

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,
Happy New Year everyone. Looking forward to getting everyone together in February.

I think the Christmas Party was a great success thanks to Carol, Suzanne, Sharon, Deb Dawson, Jacke Rose, Larry, Aileen, Deb Bodner, John and Barbara Ekin, Jo Ritterbusch, Sharon Culbertson Ashly, Marjorie Connolly and all the elves who helped us clean up thanks so much for all your efforts. Congratulations to Jane Stange who won the dessert contest.

To start the new year, we will have a speaker to tell us about the VMI museum system and all the resources available to Rockbridge residents. Joanne Ritterbusch and I will be scanning the event venues to see if we can find some group activities for the spring and summer.

Have a good January.
Jack

A select few of the many pictures Sharon Littley took at the Christmas party.

CLUB OFFICERS

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Judges Shane
(Sweet Treats)
Angela Greene
(police chief) &
April Anderson
with Aileen
Spurgeon



TREASURERS REPORT
November & December 2021
Submitted by John Ekin



THINKING OF YOU

Our thoughts go out to Cynthia Tucker and family for the recent death of Wendell Tucker.

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

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| Prior Balance | \$ 5,655.87 |
| Total Income | \$ 2,585.00 |
| Dues | \$ 2,030.00 |
| Christmas party | \$ 555.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$ (170.00) |
| Room rental | \$ (170.00) |
| Current Balance | \$ 8,070.87 |
| As of November 30, 2021 | |
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| Prior Balance | \$ 8,070.87 |
| Total Income | \$ 1,885.00 |
| Dues | \$ 715.00 |
| Christmas party | \$ 1,170.00 |
| Total Expenses* | \$ (455.24) |
| Gifts & donations | \$ (455.24) |
| Current Balance | \$ 9,500.63 |
| As of December 31, 2021 | |
| * Checks for the costs of the Christmas Party have not yet deposited by VMI. These total \$3703.75 | |



PHOTOGRAPHS

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



MEMBERSHIP

The email address for Ashley Mon was incorrect in the last newsletter. The correct email address is ashlynmanor@aol.com.

Six new members joined the club since our November meeting. Please welcome

Patricia Cody
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This brings our paid membership to 185.

To prevent being dropped from the membership list, please send your check for \$25 per member made out to Greater Lexington Newcomers Club to me, Marilou Schindler, 160 Pear Blossom Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578. If you are not sure if you paid your dues or wish to be dropped, please contact me by email at marilous@aol.com

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

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 currently nine pinochle players. However, several players head south for the winter so are not available to play on the second Wednesday of each month, from 1:30-4:30. More players are needed as

substitutes 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 January 12. Call Marilou Schindler at 291-2992 for more information.

BOARD SILLY

Newcomers newest group, "Board Silly", is now 'traipsing' around the gameboards at full steam! We meet on the 1st Friday of the month. Each gamer takes a turn hosting, and selects the game of the day! So far, we have played Tripoley and Monopoly, and I am happy to report all Board Sillies got out of jail free! Can't wait to see where our 'boardwalking' takes us in 2022!

If you are interested in joining us, contact JoAnn Ritterbusch at blueridgecorgis@gmail.com or call or text, 661 9075.



MORNING COFFEE (OR TEA)

The ladies' Coffee Club meets the second Friday of every month at 10 a.m. at Sweet Treats. Email Pat Thompson at Ptapex@aol.com.



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](mailto:sallycan@verizon.net), 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.



Hiking Newcomers at Mt. Pleasant, December 5.