

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,

The first meeting of the Newcomers Club for the Fall of 2023 was held on the outdoor patio of the LGCC at 10AM. Approximately 35 members and 3 guests attended. Lenna Ojure coordinator of the Rockbridge Regional Library Literacy Program gave an excellent presentation on opportunities for tutoring in our area Elementary Schools. Training for the program begins in late September. For more information <https://rrlib.net/youth-literacy/>.

For the first time GLNC had a booth at the Lexington Community Festival! We met many people who are new to the area. Thanks to all who participated. Thanks especially to Lee and Duncan Charlton, who provided a tent and banner and manned the booth all day!

Our very successful happy hour at Devil's Backbone is moving to the second Wednesday of the month, 5-7 PM. Thanks to Aileen and Larry Spurgeon for spearheading this effort.

The Fall Picnic is coming up on Saturday, October 7 from 1-3 PM (\$5 per Person) The picnic is in the Upper Pavilion of Glen Maury Park. Please bring a side dish or dessert to the picnic. Kenney's chicken and beverages will be provided. (more info below)

Yearly membership dues are needed now! You can make it easy by sending a single check for dues (\$25/person) and the picnic (\$5 per person) to Marilou Schindler, 160 Pear Blossom Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578.

Our next meeting will be at 5:30 PM on Wednesday October 4, in the newly renovated LGCC. A representative of Habitat for Humanity will speak on volunteer opportunities in this program.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

David Connolly

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The club picnic is Saturday, October 7, at the upper pavilion at Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista – the same venue as the past few years. 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; you may bring your own soda, beer or wine.

The cost is only \$5.00 per person, the **deadline to sign up and pay is September 30**. Check, made out to Greater Lexington Newcomers Club, or cash should be sent to Marilou Schindler, 160 Pear Blossom Lane, Natural Bridge, 24578. If you include this in your annual dues, just be sure to indicate that.

Volunteers are needed for set up and/or clean up. Please let Dave Connolly (dconnolly804@gmail.com) know if you can help.



TREASURERS REPORT
June-August 2023
Submitted by John Ekin



THINKING OF YOU

Prior Balance	\$ 3,168.42
From May	
Total Income	\$ 37.50
2022-23 Dues	\$ 12.50
2023-24 Dues	\$ 25.00
Total Expenses	\$ (464.40)
Country Club rent	\$ (170.00)
Gift Certificates	\$ (50.00)
Lexington Chamber of Commerce	\$ (125.00)
Website Hosting Renewal	\$ (119.40)
Current Balance	\$ 2,741.52
Reconciled with bank statement	
The Proposed 2023-24 Budget has been sent separately.	

The following cards were sent over the summer:

Get Well cards were sent to:
 Jerry & Kay Berry hospitalized for pneumonia

Thinking of you card was sent to:
 Sharon Littlely continuing to recover from surgery

Sympathy card was sent to:
 Carol Humphries for the loss of Doug

Please let me know when there is a need for a card to be sent and I will respond.
 JackeRose Boston, Corresponding Secretary
secretary@lexvanewcomers.org



MEMBERSHIP

Our 2023-24 paid memberships to date are 8. Dues are due now, \$25/person. Please send your check, made out to Greater Lexington Newcomers Club, to Marilou Schindler, 160 Pear Blossom Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578

Please welcome new members:

MaryAnn McDevitt
318 Myers St
Lexington VA 24450
mamcdev@gmail.com

Sharon Justice
222 E.30th St
Buena Vista VA 24416
sharjustice1@verizon.net

Nimfa Szarka
101 Lee Ave Unit 892
Lexington VA 24450
Ninn/S1536@outlook.com

If you have any changes in information, please contact Marilou Schindler at 540-291-2992 or email membership@lexnewcomers.org

HOSPITALITY

Newcomers Tea and Coffee for our newest members will be Sunday, October 1, at 2-4 p.m. at Sharon and Dennis Culbertson's home, located at 125 Dalewood Drive, Lexington, VA. We are asking that any current members willing to bring an appetizer or dessert to please contact Aileen Spurgeon, spurgchick@gmail.com.

Happy Hour continues to be popular. We will continue this new tradition on the second Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be September 13 from 5-7 at Devil's Backbone. A lively crowd have been coming, and good times have been had by all. It's a great chance to socialize. And maybe a game of musical chairs to insure chatting with everyone.



PHOTOGRAPHS

Did you know that there is a photo gallery on the web page? And it is in need of some current pictures! Please send photos of your activities for the on-line photo album to John Ekin at webmaster@lexvanewcomers.org

ACTIVITIES

VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION

This fall's activity will be the Virginia Museum of Transportation in Roanoke on **October 28** at 10:00 a.m. with lunch following at Twisted Track Brew Pub at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is to tour at their own leisure and where their interests lie since the museum has all forms of transportation for viewing. Think trains, planes, and automobiles. You are welcomed to include other family members. Admission (includes tax): Adult (18-59) - \$12.66 / Senior (60+) - \$10.55 See the website for other prices.

Virginia Museum of Transportation
303 Norfolk Ave.
SW
Roanoke, VA 24016 <https://vmt.org/>

Twisted Track Brew Pub
523 Shenandoah Ave. NW
Roanoke, VA <https://twistedtrackbrewpub.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 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

"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 Lydia Shiver, lshiver1053@gmail.com



PINOCHLE

The Pinochle group is beginning its 8th year of play. We are looking for one additional member and a substitute. If you play or have played pinochle in the past, you will find our game unique and a combination of rules of standard play. Although we play double-deck, the rules have been adapted to accommodate the number of players in any given month.

We play 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. The pinochle group will play at the home of Scott Risser on September 13. Interested players, call Marilou Schindler 291-2992.

POKER

The stakes are high for a good time at the Newcomers Poker Group. Currently, the seven active members meet in the evenings on the third Wednesday of each month. There are three on the waiting list who are also active substitutes. Please contact Tom Weaver if you are interested in being a substitute: tomwvr1@gmail.com

BOARD SILLY

The "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!

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 and fourth Friday of every month for breakfast or lunch. Generally, at Sweet Treats for a late breakfast and at different area restaurants for lunch. Email Pat Thompson at Ptapex@aol.com for more information.



DINING OUT

Each quarter volunteer hosts select a restaurant of their choice (usually in Lexington or within an hour's drive 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! Dining Out is now in our third quarter (September – November).

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

If restaurant dining leaves you disappointed, slow service, smaller menu, higher prices, you have another, perhaps more palatable, option--the Fine Dining interest group! We are always looking for new members. The fall season runs September, October, & November. The winter session, January, February & March, begins after Christmas, while Spring runs April through June.

Everyone has the opportunity to host, usually once every fourth quarter. A host usually has 6-8 guests, who split their expenses at the end of the meal. The group's coordinator, Sharon Littlepage, makes the guest lists. Hosts get to choose their dinner theme and assign recipes. You will dine with different people every time.

For additional information, refer to the Guidelines for Fine Dining, which are posted on the Newcomers website: <https://www.lexvanewcomers.org/>. Just go to Fun Stuff/Interest Groups/Fine Dining. Or contact Sharon at s.littlepage@comcast.net.



WINE TASTING

Heading to New York City for a big Italian wine tasting Sept 6 and 7. Will be tasting amazing Barolos, Brunellos, Amarones and much more. I am planning our next tasting which will take place in October or November and it very likely will be a wine tour of Italy. I would like to hear from my peeps that were at our first event regarding the upcoming tasting. Also, we have plenty of room for new members that love wine or would like to learn more about wine. Contact me at artie@snazybeads.com for more info.



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. The Group has begun offering hikes on a Saturday so if you haven't signed up yet because of the Friday only hikes consider sending me your name and email address to add to the hiking emails so that you will see which Saturday a hike is offered. Send to donbrooke@gmail.com

New page proposal for the Newcomers Website: SERVICE RECOMMENDATIONS

RULES AND EXPLANATION

This page is the forum for members to post recommendations for local services and providers they have used and have had positive experiences with. It is primarily for the benefit of "new" Newcomers to the area, but may also be of help to existing members. As we all know, it is difficult to know whom to use for contracting, plumbing, auto repair, and many other services.

The format of recommendations on this page is Service Category, Name of person, or Service being recommended, work performed with specific **positive** comments only. Criticism and negative comments **will not be allowed**.

The Greater Lexington Newcomers Club does not endorse these recommendations. They are solely the opinions of the members who post them.

