

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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

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Ode to Bill Stone

We thank our former President
For all the things he's done and meant.
He ran our club with great panache
With mighty beard and fine mustache.
He played pinochle, poker, canasta
(Before our current virus disaster).
Good times and service were his mantra
Every Christmas he played Santa.
He brought in bingo—that was fun!
And as a chef was not outdone.
He increased our numbers; budget, too
People meeting, things to do!
Our thanks to him for leading us
With joy and energy, little fuss.
So to thank our friend Bill Stone,
We thought we'd write this little poem.
But after all is done and said,
We know the newsletter isn't read!

(by Doug and Carol Humphries, with apologies to Joyce Kilmer)

A HUGE thank you to all of the friends who brought us dinner for the last 3 weeks! Your thoughts, kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. A special THANK YOU to Julie Eckles who organized the meal train! We have been spoiled. I feel like I'm getting better but I still have a ways to go. I meet with the neurosurgeon on Thursday [October 29] to see what's next. I'm hoping the worst is over but we'll see. Thanks again 😊. Bill

As most of you know Newcomers' past president Bill Stone had a seizure in August and fell. After MANY tests 2 lesions were found on the front of his brain. The tests did not reveal what they were so a brain biopsy was performed. The neurosurgeons have now determined he should have the 2nd lesion removed to be followed by radiation treatment and chemotherapy for several months. Bill survived the "biopsy" where they removed the first lesion and his next surgery set for November 11 is expected to be less challenging.

Thank you all for your kind wishes, prayers and meals. We all hope this next phase will go smoothly.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Newcomers,

I hope this November Newsletter finds you well and looking forward. This has not been the year we anticipated. Instead, we are charting new territory – how to be active and engaged while keeping ourselves and others safe and healthy.

This is our last newsletter of 2020. Albeit short (and sweet), we want to connect with our members and wish everyone happy and healthy holidays however celebrated. We have no idea what 2021 will bring. We hope to resume an active schedule after the start of the New Year but ... who knows? Let’s stay in touch so when the green “Go” flag goes up we are ready.

On a business note, the 2020/2021 budget is official. Thank you for your patience as I worked through the clumsy logistics. Thank you to those who participated in the Zoom meeting and thank you to those who responded by email. I promise not to bombard you with Zooms or emails any time soon!

Since there will be no holiday party this year, I will wish you now Happy Holidays. A toast for a much better New Year!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Williams, President



TREASURERS REPORT
September, 2020
Submitted by Julie Eckles

Prior balance	\$ 3,354.60
Total income (dues)	\$ 410.00
Total Expenses (none)	--
Current Balance	\$ 3,764.60



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.

Claudette Benavitch, Corresponding Secretary
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I sent a “caring for you “ card to Bill Stone as he continues his recovery following his surgery.



MEMBERSHIP

There were no new members in the past month. Forty more members paid their dues bringing our current membership for 2020-21 to 91. Remember to **join by December 31st** so you participate in 2021! We are looking forward to starting up again soon. Send your dues check for **\$10 per person** (reduced dues for this year for current members) made out to Greater Lexington Newcomers Club, and mail it to Marilou Schindler, 160 Pear Blossom Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578.

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.



BUNKO

Come roll with the Bunko ladies! We have a virtual bunko group using Zoom. We officially started September 10th and are hoping to play once a month, on the second Thursday 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. 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 has resumed. 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

Congratulations to Newcomer Sally Nunneley and her mount, Elphin Odin, for qualifying for the dressage Century Club. Dressage is a form of riding performed in exhibition and competition. To qualify the combined ages of the horse and rider must be 100 and they must perform, and be scored, in a dressage test.

