change the “Fall” event (one of three annual events the club subsidizes) to read **“Special”** event. This will give us a little more flexibility and be more accurate.

We will be taking a vote on these two language proposals at the May 1st meeting. If you have questions or wish to weigh in on them, please contact myself or our VP, Bill Stone.

Lauralee Hart, our Activities Chairman, reported that 54 members attended the “Fall” event at SVU last month, where we had a lovely dinner and attended the performance of “Arsenic and Old Lace.” I think most would agree it was really very well done and enjoyable. I certainly had a good time! There are more good things going on, so be sure to read the newsletter.

Enjoy the approach of spring!
Regards, Carol Humphries

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Marilou Schindler

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Pat Anthony

Historian

Gary Sullivan

TREASURERS REPORT
April 3, 2019
Submitted by Aileen Spurgeon



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.

Get Well to Theresa Bezold who had shoulder surgery

Thinking of You to Beth Ekdahl

Get Well to Fritz Schindler who had shoulder surgery

Sympathy to Susan Bushnell in the loss of her husband, John Murphy

Thinking of You to Suzanne King who sustained a fall

Hopefully spring is on the way and all will remain well.

Linda McCumber, Corresponding Secretary

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Beginning Balance:	\$2,597.77
Income:	
Dues	\$ 60.00
SVU Event*	<u>1,041.00</u>
Total:	\$1,101.00
Expenses:	
Rent	\$ 60.00
Gift Certificates	100.00
SVU Invoice*	1,463.00
Website Misc.	<u>41.42</u>
Total:	\$1,664.42
Ending Balance:	\$2,034.35
*SVU Invoice:	\$1,463.00
*SVU Event income:	<u>\$1,041.00</u>
Club subsidized:	\$ 422.00

HOSPITALITY

Just a reminder about our Newcomers tea for our newest members will be held on May 5, from 3-5 pm. Diana and Dave Hopkins have offered their home for this event, **3795 Maury River Road, Rockbridge Baths, Va** . If you have not signed up to attend and bring something, you can still sign up. We look forward to seeing veteran members and getting to know the newest members.

Veteran members who would like to bring an hors d'oeuvre or any treat, please contact Linda Andrew wayward45lja@gmail.com We look forward to seeing you.

Directions will follow.



MEMBERSHIP

There are currently 203 members of the Newcomers club.

No new members joined in March.

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

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

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. This is a juried arts and crafts festival. Unique and talented vendors, free music and numerous food vendors. The address is 1075 Claudius Crozet Park, Crozet, Va. If you wish to carpool, please email Lauralee Hart at lauraleesorensen@yahoo.com For a list of vendors, please check the Festival webpage at www.crozetfestival.com

The Final Salute: D-Day plus 75 Years, Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA. This year marks 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. There will be no admission charge on this date. We are

fortunate to live so close to this Memorial and participate in the anniversary.

The schedule for the day:

10:00 am – Aerial Tribute to WWII Veterans

11:00 am - “The Final Salute” Commemorative Observance

6:30 am – 9:00 pm – Commemoration Activities, including WWII reenactments, “Profiles in Honor” mobile museum, Enduring Freedom Band and a USO Show. There will also be food trucks so people may purchase breakfast and lunch.

Carpooling is strongly encouraged. Carpools will meet at 7:30 am in the Food Lion Parking Lot in Lexington. Please email Lauralee Hart, lauraleesorensen@yahoo.com to sign up. Each carpool group will decide how long they wish to stay at the events.

Battlefield Tours Survey: Dick Halseth and George Grasse have put together a survey for the Newcomers general membership to determine if we have reached all who might be interested in battlefield tours. This questionnaire is being sent separately from the newsletter. Instructions on completing the questionnaire will be included in the email.

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 debgIncdo@gmail.com if you would like more information. We are open to new members!



Dining In/Fine Dining Group

Fine Dining has just finished our Winter dinners. This week I will be sending out the quest list to each host. Spring always seems to bring out great fresh menus.

Our group is a great way to get to know other members of Newcomers. The other day at the Newcomers monthly meeting one of our members told some one, "It is my favorite activity, the dining groups are just the right size to get to know people in a relaxed atmosphere."

Please contact me, Jane Stange, if you are interested in joining. Contact me at pstange@embarqmail.com. 540-463-2964 or cell 703-969-4023.



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



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". Further instructions for the Lead Detectives (hosts) and their gum-shoes (detective party-goers) will be given shortly.

For information about the mystery dinners, contact: George Grasse, gandg@histomin.com.

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



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.

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.

Pinochle Club

The pinochle group meets normally on the second Wednesday of each month from 2-4:30, with a different host who provides a dessert about halfway through our play of two games. Due to scheduling conflicts, we will meet on **April 17** at the Schindlers. We welcome new players, and substitutes who would like to learn how to play this easy-to-learn non-serious game. Call Marilou Schindler 291-2992 for more information or marilous@aol.com

Canasta Group

There are two canasta groups. One group of eight, “The Black 3’s” plays on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm and the other group of eight, “The Red 3’s”, plays on the fourth Tuesday of in April and May; **but, beginning in June, “The Red 3’s” will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:45pm.** 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.



Poker

The Poker players gather the 2nd Monday of the month. We each bring something to share and we BYOB. The chips get passed out and we have a great time. If interested please contact Bill Stone at kingsway807@yahoo.com



Tom Thompson, Carl Williams, Joe Little and Larry Spurgeon Missing Clyde Hart and Bill Stone



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.



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

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

April

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

May

- 1 Club Meeting**
- 3 Hiking
- 7 Yoga
- 7 Canasta
- 8 Pinochle
- 10 Hiking
- 11 *Crozet Arts & Craft Festival*
- 14 Yoga
- 15 Bunko
- 17 Hiking
- 21 Yoga
- 23 Bunco
- 23 Page Turners
- 24 Hiking
- 28 Yoga
- 28 Canasta
- 31 Hiking