

Greater Lexington Newcomers

Meetings 1st Wednesday 10:00 to 11:30 AM Each Month Except August & December

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Greetings fellow Newcomers,

I hope this email finds you all well. Please use extra caution when considering being around other people. Most of us are in that critical age group and I would hate to have any of you become infected.

Due to the magnitude of the pandemic, I think it prudent to postpone/cancel our Fiesta de Mayo event. Perhaps we can incorporate it into the summer picnic or we can save it for another year. This also means that our monthly meeting for May will be canceled this year. I will try to stay connected through emails to keep you informed of any other updates as information becomes available.

I encourage you all to stay home and try to stay COVID-19 free. Being socially distant is much better than being in isolation. We still have the freedom to walk around outside and enjoy the beauty around us. I have heard that the virus has made it to our area - always practice being safe. Italy has been losing over 500 people a day for this past week - I heard that they have decided to discontinue to use ventilators on patients 60 AND OLDER due to supplies. Stay home and keep yourself safe - think outside the box - use that can of beans that's been sitting in the back of your cupboard, clean out your closets, call an old friend and catch-up, read the book you've been wanting to read, do some stretching or yoga - get creative and try to embrace this time as your chance to thrive!

Hope to see you all in June.

Bill

TREASURERS REPORT

April 1, 2020

Submitted by Julie Eckles

Beginning Balance: (from January 8 report)	\$ 3,106.10
Income:	
Dues	\$ 00
Bingo	\$ 00
Total:	\$ 00
Expenses:	
Mortgage payment	\$ 1,121.28
Two tickets to Paradise	\$ 2,550.63
Expense Total	\$ 3,671.91
Ending Balance:	\$ - 664.38



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.

Thinking of you
Marilyn Murphy - hand surgery
Dennis Andrew - knee surgery

Sympathy
Tim Dawson - the loss of his Mother

A virtual thinking-of-you card goes out to each of you during this strange time of self-isolation and social distancing. Stay well.

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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



MARTIN



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~~ **CANCELLED**

Out of concern for our health and well-being, and the restriction of groups over 10, it is necessary to cancel the Tea. It will be rescheduled in the future when it is safe to have group gatherings.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting stay-at-home order by the Governor, all special activities and interest groups events have been suspended. However, we hope that you are getting outside on these nice days and enjoying indoor activities when the weather turns unpleasant.

Thinking to the future when we can plan group events again, this website, <https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/virginia>, highlights a number of attractions around the state. If you see something of interest, please let me know and I will share it with the members. Barbara Ekin, bae2750@live.com

INTEREST GROUPS

Interest group participants must be members of Newcomers. To join an interest group, call or email the contact person. Editor's note: Even though the groups are not meeting, I've chosen to leave this in for the descriptions and contact information. Some day we will be able to resume these groups.



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.

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

All things for the wine tasting are on hold for now. We had 4 very successful sessions and one yet to take place. I think all were happy to be back to tasting again. Kali at Washington Street Purveyors was very accommodating. Anyone wanting to join the group please contact Barb Tyner at rbtyner@gmail.com

The Wine Tasting Group generally 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.

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. 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

There are no scheduled events until further notice.