

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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September Greetings,

The Newcomers' Club new year is upon us but sadly it will not be business as usual. Covid-19 continues to impose restrictions on gatherings and activities. Our comfort levels for getting out and about vary from situation to situation so we will not be having a meeting in September. **No September meeting!**

The Executive Board will be discussing how to proceed going forward. The feeling seems to be to not gather and meet until at least January 2021. What do you, the members, think? Please feel free to share your thoughts and idea. My email is sfw4514@gmail.com. Or you can text me at 207.730.0060.

Some Newcomers activities are happening. Aileen Spurgeon has come up with virtual Bunko. How cool is that? Outdoor activities have continued although at a reduced participation level.

No holiday party is scheduled at this time. Let's wait and see what the fall brings toward a reduction of infections and social gathering advisories.

These are indeed strange times. I'm sure our membership can adapt and come up with new ways to interact together either in-person or virtually. At least we are in the age of the internet and social media!

Keep well. Continue to reach out to each other. If you have an idea or suggestion, please let me know.

Suzanne Williams, President



TREASURERS REPORT
August 28, 2020
Submitted by Julie Eckles



THINKING OF YOU

Cards were sent to the following members:

Bill Stone – Get Well – serious fall
 Linda Andrews – Best Wishes – she & Denny are moving to Iowa

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.

Claudette Benavitch, Corresponding Secretary
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Prior balance.	\$ 3,051.05
Expenses:	
Chamber of Commerce	
Dues	\$ 125.00
Tiger Technologies	
Website	\$ 119.40
Total expenses	\$ 244.40
Income:	\$ 00.00
Current Balance	\$ 2806.65
By comparison, balance July 31, 2019	\$ 1460.52



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

INTEREST GROUPS

Interest group participants must be members of Newcomers. To join an interest group, call or email the contact person. Editor's note: Most of the interest groups are currently on hold. When it is safe to resume in-person group events, they will start up again. These are the exceptions.



BUNKO

Come roll with the Bunko ladies! We have a virtual bunko group using Zoom. We are officially starting September 10th and hoping to play once a month, on the second Tuesday of the month. All that is required is access to a computer, iPad or equivalent, or smart phone using Zoom and 3 dice.

We are currently looking for subs. Some experience will be helpful. 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.



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

Hiking in small groups resumed in May. Don and Debbie have sought out trails that are wide enough for social distancing and close enough that carpooling is not necessary. For the comfort of everyone, they request that you wear a mask.



Wine Tasting Group

A new chairperson is needed for the Wine Tasting group.

Other notes

From Carol Humphries: Kudos to Aileen Spurgeon for grabbing the technology bull by the horn and figuring out how to make Zoom Bunco work! We gave it a trial run with eight ladies (two "tables") this month, came up with some suggestions for improvements, and are launching a full 12-participant, three "tables" version next month. It was lots of fun to play bunco but also to catch up with everyone, even if virtually. We encourage everyone to put on their thinking hats and come up with other ways to use technology to keep us together as a club! Thanks, Aileen!

From George Grasse: The Mystery Dinners and the Civil War tours are 'in the cards' for 2021.

From Cynthia Tucker: Canasta won't be meeting until we can safely handle the cards and sit close to one another without concern.