

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

Dear Newcomers,

Since we're not busy doing other things because we're still curtailing outside activities, the Newcomers' officers started to think up stuff to keep ourselves occupied. We have two exciting announcements.

First: GLNC has a Facebook page! With thanks to JoAnn and Jim Ritterbush who took this on and got it up and running. At last count, we have 56 members who have joined. This is a private group, Newcomer members only. Common sense ground rules apply: All posts should be Positive, Upbeat, Inclusive, Friendly, Respectful and Courteous, and NICE. No business should be conducted nor solicited on this group. If you haven't joined, please do!

Second: A contest to design a logo! We would like one for the cover of our Facebook page as well as any fliers for the public. This is open to Greater Lexington Newcomers Club members only. No ringers, please! Instead of simply doodling on your napkin, crossword puzzle, or bridge score pad, draw a logo design for our club. Submit your logo design to Deb Bodner at teaguerun1928@yahoo.com by February 28, 2021. Please put "GLNC logo" in the subject line. All logo design submissions will be published anonymously in the March newsletter and on our Facebook page for members to consider and vote as best design. Members can vote for their favorite by hitting **REPLY** on the March newsletter's email. The announcement of the winner will appear in the April newsletter and of course on the GLNC Facebook page.

For best reproduction, your logo design should prominently feature "GLNC" in a simple frame using only a few basic colors. Be creative! Have fun with it! Give it a shot - yours might shine through.

Prize: A Main Street Lexington Gift Certificate in the amount of \$50. Plus bragging rights - priceless.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Williams, President

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Marilou Schindler

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Welcome

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TREASURERS REPORT

February, 2021

Submitted by Julie Eckles



THINKING OF YOU

Prior balance (October report)	\$ 4,159.38
Total income (dues)	\$ 0
Total Expenses (Secretary reimbursement)	\$ 0
Current Balance	\$ 4,159.38

Please let me know when there is a need for a card to be sent and I will respond.

Claudette Benavitch, Corresponding Secretary
cmbenav@gmail.com

Cards were sent to the following members:

George Grasse - thinking of you

John Rafferty - a card of condolence for the death of his wife Pat

Barbara Risser - thinking of you, recovering from foot surgery in November

Janet Hale - a card of remembrance on the anniversary of Calvin's passing.

A note from George Grasse.

Glenda, my wife, and I have been members since 2000. Recently I have experienced several serious surgeries from which I am now recovering. I had my initial lumbar fusion surgery in August 2020. A few months later, it was discovered and confirmed that three of the six screws holding the fusion structure in place were loose and had to be replaced. The earliest that could be done was a second corrective surgery on 23 December 2020. Several days after that surgery, it was revealed by CT scan that one of the replacement screws had fractured the L4 vertebrae. Another surgery was immediately required and that was done on January 2nd, 2021, which added a fourth "step" to the fusion structure at L3. Complications arose with left leg nerve pain and left foot edema all of which have impaired recovery.



MEMBERSHIP

The current membership is 177. Eighteen members chose not to renew their memberships this year, many due to a move or health. These have been deleted from the data base. Last year, membership ended at 231. I personally contacted everyone who had not paid to inquire of their membership intention, and received many replies and checks.

Membership is only \$10 per person; dues were reduced for the current year. Make the checks payable to Greater Lexington Newcomers Club and mail them to me, Marilou Schindler, 160 Pear Blossom Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578

If any personal information changes, i.e., email, phone number or address, please let me know, so you will receive information from the club. My email address is Marilous@aol.com

ACTIVITIES

The Historic Masonic Theatre & Amphitheatre in Clifton Forge has posted their summer schedule of events starting in June. If interested in more details, please see their website: [https://All Events | HISTORIC MASONIC THEATRE AND AMPHITHEATRE](https://All_Events_HISTORIC_MASONIC_THEATRE_AND_AMPHITHEATRE) Here are their Friday and/or Saturday evening June concerts, all in their outside Amphitheater.

Saturday, June 4 @ 7:30 P.M. Scott Miller Trio “Miller combines the emotional honesty and intelligence of a singer/songwriter with the swagger and enthusiasm of a rock & roller... a gifted and eclectic solo artist.” Tickets \$25.00

Friday, June 11 @ 7:30 P.M. Al Wittig Jazz Quartet A variety of styles of jazz music: swing, smooth jazz, funk, Blues, Latin grooves, ballads, and original music.

Friday, June 18 @ 7:30 P.M. The Wannabeatles “Grammy nominated entertainers performing Beatle standards, parodies & on-stage antics.”

Friday, June 25 @ 7:30 P.M. Calista Garcia “Indie folk-rock singer & songwriter.”

If there is enough interest and we are able to attend as a group, we will attempt to get group ticket rates.

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 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

Please note because of the high level and increasing number of cases of COVID-19 locally hiking as a group has been temporarily suspended. An email will be sent out when group hikes are safe and a new hike has been scheduled. We encourage you to stay active and plan your own solo hikes.



Wine Tasting Group

A new chairperson is needed for the Wine Tasting group.

