

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

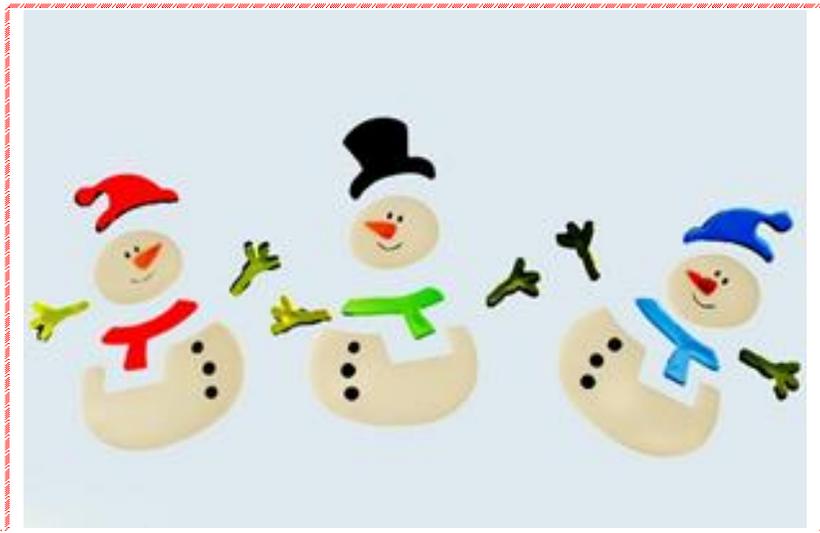
Greetings Newcomers!

The consensus is that the Holiday dinner was a big success. The venue was great, the food was delicious, and the music entertaining. There was an abundance of desserts to choose from, all tasting wonderful. So many great entries presented a challenge to our judges. Congrats to the dessert contest winners:

1st place Darin Docekal - cannoli cheesecake and 2nd place Julie Eckles - cup cakes
Thanks to all who prepared a dessert.

A new year, a new chapter in life. Let's all try something new -- a hike, a card game, start reading again, a recipe, yoga, an outing with neighbors and friends. Being active helps us to stay young and feel connected. I recommend taking on something new and different -- I'm now a volunteer fireman and taking EMT classes this year. I've even started going to yoga classes. I have heard from others who are involved in the community and these are the folks who are also so full of energy. So then I wonder is it because they are active that they have energy or do they have energy and so they become active - chicken or the egg. We have opportunities within the club but based on what we've heard at our monthly meetings, there are great opportunities and needs in the community as well. Let's all try to engage -- for ourselves and our community

Bill



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TREASURERS REPORT
January 8, 2020
Submitted by Julie Eckles

Beginning Balance:	\$ 5,006.58
(from November 6 report)	
Income:	
Dues	\$ 570.00
Holiday party	\$ 1,950.00
Total:	\$ 2,520.00
Expenses:	
Rent (January)	\$ 60.00
Baking contest prizes (2@\$25.00)	\$ 50.00
Holiday Party	
Venue	\$ 500.00
Food/Drink/Service/Taxes	\$ 3,831.73
Expense Total	\$ 4,441.73
Ending Balance:	\$ 3,084.85

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This brings our 2019-20 membership to 221 paid members.

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.

The following cards were sent to members since our last meeting:

Sympathy - Suzanne Williams who lost her brother

Thinking of You - George Grasse and Wendell Tucker who are dealing with health issues

Linda McCumber, Corresponding Secretary
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1-804-839-4671



MEMBERSHIP

Our club increased its membership by 7 since our last meeting. We welcome the following Newcomers:

Lydia & Wayne Shiver
302 Birdfield Road
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PHOTOGRAPHS



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

HOSPITALITY



A new members tea/coffee was held on November 17 at Vera Winkler's home. It was nice to see so many old members welcoming so many new members. Below are just a few pictures



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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 Aileen Spurgeon spurgchick@gmail.com or 540-460-1654, if you would like more information. We are open to new members!

In November a group met at Café Michael in Clifton Forge. Following dinner, they attended the Masters of Soul concert at the Historic Masonic Temple.



Chef Michel Galand greets Andy and Carrie O'Sullivan, Bill Stone and Joe Little, Sharon and Jim Littlepage, and Becky and Shawn Thompson

Dining In/Fine Dining Group

Fine Dining will be starting the year off with a new round of dinners. Our Winter dinners will be scheduled from January through March. I will be contacting members in the next week and sending guest assignments out to hosts very soon. New members are always welcome.

Members attend three dinners per year and members are required to host once every 4 sessions (depending on the total number of members). The Fine Dining coordinator assigns groups so that you will eat with different members at each dinner. Hosts plan the menu, coordinate selecting a date among their guests and assigning recipes to their guests. Costs for meals are split evenly among all attending each dinner so that hosting isn't a costly burden.

Contact Jane Stange at jstange5440@gmail.com or 703-969-4023, if you are interested in knowing more about Fine Dining.

Mystery Dinner

From the Detective Bureau: There are no active cases at the moment. However, we anticipate that something will happen later in the spring. Chief Inspector George Grasse will send out a call for more gumshoes when he has more information.



Wine Tasting Group

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

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.

Looking to join a fun group of lucky ladies? Morning Bunco, which meets the thirds Thursday of every month, 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.



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



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. On February 12th we will play at the home of Ray and Peg Leinbach. Call Marilou Schindler 291-2992 for more information



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

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



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



Many of our intrepid hikers celebrating a half Woods Creek walk with the Christmas feast at W&L's cafeteria.

Calendar

January 2020

7	Canasta
8	<i>Club Meeting</i>
8	Pinochle
10	Hiking
13	Poker
15	Bunko
17	Hiking
23	Page Turners Book Club
23	Bunco
24	Hiking
28	Canasta
31	Hiking

February

4	Canasta
5	<i>Club Meeting</i>
7	Hiking
10	Poker
12	Pinochle
14	Hiking
19	Bunko
21	Hiking
25	Canasta
27	Page Turners book club
27	Bunco
28	Hiking