

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,

March and no real sign of winter. Flowers are starting to come up and we are springing ahead with activities for the next few months. It's time to dust yourselves off and jump into action!

We are planning a Fiesta de Mayo! for May 6th at the Rockbridge Baths Fire Hall and we need everyone to pitch in and PARTY DOWN!! The club will be paying for the food, and virgin Margaritas, ice tea, and water - if you want anything stronger for your beverage, you can bring your own. (this helps us with liability issues, ABC issues, and personal taste 🤪 issues). The menu will be Beef, Chicken, and Veggie fajitas - with all the fixin's, pico de gallo, salsas, tortillas, chips and guacamole, Mexican style rice, and beans. We have 20 volunteers from the club who have already signed up to help but we can use more!! We are planning on decorating the hall or pavilion (weather permitting) and having some activities - a piñata, maybe some salsa or cumbia dance lessons, and of course Loteria (Mexican bingo). We need folks to assist with grilling the fajitas and making rice & beans. The club will pay for the supplies but we need workers! If decorating is your thing, there is a committee for that too. This event takes place on the same day as our Monthly May meeting so we will combine the meeting into this event. We will not be meeting at the country club in May. We do need a headcount of who will be attending and so we have commitment, we are asking for a \$5.00 per person donation. Please send your checks, payable to Lexington Newcomers Club to Suzanne Williams at 759 Maury River Road, Lexington, VA 24450. Also, please indicate if you are able to volunteer to assist with the party. This event will take the place of our monthly meeting as it occurs on Wednesday May 6th.

The summer picnic is just around the corner and then there are elections that need to happen as well.

We have a new co-chair for events!! Lydia Shriver is going to be assisting Barbara Ekin so look for info on additional events - even over the summer (Heifetz program sounded great at the meeting - don't be surprised if something comes out for the group).

What a great group of folks we have!! Thanks for all who step up and thanks to all who participate.

Hugs all around, Bill

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TREASURERS REPORT
February 5, 2020
Submitted by Julie Eckles



THINKING OF YOU

Beginning Balance: (from January 8 report)	\$ 3,007.26
Income:	
Dues	\$ 120.00
Bingo	\$ 42.00
Total:	\$ 162.00
Expenses:	
Rent (February)	\$ 60.00
Linda McCumber (reimburse secretarial Supplies)	\$ 3.16
Expense Total	\$ 63.16
Ending Balance:	\$ 3,106.10

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:

THINKING OF YOU

- Cynthia Tucker - Oral surgery
- Wendell Tucker - Hip surgery (rescheduled for February 25)
- Linda Andrew - Heart surgery
- George Grasse - Bypass surgery
- Tom Coker – Surgery
- Rosemary Cecil’s husband (Blaine) - gall bladder surgery

SYMPATHY:

- Shawn and Becky Thompson -Shawn’s sister
- Judith Wycoff - Judith’s Brother
- Janet Gibson - Janet’s Brother-in-law
- Larry and Aileen Spurgeon - Larry’s Father

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



MEMBERSHIP

No new members joined in the past month. Our paid membership for 2019-20 is 227.

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



PHOTOGRAPHS

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



Tea and Coffee Social for New Members Sunday, May, 3, 2020

Our spring Newcomer’s Tea to welcome recently-joined members will be held on Sunday, May 3 from 3 pm to 5 pm. Bill Stone and Joe Little have offered their home for this event. The location is 110 Little Lane, Rockbridge Baths.

New members will receive invitations by snail mail and email in early April. We would like to have at least ten veteran members volunteer to provide a sweet or savory snack and to join us in welcoming our newest members. To volunteer, contact Janet Gibson at janethgibson@gmail.com or Carol Humphries at cwhumphries125@gmail.com.

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 or Barbara Ekin 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](http://www.Highlandcounty.org)



The Hunchback of Notre Dame is a theatre production at ShenanArts in Staunton. Performances are March 20-22 and 27-29. Tickets are \$17, \$14 for seniors. You can call and leave a message at the Box Office, 540-712-0001, or email them at

theatre@shenanarts.org For more information visit their website, shenanarts.org

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

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. To learn more about the Polyface Farm and tours, visit their website www.polyfacefarms.com

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If you are a theatre buff, there are several up-coming 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)

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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!

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.

Pictures from a recent dinner....



Tom Coker, Kim Serocki, Joe Little, John Serocki, Rich and Barb Tyner, Dorothy Coker, missing Bill Stone



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 rbtyner@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.



Great appetizers, wine, and company! Jim & Sharon Littlepage, Pat & Bill Anthony, Joe Little, Lynn and Ann Jones, missing Bill Stone.

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 March 11th we will play at the home of Shelley Undercoffer. Call Marilou Schindler 291-2992 for more information.

Canasta

There are three 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 either or both of those groups, please contact Cynthia Tucker, 463-3344, cmtucker@comcast.net.

A third group, The Canastys, meets in the evening. The specific day and date are determined by the host. 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

March

3 Canasta
4 Club Meeting
6 Hiking
10 Pinochle
13 Hiking
14-15 Maple Sugar Festival
18 Bunco
20 Hiking
20-22 Hunchback of Notre Dame
21-22 Maple Sugar Festival
24 Canasta
27 Bunco
27 Page Turners
27 Hiking
27-29 Hunchback of Notre Dame

April

1 Club Meeting
3 Hiking
7 Canasta
8 Pinochle
10 Hiking
15 Bunco
17 Hiking
21 Canasta
23 Bunco
23 Page Turners
24 Hiking