

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,



March blew snowy and cold February out the door. We can now look forward to the Spring Equinox with the promise of budding trees and brightly colored flowers.

Spring is also a busy time for the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club. There are two housekeeping items that must be addressed. However, we are not all work and no play! We also have the GLNC Logo Contest!

Let's get to it, shall we?

First up: Nominating Committee. March is the month when the By-Laws say we must organize a nominating committee to put together a slate of officers for the 2021-2022 year. The Nominating Committee is made up of the Executive Officers (Jack Littley, Julie Eckles, Claudette Benavitch, Bill Stone as immediate past president), and me and three general members selected by the President. The Committee will present the slate of officers in May and in June the membership shall vote on them. The new team takes office August 1.

Second item: How are you all doing? Are you getting anxious to resume activities again as the vaccine distribution takes hold? Good weather is coming along and we're all more than ready to emerge from our homes and engage with each other. Safely. The coronavirus and its variants will still be around but with the vaccine and continued masking and other protocols, we can take part in some activities again. I would like the activities chairmen to consider whether they are ready to restart their activity again, and if they do, how they are going to go about it? For example, does Dine-Out want to look for outdoor dining venues? Do the Dine-In hosts want to do patio or porch events? What's up with the Hiking Group? Let me know at sfw4514@gmail.com. I'll include the responses in the next newsletter.

Third item: Do you want to start meeting again in person starting in April or May at the Country Club? Perhaps we could meet outside, for example. Again, give me your feedback at sfw4514@gmail.com.

CLUB OFFICERS

President

Suzanne Williams

Vice President

Jack Littley

Treasurer

Julie Eckles

Corresponding Secretary

Claudette Benavitch

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Activities

Barbara Ekin

Hospitality

Carol Humphries
Janet Gibson

Membership

Marilou Schindler

Name Tags

Marilou Schindler

Publicity

Steve Patterson

Welcome

Pat Anthony

And finally: Let's give a big shout-out to Jim and Jo Ann Ritterbusch for setting up the Greater Lexington (VA) Newcomers Club Facebook Group page. This new Facebook page looks great and very welcoming to all who participate. Thank you, Jim and Jo Ann.

You will find below the entries for our GLNC logo contest. Be sure to vote for the one you think makes our club look fabulous. The winner will be announced with great fanfare in April.

Happy Spring to all,

Suzanne Williams, President



TREASURERS REPORT
March, 2021
Submitted by Julie Eckles



Prior balance (October report)	\$ 4,159.38
Total income (dues)	\$ 660.00
Total Expenses (Secretary reimbursement)	\$ 0
Current Balance	\$ 4,819.38

THINKING OF YOU

No cards were sent this past month. We are thinking of everyone and hoping this means that we are all staying well. 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



MEMBERSHIP

I received dues from 66 people since our last newsletter. Our membership is 187. Dues of \$10 per person can still be paid this month. Thereafter, members will be deleted from the membership database. Make the checks payable to Greater Lexington Newcomers Club and mail them to me, Marilou Schindler, 160 Pear Blossom Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578 Any changes, i.e., email, phone number or address, should be forwarded to me at Marilous@aol.com

On behalf of the Newcomers Club, I welcome the following members listed below who joined the Newcomers Club since December. Our membership is 187 paid memberships.

David and Jeanne Passmore
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Diane Kubala
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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

As the weather is turning warmer and it is relatively safe for small groups to gather outside, the hiking group is easing into resuming hikes. We will continue to observe social distancing and masks will be required. We still encourage you to stay active and plan your own solo hikes.



Wine Tasting Group

A new chairperson is needed for the Wine Tasting group.

Logo Contest

There were many creative ideas/sketches for the logo contest. The entries are on the following pages. Choose your favorite one and send the number to me, Deb Bodner. You can vote by replying to this email. Deadline for voting is March 30.





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