

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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

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Dear Newcomers,

Great meeting today with over 40 people in attendance. Andrew Green, our speaker from the Heifetz Institute, gave a great presentation and identified lots of great entertainment opportunities for this summer.

We decided that our next event will be a picnic in mid to late July. Carol Humphries and Larry Spurgeon are coordinating. More info next month.

David Connolly has volunteered to serve as Vice President next year. We will vote on officers at the June meeting. The slate of officers will be sent out prior to the meeting.

See you all next month.
Jack Littley, President



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TREASURERS REPORT
April 2022
Submitted by John Ekin



THINKING OF YOU

Prior Balance	\$ 4,451.94
Total Income	\$ 77.50
Dues	\$ 77.50
Total Expenses	\$ (\$245.00)
Rent	(\$170.00)
Gift Certificates	(\$ 75.00)
Current Balance	\$ 4,248.44
As of April 30, 2022	

Cards were sent to the following member:

A sympathy card to Joe Little on the death of Bill Stone

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 April's meeting:

Marcia Harris
56 Black Run Rd
Natural Bridge, VA 24579
marciaharris111@gmail.com

Carol Sailer
125 Millers Landing Lane
Glasgow, VA 24555
euotwo@live.com.au

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 21st.

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>

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

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>

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.

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

Although a Newcomer member recently joined the group, two members dropped out so we are down to nine. Therefore, we are seeking anyone interested in joining the pinochle group as a substitute. We strive for two tables of four, but during these months, 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 Ashley Mon on Wednesday, May 11.

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 Littlely 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