

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 Newcomers!

At November's meeting our members passed the proposed change to our bylaws to officially include the wording "not-for-profit."

Sunday, November 17th at 3:00 PM, is the Hospitality Committee's fall event at Vera Winkler's house. As Linda Andrews was leaving, she said there weren't many who had signed up. We'd like to have a good showing to welcome those who are new to the group. Please let Linda know you're coming and what you'll bring. (Linda's email is wayward45lja@gmail.com).

The Holiday Party committee is getting together Monday to discuss pricing for the party along with other details. Look for a message to be sent out later next week with the details. Know that it will be Thursday, December 12, from 4-8 PM at Moody Hall on the VMI campus.

I have some great news to share with the group -- after the meeting on Wednesday, two former club presidents came up to me and offered to take on the responsibilities of the Hospitality Committee as Linda Andrews, who has done a great job, is stepping down as she gets closer to moving from the area. Special thanks to Janet Gibson and Carol Humphries for bringing their talents to another leadership role for the club once again!!

We are still looking for folks to step up to champion the Wine Tasting group, Fine Dining, and Activities & Events Committee.

I'd like to welcome the new folks who joined us this month and also thank those who have paid your dues for our current operational year. Congrats to Fritz Schindler for winning the door prize this month.

After our November meeting we played BINGO and two members left happy winners. Barb Tyner and Becky Thompson split the pot and each walked out with \$20.00 (the membership cost for the year!!)

Please check emails this month for details on the Holiday Party and enjoy this busy time of year.

Bill

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TREASURERS REPORT
November 6, 2019
Submitted by Julie Eckles

Beginning Balance:	\$1940.52
Income:	
Dues	\$ 3,170.00
Bingo x 2 months	90.00
Total:	\$ 3,260.00
Expenses:	
Rent for 2 months	120.00
Webpage	57.68
<i>(reissuance Ekin check)</i>	
Hospitality	16.26
Expense Total	\$ 193.94
Ending Balance:	\$5,006.58

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MEMBERSHIP

Our club increased its membership by 11 since our last meeting. We welcome the following Newcomers:

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This brings our 2019-20 membership to 193 paid members. Dues must be paid by December 31 to avoid being dropped from membership, or prior to paying to attend the annual holiday party on December 12.

If you change your email address, phone number, or address, please let me know. You will not receive the newsletter or information about club events if our records are not up-to-date. For information about membership, contact Marilou Schindler, marilous@aol.com or 540-291-2992





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.

As of early November, the following cards were sent:

Thinking of You to Deb Price who had surgery

Thinking of You to Doris Greywall whose daughter was involved in a plane incident

Linda McCumber, Corresponding Secretary
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PHOTOGRAPHS



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

HOSPITALITY



Tea & Coffee Social for New Members Sunday, November 17, 2019

Just a reminder about our Newcomers tea for our newest members which will be held on November 17 from 3-5 pm. Vera Winkle has offered her home for this event, **110 Belle Meade Lane, Rockbridge Baths, Va** . We look forward to seeing veteran members and getting to know the newest members.

Veteran members, if you have not signed up to attend and bring something, you can still sign up. Veteran members who would like to bring

an horsd'oeuvre or any treat, please contact Linda Andrew. Look forward to seeing you.

Directons : From Lex, west Rt. 60, drive 5 miles, R on Frederickburg Rd. 2 miles, R on Maple Swamp, 2 miles turn L. on Belle Meade Ln, (second driveway on R. rust colored house.

Holiday Party

Thursday, December 12, 4:00-8:00 pm
Moody Hall, VMI Campus

SOMETHING SPECIAL - Bill Stone is inviting members 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). Watch for future emails with more information.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Quilt Museum Outing



Jan Lowry, Pam Cappallo, Linda Andrew,
Linda McCumber, Lauralee Hart, Barbara Ekin

On Oct. 17, six of our members journeyed to Harrisonburg on a windy but sunny Thursday. We enjoyed the drive as traffic on I 81 was light. Upon arriving a bit early Jan, both Linda's and I wandered over to the Heritage Café for warm coffee. Once the Museum opened, we were greeted and given a brief overview of the exhibits. The resident docent

explained some of the history of the beautiful house now the Virginia Quilt Museum.

The exhibit consists of 3 floors filled with amazing quilts from very talented quilters. People from West Virginia, Virginia and as far away as Australia had provided beautiful examples of a variety of quilt styles and designs.



The special attraction was the display of Elvis themed quilts on the main floor. Many were titled after his hit songs. These are truly works of art, not your normal “Kohl’s quilt” for sure. This special Elvis exhibit will be there until Jan. 2020.... worth the drive.

PLEASE NOTE THE PHOTOS, WHILE NOT COPYWRITED, ARE NOT TO BE REPRODUCED, COPIED AND/OR POSTED ON ANY SOCIAL MEDIA SITE. Thank you for respecting the Virginia Quilt Museum’s policy.

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

There is still a space or two in the following two classes at Lavender Fields at Tantivy Farms, 1350 Decatur Rd, Fairfield, VA 24435

1st class: **Living Advent Table Wreath**
Thursday, November 14th from 2:00-4:00 pm.

These wreaths are so beautiful and will add amazing fragrance to any room lucky enough to entertain your wreath during the Advent season and for many days following. Herbs growing in their Advent Garden will be used. They will discuss the meaning of the herbs as they relate to the Christmas season and the significance of lighting each Sunday’s candle. The class will be led by Penny Ross, co-owner of Tantivy Farms.

The cost is \$40.00 and will include an oasis wreath form in a dish (this is a live wreath), 4 candles, purple and pink with holder and all greens and herbs. Lavender themed refreshments will be served.

Please email Lauralee Hart in advance at lauraleesorensen@yahoo.com if you wish to attend. The class is limited to 8 people. Another date can be added if there is interest. You must sign up in advance. Make checks payable to: Tantivy Farms and mail them to: Lauralee Hart, 10 West Oaks Drive, Lexington, VA 24450. Again, please email me before you send a check. Thank you.

2nd class: **Holiday Wreath Making**
Tuesday, November 19th from 2:00-4:00 pm

‘Tis the season of all things lovely and bright. There is a lot of hustle and bustle that goes along with the next few months, but it’s also a time to settle in with hot apple cider, hot chocolate and pretty cookies. Get in touch with your creative side. Join Penny Ross of Tantivy Farms for an afternoon with friends new and familiar. Inhale the fragrance of the season, create a wreath that is all your own work. Penny will provide you with a wire frame, wire, picks, mixed greens and herbs, berries, rosehips, cones of all sizes and shapes, ribbon and bows. You are welcome to bring greens from your own yard.

The cost is \$35.00 all materials included. If you have clippers, please bring them with you. Penny will have extras available.

Please email Lauralee Hart in advance at lauraleesorensen@yahoo.com if you wish to attend. The class is limited to 8 people. Another date can be added if there is interest. You must sign up in advance. Make checks payable to: Tantivy Farms and mail them to: Lauralee Hart, 10 West Oaks Drive, Lexington, VA 24450. Again, please email me before you send a check. Thank you.

HIDDEN FIGURES - A Journey Home Historical Expo and Movie Showing at the Historic Masonic Theatre in Clifton Forge. Saturday, November 23 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. The expo will be held in the Underground Lounge and Café and will feature presentations in expo style by a number of local and regional historical organizations followed by a showing of the hit movie *Hidden Figures*.

The event is free. Please email Lauralee Hart at lauraleesorensen@yahoo.com if you wish to attend and want to carpool.

Holiday GardenFest

Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens in Richmond, VA. Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 5:00 pm.

Tuesdays feature holiday caroling. The group will meet at 5:00 pm with a group dinner at the Tea House and then people will be free to tour at their own pace. Allow about an hour to tour the gardens and leave time to visit the Bling Shop for all those last minute gifts. The price is \$11.00 for seniors (age 55+) garden admission only. Dinner will be separate.

Please email Lauralee Hart at lauraleesorensen@yahoo.com by November 24th if you wish to attend. Make checks payable to: Lauralee Hart and send to 10 West Oaks Drive, Lexington, VA 24450.

The Newcomer's Activities Committee is looking for a few people to help plan the next year's activities. It is fun and will only take a few hours of your time. Share your ideas and talents. Please contact Bill Stone, Barbara Ekin or Lauralee Hart if you are interested.

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

November finds us in the midst of our Fall Dinners. Looking forward to our dinner this weekend at the Zimmermans. Paula Zimmerman even provided us with this elegant menu.



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). If you would like to sign up to be a substitute diner, please contact me.

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!

If you have any questions please call me at 703-969-4023 or jstange5440@gmail.com.

Mystery Dinner

From the Detective Bureau: We have finally closed the book on the "Wall Street Scandal". The murderer proved to be more elusive than we thought; no one truly solved it!

More "gumshoes" are probably needed for 2020. For information about the mystery dinners, contact: George Grasse, gandg@histomin.com

Wine Tasting Group



The Wine Tasting Group generally holds tastings three times a year (March-April, June-July, and October-

November). However, with the loss of our local sommelier the wine tasting group is taking a break this fall.

Update for the wine club. I will start making arrangements with Washington Street Purveyor for a wine tasting in Jan Feb March. I will be sending out emails soon for hosts. Anyone wishing to join the club, please let me know by the end of November: 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 points (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.



Halloween Bunco was held at Julie Eckles' house on Oct 24th.

After a waffle bar breakfast with hot and cold witch's brews, fierce Bunco competition unfolded with "Aces" in play all three rounds. Don't know what that means? Looking to join a fun group of lucky ladies? Morning Bunco is always looking to add to the Subs list —contact Diana Hopkins to be included: 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. For more information, please contact Aileen Spurgeon at spurgchick@gmail.com or 540-460-1654.

NO WEDNESDAY BUNKO IN DECEMBER.



Pinochle Club

The pinochle group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 2-4:30, with a rotating host who provides a dessert about halfway through our play of two games. We welcome new players, and substitutes who would like to learn how to play this easy and fun game. In November we will play at the home of Bill Stone and Joe Little. Call Marilou Schindler 291-2992 for more information

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



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 at wayward45lja@gmail.com or call 540-280-2533.



Coffee anyone??

Are you interested in possibly getting together for coffee socially, once or twice a month, at a local establishment with other members of the Newcomers Club? If so, please let Pat Thompson know. Her email is: Ptapex@aol.com. If there's enough interest in doing something like this, these very casual get-togethers would be held as simply another way to get to know each other better as we settle into the area.

Calendar

November

Please note, Thanksgiving is the fourth Thursday. Groups that meet that day have been cancelled.

- 1 Hiking
- 5 Canasta
- 6 Club Meeting**
- 8 Hiking
- 13 Pinochle
- 14 Advent Wreath, Lavender Fields
- 15 Hiking
- 19 Christmas Wreath, Lavender Fields
- 20 Bunko
- 22 Hiking
- 23 *KRISKINDLEMARKT*
- 23 *Hidden Figures (movie)*
- 28 Thanksgiving**
- 28 Page Turners Book Club
- 28 Bunco
- 28 Canasta
- 29 Hiking

December

Please check if your group is meeting during Christmas week.

- 3 Canasta
- 4 Club Meeting
- 6 Hiking
- 11 Pinochle
- 12 Christmas Party**
- 13 Hiking
- 17 *Holiday Garden Tour*
- ~~18 Bunko (cancelled)~~
- 20 Hiking
- 24 Canasta
- 25 Christmas**
- 26 Page Turners book club
- 26 Bunco
- 27 Hiking