

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

Greetings all!

Welcome back from our summer break. It was great to see so many familiar faces and to add 4 new members to our roster. I'm looking forward to an exciting year of renewed energy along with some fantastic programs, most of which have been in place for years.

Please mark your calendars for the Holiday Party. This year it will be on Thursday, December 12, with a tentative time of 4 – 8 pm. John Ekin and David Lusk volunteered at our September meeting to assist along with current volunteers Tom Thompson, Julie Eckles, Shelley Undercoffer and Joe Little. Additionally, we will be having a dessert contest at the Holiday Party with the winner to receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to a Lexington business. I am confident the desserts will be spectacular and it will allow us to allocate more funds to increase the quality of food. Look for more information in future newsletters.

We are looking for a co-chair for the events committee as Lauralee Hart has decided it's time to step down. Barbara Ekin has been working on the committee and will continue, but she's requested someone to assist.

I announced at the September meeting that we would play a single game of BINGO after each monthly meeting for a 50/50 split of the pot. The club will benefit and it should be great fun. I know it was a surprise but even with short notice we were able to add \$45.00 to our treasury and the lucky winner was Jane Stange who went home \$45.00 richer. It was such fun and I predict that we will have even more players in the coming months. This additional money will help ease the current constraints on our budget.

The speaker this month was from the Literacy Volunteer organization. Cathy Watters described her experience and what a wonderful program it was. Several in attendance agreed that the personal rewards are immeasurable. We will continue to have speakers from nonprofit organizations at our monthly meetings.

I am proposing to add the words "nonprofit organization" to our by-laws and I will follow up with this at our next meeting. We currently are a nonprofit organization but there are benefits to having it specifically stated in the by-laws. We will vote on this in November.

If you have anything you'd like to discuss with me about the club, please shoot me a note or call me. It is my intent that all members are satisfied with the programs that are offered - inclusion for all who want to be included.

Thanks for your support!
Bill

CLUB OFFICERS

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Marilou Schindler

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Welcome
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TREASURERS REPORT
June 5, 2019
Submitted by Aileen Spurgeon

Vell Wallinger
 Marina Pratt

This bring our current 2018-2019 membership to 218 paid members.

Beginning Balance:	\$1664.71
Income:	
<i>Picnic</i>	\$ 335.00*
<i>Dues</i>	130.00
Total:	\$ 465.00
Expenses:	
<i>Rent</i>	\$ 60.00
<i>Gift Certificate</i>	50.00
<i>Picnic location rental</i>	125.00
<i>Picnic supplies</i>	135.10
<i>Kenney's chicken</i>	155.00
Total picnic cost	415.10*
<i>Secretary supplies</i>	24.69
<i>Website</i>	119.40
Expense Total	\$669.19
Ending Balance:	\$1460.52
Picnic:	
*\$335.00 brought in	
- 415.10 paid out	
\$ 80.10 subsidized by club	



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.

June:
 Dorothy Coker - Thinking of You
 Pacemaker update

July:
 Helen Moore - Thinking of You
 Broken arm

Nick Wedeman - Thinking of You
 Health issues

Tom and Betty Cheers - Thinking of You
 Tom had surgery

Dennis and Linda Andrew - Sympathy
 Loss of Dennis' sister

August:
 George Grasse - Thinking of You
 Back issues

Linda McCumber – Sympathy
 Loss of Linda's grandson

September:
 Rosemary Cecil - Thinking of You
 Rosemary's husband health issues

Linda McCumber, Corresponding Secretary
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The proposed 2019-2020 budget can be found on the last page.

MEMBERSHIP

The following new members joined at the September meeting. Their contact information will be in the next newsletter. Welcome to:

Linda Powell
 Anita James & Edward Baum

PHOTOGRAPHS



Please send your activity photos for the on-line photo album to John Ekin at jmax806@live.com

HOSPITALITY

A new member tea is planned for November. Details will be in the October newsletter.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Activities Committee is posting these upcoming events for your consideration.

Saturday, September 28th, is a **hay wagon tour of POLYFACE FARM**, a working farm near Staunton. Their website states: "In 1961, William and Lucille Salatin moved their young family to Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, purchasing the most worn-out, eroded, abused farm in the area near Staunton. Using nature as a pattern, they and their children began the healing and innovation that now supports three generations.

Today the farm arguably represents America's premier non-industrial food production oasis. "

"LUNATIC TOURS: Offered two times per month, these genuine hay wagon tours of Polyface Farm have limited space. Nominal fee \$20.00 for adults, free for children 12 and younger (children must be accompanied by an adult). For both young and old this meandering driving tour stops at all the different pastured animals, where the Polyface lunatic farmers sound forth on everything from earthworms to earth muffins.

Address: Polyface Farms, 43 Pure Meadows Lane, Swoope, VA 24479 Tour starts promptly at 1:00 and ends at 3:00. It is a Rain or Shine event so be prepared for whatever weather Mother Nature has in store. **Be sure to arrive 20 minutes prior to start of tour, we will not backtrack for late comers. The tour is only 2 hours; we will not run longer if you are late."**

LIMITED SEATS LEFT, AS OF THIS WRITING ONLY 7 OPENINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 28TH. If you would like to go, please sign up directly on the website, www.polyfacefarms.com Also email Lauralee Hart or Barb Ekin.

Please join us on October 17th for **dinner and a show at The Wayne Theatre!** Dinner will be served in the exhibit gallery at 6pm with the show, *Deathtrap*, starting at 7pm in The Custin Caberet.

In Ira Levin's classic comedic thriller, *Deathtrap*, a washed-up playwright finds a chance to rise to the top once more, a shot he'd be willing to kill for. Sidney Bruhl hasn't written a hit play for 18 years when he receives a script from a former student, Clifford Anderson, that's a guaranteed success. His wife, Myra, suggests the two men could collaborate; Sidney jokes that it'd be just as easy to murder the young man and steal the script for his own. When Clifford arrives later that evening, no one--not even the visiting psychic--could predict where the dark events of the night will go. Who is innocent? Who only seems that way? *Deathtrap* is a sharply funny play full of twists and turns that keep an audience on the edge of their seats. Is anyone really safe when a man sees a clean shot at success?

The dinner and play will be opening night, **October 17**. The price will be \$42.00 per person. **Deadline to sign up is October 1st.** Make checks out to Lauralee Hart and mail to 10 West Oaks Drive Lexington VA 24450.

Potential October Event (Date TBD):
Just Games 314 S Main St., Lexington, VA 24450
(Board Games)

Basically, they offer numerous Board Games “100+ game demo library of various types, difficulties, and duration or you may bring a favorite game from home!”

If there is enough interest from club members, we will set up a date and time in October. This is the information they requested:

- How many people they would need to accommodate at an event.
- The average age and background of the attendees to know what board games they might want to play.
- Charge is \$10/person for up to three hours of gaming (or \$5 for an hour for a shorter event). Paige and Zander (owners) will be helping to set up and teach the games.
- Recommended group size is around 12 since more than that can be difficult to coordinate.
- Tuesday, Saturday or Sunday (with a minimum of 6 participants to host the group outside normal business hours).

Battlefield Tours: Regrettably, George will not be able to put together a battlefield trip for this year. He and Dick had planned to do a two-day Manassas trip in mid-to-late September. But he has not been able to study up on the Manassas battles and would not be prepared in time for a September trip.

Thank you for your continued interest in these trips. We hope to continue them in the future.

Annual Summer Picnic 2019



The Newcomers Picnic in July was a great success and a wonderful time was had by all. Here are some pictures from this event.



YOUTH LITERACY PROGRAM

Reading is the basis for success in school and beyond, but some youngsters need extra time and help to master it. If you love children and enjoy reading, you can combine these passions AND make a real difference in the lives of many struggling young readers by joining the Youth Literacy program at Rockbridge Regional Library.

Youth Literacy reading tutors encourage students' interest in reading, help them to improve their reading skills, and find fun ways of doing these things. The program partners with Lexington City and Rockbridge County public schools. School staff identify children, kindergarten through fifth grade, who need extra help and pair them with a tutor trained through the program. Youth Literacy volunteer Cathy Watters spoke at our September meeting telling more about the program. If you missed the meeting, another information session is scheduled for September 16, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Hillel House on the Washington and Lee campus. You can contact Susan at 540.463.4324, ext. 105 or sbushnell@rrlib.net

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

Do you enjoy visiting with a small intimate group of friends over a delicious meal? Then please consider

joining the "Fine Dining Group"!! As a participant you'll be a part of the three dinners during the year at member's homes. I coordinate the dining assignments so that at each dinner you're eating with a new group (usually around 8 people at each meal).

Members should be prepared to host one dinner during the year. Hosts determine the menu, coordinate with their guests to choose a suitable date and time, and assign recipes for the meal. Hosts generally find it easy to come up with a theme or menu for the dinner. Members should be prepared to be open to trying new cooking experiences and recipes!

The cost of each dinner is split evenly among the participants so hosting isn't a financial burden. You needn't be a "couple"... singles welcome!

I am looking for new members to join or be substitutes. We are looking forward to welcoming them into Fine Dining. No worries, the first year you do not have to host.

I'll be sending out the request for Host to sign-ups for the Fall, Winter, and Spring dinners soon, so please contact me, Jane Stange, at 703-969-4023 or pstange@embarqmail.com with any questions or to have your name added to the list.

SOMETHING SPECIAL-Bill Stone, a Fine Dining Member, has asked us to make desserts for the Holiday Party. His idea is to have some fun with it and have a little competition for a prize (Gift Certificate). It will also be open to the general membership but he thought it was something we would enjoy. Send me your thoughts.

Mystery Dinner

Memo from Chief Inspector George Grasse: Is it hedge-fund embezzlement or stock fraud? Two parties have been held. Two more parties are filled but dates are pending.

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 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



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.

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

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.

A third group, which would meet in the evening, is under consideration. If you are interested, please contact Bill Stone at 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



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

Yoga Group

After 8 years Helen Moore has rolled up her Kendal yoga mat for the last time, although she can still be found at the Y. In that time, many Newcomers have enjoyed the early Tuesday morning session she has led. We appreciated the time she gave us. Namaste

We hope there is another Newcomer with Yoga teaching experience who would like to continue the group. A new location also needs to be found.

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



"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 or call 540-280-2533.

CALENDAR

September	October
3 Canasta	1 Canasta
4 Club Meeting	2 Club Meeting
6 Hiking	4 Hiking
11 Pinochle	9 Pinochle
13 Hiking	11 Hiking
18 Bunko	16 Bunko
20 Hiking	17 Wayne Theatre, dinner & show
24 Canasta	18 Hiking
26 Page Turners Book Club	22 Canasta
26 Bunco	24 Page Turners Book Club
27 Hiking	24 Bunco
28 Lunatic Tour at Polyface Farm	25 Hiking

	<u>Original</u> <u>Budget 2018/19</u>	<u>YTD Totals</u>	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET</u> <u>SEP 2019 - AUG 2020</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Previous Balance	\$ 1,906.25		\$ 1,460.52	
Income				
Membership dues	\$ 4,520.00	\$ 4,010.00	\$ 4,400.00	220 @ \$20 per person
Fall Event	\$ 940.00	\$ 1,041.00	\$ 940.00	420 subsidized by club last year
Holiday Party	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,425.00	95 @ \$15 person (\$2,557.62 subsidized)
Picnic	\$ 370.00	\$ 335.00	\$ 350.00	70 @ \$5 per person (\$80.10 subsidized)
Other	\$ -			
Subtotal Income	\$ 9,266.25	\$ 6,886.00	\$ 8,575.52	
Expense				
Door Prizes/tickets	\$ (225.00)	\$ (225.00)	\$ (225.00)	9 months @ \$25
Gifts and Memorials	\$ (50.00)	\$ (150.00)	\$ (50.00)	
New Member Coffee	\$ (50.00)	\$ (12.75)	\$ (50.00)	
Rent	\$ (540.00)	\$ (540.00)	\$ (540.00)	9 months @ \$60 per month
Website	\$ (300.00)	\$ (337.00)	\$ (177.00)	
Chamber of Commerce	\$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)	
Other	\$ (100.00)	\$ (56.27)	\$ (75.00)	
		\$ -		
Fall Event	\$ (1,050.00)	\$ (1,463.00)	\$ (1,050.00)	
Holiday Party	\$ (4,400.00)	\$ (4,057.62)	\$ (4,400.00)	
Picnic	\$ (450.00)	\$ (415.10)	\$ (420.00)	
Subtotal Expense	\$ (7,265.00)	\$ (7,356.74)	\$ (7,087.00)	
NET TOTAL	\$ 2,001.25	\$ (470.74)	\$ 1,488.52	