

# Greater Lexington Newcomers

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

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## **CLUB OFFICERS**

### **President**

Suzanne Williams

### **Vice President**

Jack Littley

### **Treasurer**

Julie Eckles

### **Corresponding Secretary**

Claudette Benavitch

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### **Activities**

Barbara Ekin

### **Hospitality**

Carol Humphries  
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### **Membership**

Marilou Schindler

### **Name Tags**

Marilou Schindler

### **Publicity**

Steve Patterson

### **Welcome**

Pat Anthony

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Newcomers,

Happy New Year. I hope you had a good holiday even though gathering with friends and family meant greetings from afar. Greater Lexington Newcomers Club is indeed alive and well albeit social distancing and wearing a mask! There is reason to cheer because of the good news concerning the development and distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine. Let's hope we can meet and greet each other at a Newcomers event this spring or summer.

Newcomers dues were payable by the end of December. Many members are still outstanding. Please take a moment to send your dues of \$10 per individual (\$20 per couple) for the upcoming year to Marilou Schindler, 160 Pear Blossom Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578. The dues are half the regular amount because, well, this is not a regular year!

With the Covid-19 vaccines, this is probably the most anticipated New Year in a long time. Be healthy and be happy is my wish for all. Happy New Year 2021!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Williams, President



**TREASURERS REPORT**  
**January, 2021**  
**Submitted by Julie Eckles**



**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  
[cmbenav@gmail.com](mailto:cmbenav@gmail.com)

Rosemary Cecil - a get well card following her surgery.

John & Barbara Ekin acknowledging their recovery following knee & hip surgeries.

Debbie Slater – a get well card following knee surgery

<b>Prior balance</b> (October report)	<b>\$ 3,764.60</b>
<b>Total income</b> (dues)	<b>\$ 420.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b> (Secretary reimbursement)	<b>\$ 25.22</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$ 4159.38</b>



**MEMBERSHIP**

Our current 2020-21 membership stands at 129, about 100 less than we ended last year. **DUES ARE DUE!** I believe between COVID-19 and the holidays, paying dues was forgotten. I would like to remind you that dues were reduced to **\$10 per person** for the current year. With the probability that the vaccine will be issued to the public in the next two months, activities in the Newcomers Club will likely start up again, with monthly meetings following. Please send your checks for membership made out to Lexington Newcomers Club and mail to me: Marilou Schindler, 160 Pear Blossom Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578. Hope to see you soon in 2021!

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](mailto: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 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 a new regular player as well as 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](mailto: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](mailto:donbrooke@gmail.com), or Debbie Maurer, [mountaintoppers@exede.net](mailto: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.

