

# 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

Dear Newcomers,

This newsletter marks the informal end of my tenure as President of the Club, so I want to start off by thanking everyone for the fun year and all of the support and encouragement you gave me. I was happy to get to know more people (which is one reason to join this group in the first place) and to try to give something back to the group. You may have noticed we had a lot of speakers this year—I thought it would be nice (especially for those new to the area) to learn about volunteer opportunities and other features about this area. If there is something else you would like to see happen at our monthly meetings, I am sure Bill Stone would be happy to hear your ideas. Otherwise, I think he will have some good ideas of his own!

On that note, let me welcome Bill as our new President, Suzanne Williams as our new Vice President, and Julie Eckles as our new Treasurer. Linda McCumber has agreed to stay on as Corresponding Secretary, as have our Committee Chairpeople. Thanks for stepping up! We look forward to your leadership this upcoming year.

I was very happy to see so many new folks interested in the group at our meeting this month. Hopefully they will benefit as we have from the lively groups, fun activities, and good fellowship.

We had a very interesting presentation on the Rockbridge Area Health Center from Suzanne Sheridan and Janet Beebe. We are fortunate to have this facility so close to us (across from Walmart, next to the Ford dealership on Rt. 11). Check it out some time.

Please review the information for our July picnic in the newsletter. I am sure that it will be a fun time of good food and fellowship, as it is each year. Look forward to seeing you at the picnic on Sunday, 14 July.

Remember there is NO meeting in July or August. We hope to see everyone refreshed after summer on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks again for a wonderful year!

Regards,  
Carol Humphries

### CLUB OFFICERS

#### President

Carol Humphries

#### Vice President

Bill Stone

#### Treasurer

Aileen Spurgeon

#### Corresponding Secretary

Linda McCumber

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### Activities

Lauralee Hart

#### Hospitality

Linda Andrew

#### Membership

Marilou Schindler

#### Name Tags

Marilou Schindler

#### Publicity

Steve Patterson

#### Welcome

Pat Anthony



**TREASURERS REPORT**  
**June 5, 2019**  
**Submitted by Aileen Spurgeon**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$1724.71</b>
<b>Income:</b>	\$ 0
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Rent	\$ 60.00
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$1664.71</b>

This brings our 2018-2019 membership to 213 paid members.



**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.

Thinking of You to Mike Lowry who had surgery  
 Sympathy card to the family of Beth Ekdahl  
 Sympathy card to Joe Little who is Beth Ekdahl's cousin

Thinking of You to Jane Stange who had surgery  
 Sympathy card to Jack and Sharon Littlely at the loss of a grand nephew  
 Sympathy card to Bruce Lillegard and Donna Hand at the passing of Bruce's father  
 Sympathy card to Don Brooke at the passing of his sister

Thinking of You card to Bill Docekal for the accident involving injury to his hand

Hopefully, with warmer weather, all will experience better health.

Linda McCumber, Corresponding Secretary  
[LDMCRETIRED@YAHOO.COM](mailto:LDMCRETIRED@YAHOO.COM)  
 1-804-839-4671



**MEMBERSHIP**

Several new people have joined our club. We welcome the following Newcomers:

Pat Thompson  
 Richard Hubbard  
 82 Ravenswood Lane  
 Lexington VA 24450  
[ptapex@aol.com](mailto:ptapex@aol.com)

Andrew & Carrie O'Sullivan  
 45 Shaner Hill Dr  
 Lexington VA 24450  
[cosullivan261@comcast.net](mailto:cosullivan261@comcast.net)

Stephanie & Steven Doughty  
 2880 Forge Rd  
 Glasgow VA 24555  
[vineyardhill@rockbridge.net](mailto:vineyardhill@rockbridge.net)

James & JoAnn Ritterbusch  
 110 Charity Lane  
 Lexington VA 24450  
[ncc@oneyv.org](mailto:ncc@oneyv.org)  
[blueridgecorgis@gmail.com](mailto:blueridgecorgis@gmail.com)

**PHOTOGRAPHS**



Please send your activity photos for the on-line photo album to John Ekin at [jmax806@live.com](mailto:jmax806@live.com)

## HOSPITALITY

A big Thank You to Diana and Dave Hopkins for opening their home for our new members tea. It was a huge success, with a tremendous turnout in spite of the rainy weather. These are just a few of the many pictures Bruce Lillegard took.



President Carol Humphries welcoming everyone



Phil Crudden provided background music



New members

private property, 13 miles up the interstate, and only pre-booked tours are permitted.

There is a unique opportunity to allow parties to visit them on certain weekends during the month of June. John Plashal who presented “Abandoned in Virginia” now organizes tours. He will be making a short presentation on the “Heads” then we will be on our own to walk and tour these statues.

*Tickets \$20.00 each; pre-paid via [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) website only.*

**Suggested Activity:** The Heifetz Institute Summer Program at Mary Baldwin University in Staunton runs from June 29– August 9. A free Showcase concert on July 12th at noon in the Mary Baldwin Francis Auditorium is scheduled. If you are interested in attending and having a lunch in Staunton following the concert, please contact Diana & David Hopkins at [vatxrok@me.com](mailto:vatxrok@me.com), or 540 348 6946.

Founded in 1996, the Staunton, VA-based Heifetz International Music Institute is dedicated to the artistic growth and career development of talented and promising young musicians from around the world. Their mission is to develop the expressive potential of every performer, through innovative and cross-disciplinary training. The Institute’s teaching philosophy is that artists express their individuality not only through technically and intellectually robust music making, but also through emotional and even physical engagement with the music they play.

This internationally known program this year includes 78 young musicians in their regular program. Eleven students are enrolled in the [Chamber Music Seminar](#), and another 11 in the inaugural [Heifetz Baroque Vocal Workshop](#) to form the largest Heifetz community ever, hailing from 23 states and 10 countries. Concerts are offered throughout the summer. To learn more about the Institute visit their website at [www.heifetzinstitute.org](http://www.heifetzinstitute.org).

## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

**Presidential “Heads” walking tour: June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00-5:00 pm**



43 of our nation’s presidents are memorialized

in pastoral Croaker, Virginia. Here the 20-foot-high busts of the nation’s honored, but imperfect, leaders sit quietly waiting. Once part of Presidents Park in Williamsburg, these statue heads now reside on

**Battlefield Tours:** Dick and George are planning a one night stay for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battles of Bull Run (Manassas), mid-to-late September 2019 (probably week days, not weekend). Registration is now open and lasts until the end of June. They will give a pre-trip talk on the battles following the September Newcomers meeting on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Annual Summer Picnic 2019



**Newcomers Picnic**  
Sunday July 14, 3-6pm  
McKethan Park  
\$5.00 per person potluck

Bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert and we provide Kenny's Fried and Baked Chicken and iced tea, water, and lemonade. We do have permission for BYO wine or beer. No Keydets or minors.

This is a club subsidized event. Members who joined very recently only have to pay \$5.00 each. Guests are \$10.00 each. Make reservations by sending a check to Jane Stange, 112 Woodridge Lane, Lexington, VA 24450. Please make checks out to Greater Lexington Newcomers Club. **NO LATER THAN JULY 5.** Jane's cell is 703-969-4023.

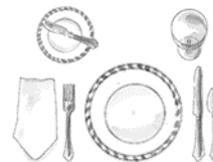
Set up 1:00 pm for those who signed up. Thanks for helping.

Looking forward to seeing everyone. It's a fun way to end our year.

Directions: Take Route 11 North from Lexington, cross east Lexington Bridge and make a right onto Old Buena Vista Road, Follow approximately 1+ miles, after passing under I-81 continue approximately 2000 feet, past dumpsters (if they are still there), and turn right onto McKethan Park Road, follow around to pavilion in the trees on right.

## 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](mailto:debglncdo@gmail.com) if you would like more information. We are open to new members!

### Dining In/Fine Dining Group

Fine Dining is wrapping up for the year. It has been a good year with great food, discussions, and laughs. We will be starting a new year in the fall. Everyone signs up to host one dinner during the year. We have three sessions: Fall, Winter, and Spring. I will be contacting members in the Fall to start the ball rolling. If you are interested in joining or have questions please get in touch with me, Jane Stange, [pstange@embarqmail.com](mailto: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 [rbtyner@gmail.com](mailto:rbtyner@gmail.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](mailto:quarlestwo@earthlink.net)



## Mystery Dinner

Memo from Chief Inspector George Grasse: Is it hedge-fund embezzlement or stock fraud? Two parties are scheduled: Grasse June 15<sup>th</sup> and Grinder June 27<sup>th</sup>. Two more parties are filled but dates are pending.

For information about the mystery dinners, contact: George Grasse, [gandg@histomin.com](mailto:gandg@histomin.com).



## BUNCO!

Bunco is an easy dice game of chance and an opportunity to spend time with friends.

The Fourth Thursday morning Bunco group starts with a light breakfast/brunch served by the hostess, after which the group plays from 9:30 to 10:45-11:00. Anyone interested in becoming a member or being on the substitute list please call or email Diana Hopkins, 348- 6946 or [vatxrok@me.com](mailto: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](mailto:spurgchick@gmail.com) or 540-460-1654.



### **Pinochle Club**

Pinochle will continue playing for the summer. On June 12 we will play at the home of Bill Stone and Joe Little. Anyone, whether they know the game or not, is invited to play. It is easy to learn, and we play for fun. We would like to maintain two tables of four players, so substitutes are always welcome, and some can play monthly. We play two games with a refreshment intermission provided by the host. The play goes from 2 until about 4:30 on the second Wednesday of the month. For more information, contact Marilou Schindler 291-2992.

### **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 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](mailto:cmtucker@comcast.net).

A third group, which would meet in the evening, is under consideration. If you are interested, please contact Bill Stone at [kingsway807@yahoo.com](mailto:kingsway807@yahoo.com)



### **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](mailto: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](mailto:donbrooke@gmail.com), or Debbie Maurer, [mountaintoppers@exede.net](mailto:mountaintoppers@exede.net)



"At the Guillotine" on the AT  
May 21, 2019

## 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.

There is no newsletter in July or August.

## CALENDAR

### June

- 4 Yoga
- 4 Canasta – Black 3's
- 5 Club Meeting**
- 6 *Final Salute: D-Day plus 75*
- 7 Hiking
- 10 Poker
- 11 Yoga
- 12 Pinochle
- 14 Hiking
- 18 Yoga
- 18 Canasta – Red 3's
- 19 Bunko
- 21 Hiking
- 22 Presidential "Heads" tour
- 25 Yoga
- 27 Bunco
- 27 Page Turners
- 28 Hiking

### July

- 2 Yoga
- 5 Hiking
- 9 Yoga
- 10 Pinochle
- 12 Hiking
- 14 Club Picnic**
- 16 Yoga
- 19 Hiking
- 23 Yoga
- 26 Hiking
- 30 Yoga

Note: some interest groups may continue to meet over the summer. Please check with the contact person of the group.