

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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

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Dear Newcomers,

We were fortunate to have Rebecca Logan from Main Street Lexington as our featured speaker at the April meeting. They are a great organization that has done a lot for Lexington and has lots of opportunities for our members to learn, contribute and volunteer. Check out their website at <https://www.mainstreetlexington.org/> for more information.

Next month we plan to have a speaker from the Heifetz Institute to talk about their upcoming concerts and events. Looking forward to that.

See you all next month.
Jack Littley, President

[ed. note: Heifetz season passes are now available for the 2022 Festival of concerts series which runs June 25 – August 6. Check out their website for more information <http://heifetzinstitute.org>]



TREASURERS REPORT
February 2022
 Submitted by John Ekin



THINKING OF YOU

Prior Balance	\$ 4,621.94
Total Income	\$ 0.00
Dues	\$ 0.00
Total Expenses	\$ (\$170.00)
Rent	(\$170.00)
Current Balance	\$ 4,451.94
As of March 31, 2022	

Cards were sent to the following member:

A Get Well/Recovery card to Bruce Lilligard

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



PHOTOGRAPHS

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



MEMBERSHIP

We have 213 paid members. If you are not sure if you paid your dues or wish to be dropped, please contact me by email at marilous@aol.com

Please welcome new members since March's meeting:

Margery Harrill
 401 Wills Rd
 Lexington, VA 24450
margeryharrill@gmail.com

Jim and Deirdra McAfee
 160 Kendal Drive #1034
 Lexington, VA 24450
Deirdra.mcafee@gmail.com
Jbmcafee2@gmail.com

Any changes, i.e., email, phone number or address, should be forwarded to me at membership@lexvanewcomers.org

ACTIVITIES

If you hear or know of concerts, plays, movies, etc., that might appeal to the members, pass the information along to Jo Ritterbusch and she can investigate further. Her email is blueridgecorgis@gmail.com.

Here are a select few of the upcoming events. Grab some friends or get a group together and enjoy! For a complete list, please see Jo Ritterbusch's email of April 3rd.

A Midsummer Night's Dream presented by Southern Virginia University on April 8 -9, and 14-16 at 7:30. Tickets must be purchased in advance through Eventbrite, www.eventbrite.com/e/a-midsummer-nights-dream-tickets-289908623497

Currently at the American Shakespeare Center is **Romeo and Juliet**, through May 14, and **A Comedy of Errors**, through May 15. For more information and tickets: <https://americanshakespearecenter.com>

Dayton Redbud Festival, April 23, 10am-4pm. This family friendly events offers a variety of activities. For more information: www.daytonva.us/community/pages/redbud-festival

Tom Jones, the play, is being presented by the VMI-Community Players April 29, 30, May 1. Come see Newcomer members Jan Lowry and Dave Lusk in this fun 18th century comedy. Tickets, at the door only, are \$10, \$5 for seniors. Get a group together and enjoy some live theater.

Alleghany Mountain String Project at the Historic Masonic Temple in Clifton Forge on April 29 at 7 pm. This concert is Free! For more information: <https://historicmasonictheatre.com>

THE PREMIER ABBA EXPERIENCE at the Historic Masonic Temple in Clifton Forge. One night only, May 6 at 7:30. For more information or tickets: <https://historicmasonictheatre.com>

INTEREST GROUPS

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.



A recent meeting of the Black 3s:

Aileen Spurgeon is at the far left. Sharon Littlely is hidden behind Jane Stange, Donna Garnett, Terry Fridley, Shelley Undercoffer is hidden behind Cynthia Tucker. Not present is Anita Ramp.

The third Canasta group, "Canasteez", meets the 2nd Friday of the month with the start time at the discretion of the host. 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. If you are interested or have questions please contact Jo Ritterbusch, blueridgecorgis@gmail.com or call or text, 845-661 9075.

PINOCHLE

We currently have 11 members of the Pinochle group. We strive to have two tables of four to play two games of double deck pinochle; however, not all members are available to play each month. Therefore, we are looking for at least one more new member. We play on the second Wednesday of the month on a rotating schedule at players' houses beginning at 1:30. The host serves a dessert and beverage at intermission. We complete the games about 4:30. Interested Newcomer members can call Marilou Schindler for more information at 291-2992. We will be playing at the home of Marjorie Connolly on April 13.

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. Start time is at the discretion of the host. 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, 845-661 9075.



MORNING COFFEE (OR TEA)

The ladies' coffee club meets the second Friday of every month at 10 am, generally at Sweet Treats. Email Pat Thompson at Ptapex@aol.com 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!

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 interest group is looking for more members. If you'd like to participate as a host and/or guest, contact the coordinator, Sharon Littlepage, at s.littlepage@comcast.net or (865) 368-8604.

One key thing to remember is that if you come as a guest, you are expected to host at some point in the future. Guidelines for Dining In are available from Sharon upon request.

Although Covid has delayed our return to Fine Dining, we were able to set up three groups for the Spring session. Now we are looking ahead to start a new Summer option for June, July, and August.

Keep in mind that Covid is still in play, so guests should be fully vaccinated and boosted.



WINE TASTING GROUP

The wine tasting group is in need of a new coordinator. This person will solicit hosts from the group and put together the guest lists, and works with Washington Purveyors to select on a type of wine for the tasting. Washington Purveyors will select the actual wines. Sally Canatsey will pass along the information she has and share the group's contact information and hosting preferences with whomever takes over.

If you are interested, please contact Sally at sallycan@verison.net or text her at 703-593-5963. Also let Jack Littley know, drjackl12@gmail.com .



HIKING GROUP

The Newcomers Hiking Group hikes every Friday weather permitting. Each week Don (or his appointee) announces where the hike will be including a relative degree of difficulty and elevation. If you would like to be on the email list, email Don Brooke, donbrooke@gmail.com, or Debbie Maurer, 2mtprs@gmail.com



Recent hike to Shenandoah Mountain. Followed by lunch at White's Wayside

The hiking group's recent road clean-up had an unexpected guest for lunch.

