

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Newcomers,

Thanks to all who helped make our October Picnic a big success! The weather was on the cool side and windy, but it was nice to see old and new friends.

Jen Coluzzi gave a great talk on the Rockbridge Area Master Gardeners program at our monthly evening meeting at the Horse Center. [She discussed invasive plants and added that if there were questions one could contact the Master Gardeners at ramgainvasives@gmail.com .] Next month we will have a representative of Habitat for Humanity talk about volunteer opportunities in that program.

We are thinking about having more meetings in the Horse Center in the future. However, we will be meeting back at the Lexington Golf Country Club in November, because the Horse Center is booked on the first Wednesday of that month.

Put the Christmas Party on your calendar for Wednesday December 6 from 3-5 at the Horse Center. See you there!

David Connolly
President GLNC



The annual Newcomers Picnic was on Saturday, October 7 at the Upper Pavilion of the Glen Maury Park. The sun shone, there was plenty of good food and good company. Thank you to whomever took these pictures posted to Facebook.

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TREASURERS REPORT
September 2023
 Submitted by John Ekin

Prior Balance	\$ 2,741.52
From May	
Total Income	\$ 1,570.00
2023-24 Dues	\$ 1,425.00
Picnic	\$ 145.00
Total Expenses	\$ (326.75)
Country Club rent	\$ (170.00)
Community Festival	
Space rental	\$ (156.75)
Current Balance	\$ 3,984.77
Reconciled with bank statement Sept. 30, 2023	



THINKING OF YOU

No cards have been sent recently. Stay healthy!

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

Note: the 2023-24 budget passed.



MEMBERSHIP

Our 2023-24 paid memberships to date are 71. **Dues for the current year 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:

Susie and Neil Castrodale
35 Koogler Trail
Raphine, VA 24472
susiecastrodale@gmail.com
nbcastrodale@gmail.com

Please correct the email address for Nimfa Szarka to ninnls1536@outlook.com.

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

HOSPITALITY

We held the Tea and Coffee at the home of Sharon and Dennis Culberson on October 1, 2023. We had 10 people in attendance, 6 new members and 4 seasoned members (not counting the hosts). Food was provided by Sharon Culberson, Jane Stange, Aileen and Larry Spurgeon, Jo Ritterbusch, and JackeRose Boston. JackeRose was unable to attend but was kind enough to send cookies to the event. I believe everyone there enjoyed meeting everyone and partaking in the refreshments.



The people in the picture are as follows: Jo Ritterbusch, Sharon Culberson, Elizabeth Hayden, Jane Stange, Susie and Neil Castrodale, Aileen Spurgeon, Jim Ferguson, and Dennis Culberson.

Unfortunately, MaryAnn McDevitt and Sharon Justice left before the picture was taken.

Happy Hour continues to be popular. We will continue this new tradition on the second Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be October 11 from 5-7 at Devil's Backbone. A lively crowd has been coming, and good times have been had by all. It's a great chance to socialize.



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.



BUNCO

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 are 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 has seven regular members and needs one more regular player and one more substitute, as we have had instances when a couple cannot play. We play double-deck Pinochle and have “cheat sheets” available to help new players with rules and melds to help those who may have played by different melds or rules. If we have eight players, we play two games. Other combinations of players required longer play and sometimes we cannot play two games between 1:30 and 4:30.

Hosts rotate and provide a dessert and beverage at “half time”. Our next play date will be October 11 at the home of Ashley Mon. Please contact Marilou Schindler if interested, marilous@aol.com.

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! The next quarter for Dining Out will be January - March, 2024.

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

In September we headed to New York City for a big Italian wine tasting event. We had the opportunity to taste 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@snazzybeads.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 on the Newcomers Website: MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS

Looking for a recommendation for a plumber or general contractor, check out the new page on the website. The individuals or companies listed here have worked for a Newcomer member who had a positive experience and is happy to share their name. Note: The Greater Lexington Newcomers Club does not endorse these recommendations. They are solely the opinions of the members who post them.

