

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,

We had our first meeting of the 21/22 year on Wednesday and things are looking positive. We had 31 regular members in attendance plus six guests, four of whom paid their dues and joined at the meeting.

John reviewed our financials and we are looking good to maintain a surplus and have the kinds of events we had before COVID. We have to vote on the budget at the October meeting so be sure to take a look at the proposed budget which is a separate attachment.

The picnic is scheduled for the 19th of September and so far, we have 47 people signed up and paid for.

We voted to keep our meetings at the country club despite the increase in cost. It means we'll need to raise our dues from \$20 per person to \$25 per person. Still a great value.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic and I hope to see a good crowd at our October meeting since folks should be back from vacation. We might have a guest speaker from Garth Newell.

Let's keep our fingers crossed that we can have a great year with no shutdowns.

Jack



SCAM ALERT: Please be aware that the email purportedly from Suzanne Williams asking for 'gift cards for donations to Veterans at Hospice and Palliative care' is a **SCAM!** Do not respond! This was first reported by Newcomer members in mid-July. It has recently resurfaced.

CLUB OFFICERS

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Membership

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Schindler

Name Tags

Marilou

Schindler

Welcome

Pat Anthony

Publicity

TREASURERS REPORT

June-August 2021

Submitted by John Ekin

The proposed 2021-2022 budget is a separate attachment



THINKING OF YOU

Cards were sent to the following members this past month.

John Rafferty - a get well card

Mary Ann Acoff – a sympathy card for the loss of her mother

Kevin Merrill – a sympathy card for the loss of his mother

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

Claudette Benavitch, Corresponding Secretary
secretary@lexvanewcomers.org

Prior balance (May report)	\$ 4,512.38
Total income (dues)	\$ 175.00
Dues	\$ 170.00
Picnic	\$ 5.00
Total Expenses	\$ (324.41)
Rent	(\$ 170.00)
Tag holders, stamps	(\$ 35.01)
Tiger Tech (website)	(\$ 119.40)
Adjustments	\$ 131.40
Uncashed check	\$ 170.00
Unknown	(\$ 38.60)
Current Balance As of August 31, 2021	\$ 4,494.37



MEMBERSHIP

Our club increased its membership by 9 over the summer. We welcome the following Newcomers:

JoAnn and Billy Grose
310 Summit St.
Lexington, VA 24450
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billyg@yadtel.net

Helene Baker
1604 Jefferson Ave
Clifton Forge, VA 24422
1busybee22@gmail.com

Chris and Ron Fritts
520 Shenandoah View Dr
Lexington VA 24450
Cdb139@gmail.com
ronaldFritts@gmail.com

Robert and Wanda Troupe
145 Koogler Trail
Raphine, VA 24472
Btroupe00@gmail.com
wandatroupe@gmail.com

Laurie Bassi
Herb Rubenstein
111 Country Club Road
Lexington, VA 22450
lbassi@mcbassi.com
herb@sbizgroup.com

We ended the 2020-21 year with 212 paid memberships.
Dues are due now, \$25 per member. Checks may be sent to me, Marilou Schindler, at 160 Pear Blossom Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578.. Any changes, i.e., email, phone number or address, should be forwarded to me at membership@lexvanewcomers.org



PHOTOGRAPHS

Please send your activity photos for the on-line photo album to John Ekin at webmaster@lexvanewcomers.org

PICNIC

MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

When **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19.** Where- **Glen Maury Park** Directions below
Time- **3:00 – 6:00 pm.**

Menu: Kenny's baked and fried chicken will be supplied by the club. Ice tea, water, and lemonade will be provided. All utensils, cups and paper products will also be provided. We received our ABC permit for the day. You can BYO wine or beer. You bring an appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert. Whatever you want.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Make checks out to: Greater Lexington Newcomers and send by **September 10.**

Send to: Jane Stange, 112 Woodridge Ln, Lexington, VA 24450

There will be a Bocce Tournament, with prizes. We will have Bluetooth speakers; we need several people to provide a playlist on their phone. A tech person will be helpful, too.

We can always use help planning, setting up, and take down. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our long-awaited picnic. My Email is jstange5440@gmail.com or phone is 703-969-4023

Directions from Lexington: Take best route towards the Buena Vista Food Lion on RT. 60. Turn onto Forge Road. Turn left onto Paxton House Drive, it changes names to W10th Street. Turn left onto Glen Maury Park Road (entering the park), turn left at Stop sign. Take first right (very sharp) after you go through the wooded area. The Double Decker Pavilion is at the end of the road. Bathrooms are at the beginning of the parking lot. GPS will work to get you to the park. We will have signs in the park to assist.

ACTIVITIES

9-11-2021

The **Rockbridge Beer & Wine Festival** is back in 2021. Join us at Lime Kiln Theater on Saturday, September 11th from 12-5pm!

[Craft Beer Festival | Rockbridge Beer & Wine Festival | Lexington \(rockbridgebeerandwine.com\)](#)

9-17/18-2021

Chippy Hippie Vintage Market, 3154 James River Road, Gladstone, VA 24553

[Chippy Hippie Vintage Market Tickets, Fri, Sep 17, 2021 at 3:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

9-18-2021

The 2021 **Shenandoah Valley Apple Harvest Festival** will be held at the Frederick County Fairgrounds, 250 Fairground Rd., Clear Brook, VA.

[Shenandoah Valley Apple Harvest Festival \(winchesterappleharvest.com\)](#)

9-19-2021

GLNC Picnic at Glenn Maury Park !

9-24/25/26-2021

The **Mountain Heritage Arts and Crafts Festival**, at the Jefferson County WV Fairgrounds, 1707 Old Leetown Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430

[Mountain Heritage Arts and Crafts Festival near Harper's Ferry West Virginia - Home \(mhacfestival.org\)](#)

9-25/26-2021

Occoquan Fall Arts & Crafts Show

[Visitor Information - The Town of Occoquan \(occoquanva.gov\)](#)

10-2-2021

Mountain Magic In Fall Bluegrass, Antiques and Crafts Festival, [Buchanan Town Park 485 485 Lowe Street, Roanoke, Virginia 24066](#)

[Mountain Magic In Fall Bluegrass, Antiques and Crafts Festival - Blue Ridge Country](#)

10-15-2021

CONCERT 6-9pm : Friday night there will be a concert on the Quaker Steak and Lube lawn featuring the band: **South Ridge**. Guests are welcome to bring a blanket or chair and relax on the lawn or view the concert from the QSL patio.

10-16-2021

Wade's Mill Annual Apple Butter Festival 10am - 4pm , 55 Kennedy-Wades Mill Loop, Raphine, VA 24472

[Lexington, Virginia | Wade's Mill Annual Apple Butter Festival \(lexingtonvirginia.com\)](#)

10-23-2021

BLUE RIDGE FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL, 20 Museum Drive, Ferrum, VA 24088

[Blue Ridge Folklife Festival 2021, a Festival in Ferrum, Virginia \(festivalnet.com\)](#)

INTEREST GROUPS

Interest group participants must be members of Newcomers. To join an interest group, call or email the contact person.



BUNKO

If you are vaccinated, the fourth Thursday morning Bunco group has resumed in-person playing. If you are interested in learning an easy dice game of chance, as well as having an opportunity to spend the morning with friends, join us. After a light breakfast is served by the hostess, the group plays from 9:00 to 10:45-11:00. Please call or email Diana Hopkins if you are interested, 348- 6946 or vatxrok@me.com.

Come roll with the Bunko ladies! If you are vaccinated, the Wednesday Bunko group will be playing in person on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. We have an opening for a regular member, as well as taking names for subs for this group. If you would like to learn to play, we would love to teach you. For more information, please contact Aileen Spurgeon at spurgchick@gmail.com or 540-460-1654.



CANASTA

There are two canasta groups. One group of eight, “The Black 3’s”, plays on the second Tuesday of each month and the other group of eight, “The Red 3’s”, plays on the third Tuesday of each month. Each group meets in the home of a member of that group for a fun afternoon of cards, snacks and dessert.

If you would like to become a sub for one or both groups, please contact Cynthia Tucker, 463-3344, cmtucker@comcast.net.

The third Canasta group, “After 6 pm”, has restarted. As before, it will be a “floating play date” each month depending on when the most players can gather. The players will rotate hosting; each person will bring a dish for a light dinner before the cards are dealt. We usually have 2 tables of 4, sometimes 3 tables of 4, but always have a great time. We are looking for the ol' gang as well as any other new Canasta players. Not ready to commit? There is always a need for subs. Also, under consideration is a brunch option if that fits better into schedules.

If you are interested or have questions please contact Jo Ritterbusch, blueridgecorgis@gmail.com or call or text, 661 9075.

PINOCHLE

There are nine people signed up to play pinochle. However, we only need eight, and welcome more substitutes, as everyone is not available to play on the second Wednesday of each month, from 2:00-4:00 or so. Hosting is rotated among the players, with hosts providing a dessert and a beverage at "half time". We play two games of double deck pinochle. If you don't know how to play pinochle, you are welcome to come and watch, and ask questions. It is a fun game. Call Marilou Schindler at 291-2992 to find out where we will play next on September 8.



FINE DINING – DINING OUT

Each quarter volunteer hosts select a restaurant of their choice (usually within an hour of Lexington) and make reservations for a group of 8. Group members then sign up to join their hosts at a meal out! Plans are already underway for Dining Out this fall.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Aileen Spurgeon at (540) 460-1654 or spurgchick@gmail.com. I will be happy to explain to any new people to our Newcomers Club how dining out is conducted.

FINE DINING -- DINING IN

Plans are underway to launch the 2020-2022 season of the Fine dining/Dining-In interest group. As the Delta variant of COVID-19 continues to complicate our lives, coordinator Sharon Littlepage is surveying previous and new members about their level of interest and opportunities for hosting.

The scheduled dinners are:

Fall: September, October and November

Winter: January, February and March

Spring: April, May and June

New members do not have to host the first year. A list of substitutes is also being compiled. The deadline for signing up is Friday, Sept. 10

For additional information, contact Sharon at s.littlepage@comcast.net



WINE TASTING GROUP

Planning for the Wine Tasting group is underway! We'll be setting our schedule in the next few weeks and there's still time if you'd like to join.

This year we're starting with a fresh roster, so if you were in the wine tasting group in years past and would like to continue, please let me know. sallycan@verizon.net or 703.573.5963 (call or text)



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

The Newcomers Hiking group is back on the trail and has done a number of interesting hikes over the summer. Each week Don (or his appointee) announces where the hike will be including a relative degree of difficulty and elevation



July hike to Crozet Blue Ridge Tunnel



August hike along the Blue Ridge Trail @ Natural Bridge State Park

Potential new interest group – Board Games. If you like the power of Monopoly or the challenge of Life or just miss “family” game night, here’s your chance to recreate the highs and lows of board games. If you are interested or want to know more, contact Jo Ritterbusch at blueridgecorgis@gmail.com .

