

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,

At this month's regular meeting, we had the pleasure to hear from our fellow Newcomer Sarah O'Hanlon. She discussed the medical benefits and some of the pitfalls of using medical cannabis related products. She also shared the story on how it has helped her son, who has a severe form of epilepsy. Thank you Sarah, for sharing your story and expertise with us.

During the meeting we also passed updates to our bylaws. JackeRose Boston announced the upcoming session of "Ducks in a Row" offered by ConnectionsPlus Healthcare+Hospice starting May 8. This program helps participants with end-of-life planning: making decisions, organizing the many documents, and so much more.

Let us welcome our new Newcomers Judi and John Myer, Emma Wouldman, and Hang Le! I am looking forward to our next *evening meeting in April*. It will be held at the LGCC on Wednesday April 3 at 5:30. Paula Zimmerman will be speaking on the new North Rockbridge Art League. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

Respectfully submitted,
David Connolly



TREASURERS REPORT
February 2024
Submitted by John Ekin



THINKING OF YOU

Prior Balance	\$ 4,297.16
From Nov/Dec 2023	
Total Income	\$ 25.00
2023-2024 Dues	\$ 25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	(\$ 270.00)
Gift certificates	(\$ 100.00)
Lexington Country Club - room rental	(\$ 170.00)
Balance	
as of February 29, 2024:	\$ 4,052.16
This is reconciled with the latest bank balance.	

No cards were sent this past month.

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 are 192.

Please welcome the following new members who recently joined Newcomers:

Lyn Verthein	Cartun Emanuel	Freda Scheuer
John & Judi Myer	Emma & Dave Wouldham	Hang Le &
Christie & Paul Herman		

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



HOSPITALITY

Join us for Happy Hour on the second Wednesday of each month. Our next get together will be March 13 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

If you enjoy live theater, consider attending the VMI Community Theatre's production of Ayn Rand's play *Night of January 16th* on March 15th and 16th at 7:30 pm or March 17th at 2:00 pm. The evening performances are at the Gillis Theatre on the VMI Post and the Sunday matinee will be in the Anderson Center at Kendal. Tickets are only \$10 (seniors \$5) and are purchased at the door. Once again, our own Dave Lusk will be on stage.

Stay tuned for more details about the trip to the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley near Winchester, VA on May 14. The various attractions there include the Glenn Bernie House, Formal Gardens, and MSV gallery featuring the exhibit *The Triumph of Nature: Art Nouveau from the Chrysler Museum of Art*. This exhibit will show approximately 120 of the finest Art Nouveau treasures from the rich holdings of the Chrysler Museum of Art. The 90 acre park has "The Trails" which meander through fields, woods, and wetlands with various outdoor art installations. The cost is \$8 if you buy tickets ahead of the date of our visit. Check out the website at <https://www.themsv.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 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. 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. Generally we play two games between 1:30 and 4:30. Hosts rotate and provide a dessert and beverage midway between the games. We will be playing at the home of Joe Little on March 13 at 1:30.

If you are interested, 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. 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 May-July, 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

Sick and tired of eating your own cooking or confronting yet another frozen meal hot out of the microwave? If the answer is yes, perhaps it's time to try something different. The Fine Dining interest group offers creative cuisine, interesting conversation, and an opportunity to meet different people at every meal.

If you would like to sign up for the spring session (April, May, and June), contact coordinator Sharon Littlepage at (865) 368-8604 or s.littlepage@comcast.net for more information, or visit the website at [https://www.lexvanewcomers.org/fun stuff/interest groups](https://www.lexvanewcomers.org/fun%20stuff/interest%20groups).



WINE TASTING

Marilou Schindler will be taking over Wine Tasting in the next few weeks. If you are interested in participating, send an email to Wine at www.lexvanewcomers.org and put Wine in the subject line.



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

