

# Greater Lexington Newcomers

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

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Newcomers,

Thanks everyone. This has been a fun year for me. Being president wasn't nearly as bad as I thought it would be for me, I hope it's was ok for you too. We had a great Christmas party, and some terrific speakers. Having Angela Greene, Lexington's Police chief, close out the year was pure luck, but I thought she was great. After hiding in our homes for a year, it's good to see that attendance at the meetings is growing to it's pre-Covid levels. So, I look forward to seeing you at the picnic in July. Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to serve. I'll bet Larry will make it even better.

Jack Littley, President

**Our next meeting will be September 7, 2022.**

## It's picnic time!

The Newcomer's picnic will be held on Saturday, July 23, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Double Decker Pavilion at Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista, the same site as our picnic last fall. It is a great facility and we hope to have a great turnout. It is a "potluck" so please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. The club will provide Kenney's chicken, water, iced tea, and lemonade, and you can bring your own soda, beer or wine.

Several folks signed up to help at the meeting on Wednesday, but we could use more hands. Please let Larry Spurgeon ([lspurgeon333@gmail.com](mailto:lspurgeon333@gmail.com)) know if you can help with set up and/or clean up; and Jo Ritterbusch ([blueridgecorgis@gmail.com](mailto:blueridgecorgis@gmail.com)) if you can help with decorations.

The cost is only \$5.00 per person. We need a head count for the chicken, so the **deadline to sign up and pay is July 16**. If you did not sign up at the June 1 meeting, please send cash or a check made out to Greater Lexington Newcomer's Club to Larry Spurgeon at 12 Abby Road, Rockbridge Baths, VA 24473 before July 16. Looking forward to a great time with a lot of Newcomer friends!



### CLUB OFFICERS

#### President

Jack Littley

#### Vice President

Larry Spurgeon

#### Treasurer

John Ekin

#### Corresponding Secretary

Claudette

Benavitch

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### Activities

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#### Hospitality

Carol Humphries

Janet Gibson

#### Membership

Marilou

Schindler

#### Name Tags

Marilou

Schindler

#### Welcome

Pat Anthony

#### Publicity

## TREASURERS REPORT

May 2022

John is currently away. This is my best guess.  
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### THINKING OF YOU

<b>Prior Balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,248.44</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (\$170.00)</b>
Rent	(\$170.00)
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,078.44</b>

Cards were sent to the following member:

A thinking of you note to Claudette's husband, David, for his recent surgery (ed. note)

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](mailto:secretary@lexvanewcomers.org)



### PHOTOGRAPHS

Please send your activity photos for the on-line photo album to John Ekin at [webmaster@lexvanewcomers.org](mailto:webmaster@lexvanewcomers.org)



### MEMBERSHIP

We have 220 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](mailto:marilous@aol.com)

Please welcome the following new members:

Charlie and Peggy Page  
81 Red Hawk Lane  
Lexington VA 24450  
[chasdpage@gmail.com](mailto:chasdpage@gmail.com)  
[peggy77@gmail.com](mailto:peggy77@gmail.com)

Any changes, i.e., email, phone number or address, should be forwarded to me at [membership@lexvanewcomers.org](mailto: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](mailto:blueridgecorgis@gmail.com).

Here are a select few of the upcoming events. Grab some friends or get a group together and enjoy! Be sure and look at Jo Ritterbusch's email of April 21<sup>st</sup> for a list of concerts and festivals through August.

Get into the Fourth of July spirit by attending a performance of **1776 the Musical** at Popular Forest outside of Lynchburg. Shows are on June 23-25 at 7:30 pm. For more information or to purchase tickets go to <http://www.popularforest.org/event/1776-the-musical-2022/>

Visit Popular Forest, Thomas Jefferson's private retreat outside of Lynchburg. Information about touring the house and grounds can be found on their website, [www.popularforest.org](http://www.popularforest.org)

The **Heifetz Institute** summer Music series runs from June 25 through August 6. Take the opportunity to come and hear these excellent young musicians at one of the daily concerts offered throughout each week. Check out their website for more information about the individual concerts or for tickets: <http://heifetzinstitute.org>

**Balloons over Rockbridge:** the Hot Air Balloons & Music Festival July 2 & 3

Bring a blanket or chairs and enjoy local bands, a variety of food, activities AND the beautiful hot air balloons. For more information go to their website [www.balloonsoverrockbridge.com](http://www.balloonsoverrockbridge.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cmtucker@comcast.net).

The third Canasta group, "Canasteez", meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:blueridgecorgis@gmail.com) or call or text, 845-661 9075.

### **PINOCHLE**

We are seeking anyone interested in joining the pinochle group as a substitute. We strive for two tables of four, but during these months after COVID, it has been difficult to achieve, as most members cannot play every month. We play two games of double deck pinochle on the second Wednesday of the month on a rotating schedule at players' houses beginning at 1:30. At intermission, a dessert and beverage are served by the host. We complete the games by 4:30. Interested Newcomers, call Marilou Schindler 291-2992. We will be playing at the home of Scott Risser on June 15.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:spurgchick@gmail.com). I will be happy to explain in more detail how dining out is conducted.

## DINING IN

Tired of looking at the same old people at your dinner table? Bored with those wimpy Lean Cuisine dinners, greasy fast-food burgers, or bland home-cooked tuna noodle casseroles?

If so, then maybe you should get out of that rut and host a Fine Dining experience in your home or backyard. Let your imagination run free with a menu that's meant to challenge your culinary skills and encourage guests to go boldly on a new food adventure.

Here's a brief summary of what we do:

*Members attend three dinners per year and are required to host once every 4 sessions (depending on the total number of members). The Fine Dining coordinator, Sharon Littlepage, assigns groups so that you will eat with different members at each dinner. Hosts plan the menu, coordinate selecting a date with their guests, and assign recipes.*

*Expenses for meals are split evenly among all attending each dinner so that hosting isn't a costly burden. At meal's end, guests will provide the amount spent, and the host will add the individual costs and divide by the number of guests so that everyone pays the same amount. Checks or cash are accepted.*

To host or participate in a Fine Dining experience this summer (July or August), please contact coordinator Sharon Littlepage at [s.littlepage@comcast.net](mailto:s.littlepage@comcast.net) or (865) 368-8604 by June 15.

If there is insufficient interest at this time, we will reconvene in September.



## 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](mailto:sallycan@verison.net) or text her at 703-593-5963. Also let Jack Littley know, [drjackl12@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:donbrooke@gmail.com), or Debbie Maurer, [2mtprs@gmail.com](mailto:2mtprs@gmail.com)



Our intrepid hikers at Pete's Cave on North Mountain. 5/27/22

**There are no newsletters in July and August.**

