

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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

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There is NO newsletter in December

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Newcomers,

December is going to be a great month. We're expecting a good turnout for the Christmas party. Even though we will not have a meeting this month, we can all get together for some quality time at the party on the 8th. So be sure to get your reservation check in as soon as possible. While you are at it, send a check in for your club dues if you haven't already. Have a great thanksgiving and get into the holiday spirit. See you soon.

P.S. We'll have a speaker from Boxerwood for the January meeting.

Jack



It's Holiday Party time!

Time for old and new friends to come spend some holiday cheer together catching up after having missed this good company for too long. The venue this year is Valor Hall at VMI, which is large and has high ceilings, so we hope everyone will feel comfortable coming out and spending time together. We are also hosting the dessert competition which really brought out some great bakers the last time. Please email me (cwhumphries125@gmail.com) if you are planning to participate and what you will contribute (if you already know). We will have three illustrious judges who will do the selections, and the rest of us can just enjoy all the goodness!

When: Wednesday, 8 December, 4-7 p.m.

Where: Valor Hall, VMI

What: Great time to get together with old friends and meet new ones! Oh, and eat delicious food.

What you need to do: Send your check for \$15 per member (\$30 for guests) to Marilou Schindler at 160 Pear Blossom Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578 **BEFORE 24 November**.

Y'all come on out! We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

Any questions? Feel free to contact Carol Humphries at cwhumphries125@gmail.com.

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TREASURERS REPORT
October 2021
 Submitted by John Ekin



THINKING OF YOU

No cards were sent this past month. We trust you are all staying well and enjoying the fall weather.

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)	\$ 5,845.87
Total income (dues)	\$ 150.00
Dues	\$ 150.00
Total Expenses	\$ (340.00)
Room rental	(\$ 340.00)
Current Balance As of October 31, 2021	\$ 5,655.87



MEMBERSHIP

We recently had 10 new members join the Club, and 2 old renewals. We welcome the following Newcomers:

Freda and Mike Scheuer
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Our current paid membership for 2021-2022 is 129.

Dues are due now, \$25 per member. Approximately 107 members have not paid dues yet for 2021-22. Please submit your checks made payable to Greater Lexington Newcomers Club and mail 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

November 12-13, and 18-20, 2021 at 7:30 pm

Musical, INTO THE WOODS presented by Southern Virginia University

Chandler Hall, 1 University Hill Road, Buena Vista, 540-261-7321

Tickets: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no one will be allowed to walk-in without a ticket. Socially distanced seats are limited. Tickets available only at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). General Admission \$11; Seniors \$8. Masks are required.

November 11 thru December 31

Christmas in the Mountains at the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre

Treat the whole family to this magical Christmas story set at the Kringle Lodge. Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre | Wytheville, VA More information at [WohlfahrtHaus.com](https://www.wohlfahrtHaus.com)

November 25, 2021 from 11:30 am - 5:00 pm

Thanksgiving Buffet at the Colonial Dining Room, Natural Bridge Historic Hotel. Reservations required

November 26, 2021 from 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Annual Candlelight Processional & Community Tree Lighting

Beginning at Oak Grove Cemetery, sing carols down Main Street to Hopkins Green in Lexington, VA

December 1 thru December 23 ...ILLUMINIGHTS PEAK SEASON at Explore Park (Milepost 115) from the Blue Ridge Parkway North from US220 at Milepost 121 or by the Alternate Entrance at 3900 Rutrough Road. **Walk of Lights Trail*** - Travel down our half-mile wooded path while taking in the signs and sounds of the season. The trail has more than 600,000 lights, dazzling features and photo opportunities.

December 03, 2021 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Annual Lexington Christmas Parade

On Main Street through Downtown Lexington in Lexington, VA

December 3, 10, 17 - 2021

Downtown Roanoke's Dickens of a Christmas

- Night 1 - December 3 - City of Roanoke Christmas Tree lighting on Salem
- Night 2 - December 10 - The City of Roanoke Christmas Parade begins on Jefferson Street
- Night 3 - December 17 - The Roanoke Valley SPCA Pet Costume Contest Salem Avenue at Wells Fargo Plaza.

More information at www.downtownroanoke.org

December 06, 2021 - December 07, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Washington and Lee University presents: Holiday Pops Concerts

Lenfest Center, Wilson Concert Hall 100 Glasgow Street, Lexington, VA

December 10-12 & December 17-19, starting at 5:00 pm

Luminary Nights at Natural Bridge State Park

Enjoy an after-dark stroll along the illuminated Cedar Creek Trail and under the Natural Bridge. Regular admission applies.

December 10 at 7:30 pm, December 11-12 at 2:00 pm

Holiday Digest presented by the VMI Community Theatre, Gillis Theatre

General Admission \$10; seniors \$5. Come see our own David Lusk on stage!

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 regular members, 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 daytime 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.

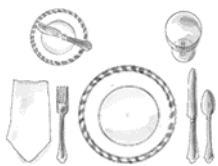
If you would like to become a sub for one or both groups, please contact Cynthia Tucker, 463-3344, cmtucker@comcast.net.

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 pinochle players. However, due to COVID-19 not everyone is available to play on the second Wednesday of each month, from 1:30-4:30. More players are needed so we can play two tables of four. 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. We will be playing at the Schindlers on November 10. Call Marilou Schindler at 291-2992 for more information.



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 6 to 8 (including the hosts). Group members then sign up to join their hosts for a meal out! The next dining out quarter will be January through March 2022.

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 in more detail how dining out is conducted.

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

The wine tasting group is up to 31! Some of us would like to wait until spring to start, but there are several who would like to forge ahead with a fall tasting.

We only have two hosts for the fall, with 21 folks who would like to attend, so this one will be "first come, first served", with a waiting list. But don't worry - in the spring and summer we'll have many more hosts so everyone who wishes to attend should be able to!

Some people are getting failure to deliver notices when they send an email to sallycan@verizon.net, even though emails are going through. This email address is good, but please feel free to text me at 703-593-5963 at any time if you like. I work full time and cannot always respond to emails and texts right away, but I will try to get back with you just as soon as I can! Thanks, Sally Canatsey



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.



A group of Newcomers enjoyed the Sunset Picnic Hike on Cole Mountain, October 22