

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,

We had a good turnout for our monthly meeting at the Horse Center with over 40 members and a new guest.

Annette Green gave an interesting talk on CoreWorks, the local program through Boxerwood to reduce our carbon footprint by planting trees, supporting area school composting, and installing solar panels. For more information about this program checkout their website coreworks.boxerwood.org.

We also had a lively discussion about whether we should continue meeting at the Lexington Golf and Country Club, or the Horse Center. In the short term we will continue to meet at the Country Club, with the Horse Center being a good alternative.

Next month Project Horizon will speak to us about their efforts to support abused women in our community.

Look forward to seeing you at the Happy Hour at Devil's Backbone on Wednesday January 10 from 5-7. Please be sure to make any new Newcomers welcome at this event. It is so important!

Respectfully submitted,
David Connolly



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TREASURERS REPORT
November & December 2023
Submitted by John Ekin

Prior Balance	\$ 5,379.77
From September	
Total Income	\$ 3,070.00
2023-2024 Dues	\$ 1675.00
2023 Holiday Party	\$ 1395.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	(\$651.21)
Lexington Country Club-Rent	(\$170.00)
Gift Certificates	(\$50.00)
Chicken for Picnic	(\$270.34)
Christmas Decorations for Party	(\$160.87)
Balance	
as of December 31, 2023:	\$7798.56
This is reconciled with the latest bank balance.	
Virginia Horse Center Catering bill is \$3203.01	
Still waiting for room & equipment rental invoice.	



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



MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome the following new members who joined since the November meeting:

Bill and Cindy Kuhns
Denise Merideth

Joe Hein

Our 2023-24 paid memberships are 192. The deadline for dues has passed. All unpaid memberships have been deleted.

If you have any changes in your information, please email the membership committee at membership@lexvanewcomers.org.



HOSPITALITY

Happy Hour continues to be popular. We will continue this new tradition on the second Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be January 10 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

We are planning a trip to the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley near Winchester, VA on May 14. There are various attractions there including the Glenn Bernie House, Formal Gardens, and MSV gallery which will include the exhibit: *The Triumph of Nature: Art Nouveau from the Chrysler Museum of Art* compiles approximately 120 of the finest Art Nouveau treasures from the rich holdings of the Chrysler Museum of Art. There is also "The Trails" at the MSV which feature outdoor art installations and miles of trails for walking, running, and bicycling through fields, woods, and wetlands. The cost is \$8 if you buy tickets ahead of the date of our visit. Check out the website at <https://www.themsv.org/> Details and carpooling arrangements will be available in March.

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 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 is meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30. We play double-deck Pinochle and have "cheat sheets" available to with rules and melds to help those who may have played by different melds or rules. Normally we play two games between 1:30 and 4:30.

Hosts rotate and provide a dessert and beverage midway between the games. Our next play date will be January 11 at the home of Marjorie Connolly. Please contact Marilou Schindler for more information at 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

Fine Dining assignments for the winter session (January, February, and March) will be announced soon. Twelve couples signed up in September, but new members (singles or couples) are welcome. Contact group coordinator Sharon Littlepage at s.littlepage@comcast.net or (865) 368-8604 for more information or visit the website at https://www.lexvanewcomers.org/fun_stuff/interest_groups.



Sharon (left) and Jim Littlepage (not pictured) hosted a Julia Child French-inspired dinner in late November. Guests included Margie Harrill, Sharon Culberson, and Nimfa Szarka. Also not pictured is Dennis Culberson.



We had a fabulous dinner of Scallops and asparagus with polenta. The rest of the meal was wonderful, accompanied by paired wines. Ann's table setting was beautiful.



WINE TASTING

This group is currently without a chair and therefore in temporary hiatus.



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