

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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

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Dear Newcomers,

It's good to be back in the swing of things. The picnic was terrific. Great venue, great food and lots of members. Thanks again to Jane Stange for all her hard work. If you see her, be sure to say thanks.

I know that Walmart is already selling Fourth of July paraphernalia, but we've got the holiday party coming up before that. Our goal is to lock in a venue and a date in the next two weeks if we can. We are shooting for a weekday in the first two weeks of December and planning on a 4 pm to 7 pm party. Our candidate venues are the Patton Room, the Horse Center and Valor Hall at VMI. We'll keep you posted. Once we lock in the site and the caterer, we will need help with decorating, entertainment and welcoming. See you all in November.

P.S. if you haven't paid your attritional \$5 per member dues, please do so soonest.

Jack

We welcomed our first guest speaker, Jeannette Fang from Garth Newel Music Center. She is a member of their piano quartet. She shared some background and history of Garth Newel and how it became a music center. She explained some of the music programs and mentioned the upcoming fall concerts: they offer musical events throughout the year. They have resumed in-person concerts but are also live streaming them. For more information, visit their website, www.GarthNewel.org. - ed. note

Found and Lost – two camp chairs by Crazy Creek. Following the picnic, we seem to have acquired to nice green camp chairs. At the same picnic, we 'lost' our two blue camp chairs. If you are missing chairs or have two extra, please contact me, Deb Bodner, at teaguerun1928@yahoo.com or 586-260-1570.



TREASURERS REPORT
September 2021
Submitted by John Ekin



THINKING OF YOU

Cards were sent to the following members this past month.

Jullie Eckles & Nick Wederman –Congratulations on becoming new grandparents

Chris & Kevin Merrill – Congratulations on becoming new grandparents

Shelley Undercoffer – 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)	\$ 4,494.37
Total income (dues)	\$ 1985.00
Dues	\$ 1540.00
Picnic	\$ 445.00
Total Expenses	\$ (633.50)
Gift certificates	(\$ 50.00)
Picnic	(\$ 583.50)
Current Balance As of September 30, 2021	\$ 5,845.87

The proposed 2021-2022 budget was approved.



MEMBERSHIP

Six new members recently joined. We welcome the following Newcomers:

Sharon and Mark Hansen
 568 Hops Hill Rd.
 Glasgow, VA 24555
Mark_hanson.msn.com

MJ and Ron Ginder
 6 Sellers Av
 Lexington VA 24450
migmom@bellsouth.net
ronginder@bellsouth.net

Pamela and Joseph Wercinski
 1 Unexpected Rd
 Lexington, VA 24450
Pjf083164@gmail.com

Our current paid membership for 2021-2022 is 61.

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

ACTIVITIES

10/15 - 10/17/2021 Anthem GO Outside Festival, Roanoke, VA

An annual event the GO Fest is a celebration of everything outdoors, with camping, music, demos and more.

10/16/2021 25th Annual Apple Butter Festival, 10am - 4pm. Wade's Mill 55 Kennedy-Wades Mill Loop, Raphine, VA 24472

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 \(festivalnet.com\)](#)

[10/29/2021 Bruce Allen & Jason Burke 7:00 to 10:00 am Live music "Blowout band" at the Maury Park in Buena Vista.](#)

A list of holiday craft shows is appended at the end of the newsletter.

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, 540-348-6946 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.



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

The Fine Dining In interest group will pause during the fall session because of the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases in the area and a shortage of volunteers to host dinners in their homes.

Sharon Littlepage, coordinator, will survey members to determine whether to resume dining-in during the winter months (January, February, and March) or wait until spring and then extend into summer.

To ensure safety of members, diners must have taken the COVID-19 vaccine to participate.

New members are welcome. 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 703.593.5963 (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.

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 .



SAVVY EVENTS 2021 HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOWS

9/25/21 William Byrd Middle School Annual Craft & Vendor Show 9-3
2910 E. Washington Ave Vinton, VA 10x10 Empty Booths \$40 Each
(Outdoor Event)

10/16/21 Valley View Mall Fall Craft & Vendor Show 10-4 PM in the lower
level of the mall. 10x10 Spaces with Power- \$125
6' table spot with power- \$100

11/6/21 East Gate Church of the Nazarene Craft & Vendor Show 9-3 PM
2002 East gate Ave Roanoke, VA
Empty Booths are \$40

11/20/21 Vinton Moose Lodge Annual Craft & Vendor Show 9-3 PM
2127 E. Washington Ave Vinton, VA
Empty 8x8 Booths- \$40

Tentative Black FRIDAY Weekend @ Valley View Mall (Old Christopher
Banks store lower level next to MACY'S)
Mall hours Fri-Sun empty booths \$375

12/3 & 12/4/21 Annual Berglund Center Holiday Craft & Vendor Show
710 Williamson Rd Roanoke, VA
244 VENDORS!!
Friday 12-8 & Saturday 9-4 PM
10x10 Empty Vendor spots \$175 for both days.

12/4 -12/5/21 Valley View Mall #1 Holiday Craft & Vendor Show (Old
Christopher Banks Store lower level) Mall hours.
4802 Valley View Blvd Roanoke, VA
10x10 empty spaces \$250 for both days

12/11 - 12/12/21 Valley View Mall #2 Holiday Craft & Vendor Show (Old
Christopher Banks Store lower level) Mall hours
4802 Valley View Blvd Roanoke, VA
10x10 empty spaces \$250 for both days

12/18 - 12/19/21 Valley View Mall #3 Holiday Craft & Vendor Show (Old
Christopher Banks Store lower level) Mall hours
4802 Valley View Blvd Roanoke, VA
10x10 empty spaces \$250 for both days
Mall hours Sat and Sunday