

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

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Greetings All.

It's time for my random thoughts. This is where I share some pearls of wisdom - problem is I don't feel like I have any pearls left to share. I'm not sure if it's the winter doldrums or maybe I'm just feeling ol_ (you know what I mean). Regardless, I think we all go through these times. I just plod through until something ignites me back to my happy-go-lucky state of mind. It's the little things that bring a smile to my face - my dog following me around wherever I go, daffodils coming up through what otherwise looks like baron soil, a sunrise that signals a beautiful day ahead, a phone call from a friend just calling to share some news.

I'd like us all to be mindful of each other - the Newcomers Club has many activities that help to connect us with others but sometimes reaching out to one another - aside from the bunko gathering, the hike, or the fine dinning, etc.- that little extra "how are you doing? I haven't seen you in a while - is everything ok? - thanks for being part of this group, I appreciate you - I'd like to catch up, let's get together for coffee -" all help to regenerate us. The funny thing is that even those who seem to be so incredibly busy often are the ones who can be the most disconnected. Let's make a point of connecting.

To help us better connect, we are in the preliminary stages of pulling together a club sponsored socializing party on or around the 5th of May, Cinco de Mayo! The Newcomers Club seems to be on a successful roll so I'm looking to add an extra event to our calendars - more to come.

Thanks to all those who have taken on leadership roles - y'all are doing a fantastic job!! I APPRECIATE YOU! and yes I'm talking about YOU.

Keep an eye out for more info on the May event as well as another club sponsored event before we break for summer.

Peace and Joy to each of you.

Bill

TREASURERS REPORT
February 5, 2020
Submitted by Julie Eckles

Beginning Balance: (from January 8 report)	\$ 3,084.85
Income:	
Dues	\$ 40.00
Bingo	\$ 35.00
Total:	\$ 75.00
Expenses:	
Rent (February)	\$ 60.00
Pat Anthony (reimburse gift certificates)	\$ 75.00
Linda McCumber (reimburse secretarial Supplies)	\$ 17.32
Expense Total	\$ 152.32
Ending Balance:	\$ 3,007.26

Jim Killorin
James.E.Killorin@gmail.com

Virginia Cooke
CookeVB@yahoo.com

Lynn Sherrard
Mojolynn48@gmail.com

This brings our 2019-20 membership to 225 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 – Dick & Mary Halseth - the loss of Mary's mother

Sympathy – the Family of Jeff Salb

Sympathy – Mary Quayles – the loss of Mary's sister

Thinking of You – Marilou Schindler who had knee surgery

Linda McCumber, Corresponding Secretary
LDMCRETIRED@YAHOO.COM
 1-804-839-4671



MEMBERSHIP

Our club increased its membership by 5 since our last meeting. We welcome the following Newcomers:

Brian and Sarah Canatsey
 10 Wild Turkey Rd
 Lexington VA 24450
brianc@contecsearch.com
sallycan@verizon.net

PHOTOGRAPHS



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

Community Volunteer Opportunity

Wednesdays speaker was Becky Merchant from the Secret Granny Society, a local volunteer group serving local children. Working through the elementary schools the 'Granny' provides for a child for a school year. This may include buying clothes and/or school supplies, making sure they get gifts for birthdays and holidays, and other little surprises and encouragements throughout the year. For more information contact Becky Merchant, beckymerchant96@gmail.com or 540-463-4356 or Pat Jones, prjones.lex@gmail.com or 540-460-2118

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.

62ND ANNUAL HIGHLAND COUNTY MAPLE FESTIVAL, MONTEREY, VA

Mar. 14-15 & 21-22 Saturday 9-5 Sunday 9-4
Allow drive time of 1 hr. 45 minutes
It's a Rain or Shine Event, dress appropriately for the weather.

In 1999 the Library of Congress designated the festival a "local legacy" and in 2014 the Governor of Virginia signed a bill into law

designating the festival as the "official maple festival of Virginia."

Maps are available for a self-guided tour of the "Sugar Trail" which takes you to area sugar camps. Over 100 juried vendors participate in the Arts & Crafts Shows. And, of course, lots of food: Pancake Dinners, BBQ, Trout, Chicken, Ham dinners, Candy, Funnel Cakes, Baked Goods, Maple Products, and more. There is a small charge for the Arts & Crafts show and the concerts. For more information go to www.Highlandcounty.org

March 20 & 22 The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Wayne Theater, Staunton
Details: TBD

Looking further into spring there are a number of possible activities. More information will be forthcoming closer to the events.

Polyface Farm Tour – Spring Season

April 4, 18 1:00-3:00 or May 30 1:00-3:00
Several members went to the fall tour and found it very interesting. Because these tours fill up quickly, if you are interested in going please let Barbara know as soon as possible and specify which date.

July 17-18 Mother Earth Fair at Polyface Farms (tickets TBD) SPECIAL EVENT

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If you are a theatre buff, there are several upcoming shows beyond Lexington.

~April 11 (Holy Saturday) *Fiddler on the Roof*, Altria Theater, Richmond Matinee Details TBD

~MAY 16 *Reduced Shakespeare* (comedy) Academy Center of the Arts, Lynchburg Tickets \$25 - \$82 (group discount may be available)

~June 19-21/21-28 *On Golden Pond*
Details TBD Endstation Theater, Randolph College, Lynchburg

~July 14-19 *Bye-Bye Birdie*
Details TBD Endstation Theater, Randolph College, Lynchburg

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Potential Activity: The Glass Palette, In Charlottesville, is a fun and friendly environment where adventurous people of any age are invited to explore the limitless possibilities of creating with GLASS! We supply the materials, tools and instruction- just bring your creativity and an open mind! The Fusing parties offer you a chance to create your own design on either precut glass or glass you cut with their assistance. There are several types of parties to choose from: snack bowls, or sun catchers, or picture frames to name a few. If there is a group interested in this, a date will be determined and I will get further details.

If you are interested in any of these activities, please contact Barbara Egin, bae2750@live.com

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! *I have compiled the email list for dining out. If you have not heard from me and still want to participate, please contact me. It is possible people were dropped when transitioning.*

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

Dining In/Fine Dining Group

We are in the midst of our Winter session of dinners. Our hosts are planning their menus and sending recipes to their guests. I always look forward to the recipes that our members find for our dinners.

New members are always welcome. If you are interested in learning more, joining or being a substitute you can email me Jane Stange, jstange5440@gmail.com or 703-969-4023.

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.

Mystery Dinner

From the Detective Bureau: There are no active cases at the moment: The Bureau has been temporarily closed. When Chief Inspector George Grasse returns, he will send out a call for more gumshoes.



Wine Tasting Group

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

The group is back to wine tasting with 4 tastings scheduled for the months of February and March. We will have another round in the spring and the summer. Anyone wanting to join the group please contact Barb Tyner at rbytyner@gmail.com

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.

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.



Pinochle Club

The pinochle group is into its fifth year and 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

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



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

Calendar

February

- 4 Canasta
- 5 Club Meeting**
- 7 Hiking
- 10 Poker
- 12 Pinochle
- 14 Hiking
- 19 Bunko
- 21 Hiking
- 25 Canasta
- 27 Page Turners book club
- 27 Bunco
- 28 Hiking

March

- 3 Canasta
- 4 Club Meeting**
- 6 Hiking
- 10 Pinochle
- 13 Hiking
- 14-15 Maple Sugar Festival*
- 18 Bunko
- 20 Hiking
- 21-22 Maple Sugar Festival*
- 24 Canasta
- 27 Bunco
- 27 Page Turners
- 27 Hiking