

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

We are starting out April with a beautiful spring day! We had a great meeting with 25 members and three guests (Ann Hopkins, and Bill and Carol Harty). It seems like this area draws some of the nicest and most interesting people.

We presented and made a motion to accept the following slate of officers for the 2015-2016 term.

President--Jane Stange
Vice President—Mike Lowry
Secretary—Cathy Broach
Treasurer—Nancy Wright

We will vote on the officers in June.

Many activities are scheduled for the spring; please check the newsletter so you won't miss out. We will have more wine tasting parties, trips to plays in W Virginia and a museum tour of Brownsburg. You should be able to find something to pique your interests.

April 19 Margaret and Joe Skovira will host the coffee for the new members, from 2-4. Please let us know if you are new and have not attended one of these events. It is a great time to get to know everyone better.

Mary “Kitty” Brown, executive director of RARA, was our guest speaker. She gave us insights into what Rockbridge Area Relief Association entails. They service many needy families in the area with mostly volunteers. I am sure they could use your help if you are looking for a way of volunteering.

Hope you all are enjoying our beautiful weather and hope to see you next month on May 6. We will have another guest speaker at our meeting. See you then!

Linda Andrew
President

CLUB OFFICERS

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Jane Stange

Treasurer

Nancy Wright

Corresponding Secretary

Sharon Littley

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Activities

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Hospitality

Diana Hopkins

Membership

Bill Docekal

Name Tags

Marilou Schindler

Publicity

Sally Nunneley

Welcome

Kim Crudden



Membership Report – April 2015

Our club increased its membership by two over the past month. We welcome the following:

Gene and Nancy Sullivan
602 S. Main St
Lexington, VA 24450
703 850-9521
njsullivan@me.com

Margaret and Evan Haberman
30 Stone Ledge Ct
Lexington, VA 24450
703 924-8824
mhaberman1@cox.net

HOSPITALITY

It is time for another New Members Coffee!



The Hospitality Committee will be hosting a gathering at the home of Margaret and Joe Skovira, 112 Colston Place, Lexington, on Sunday April 19, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

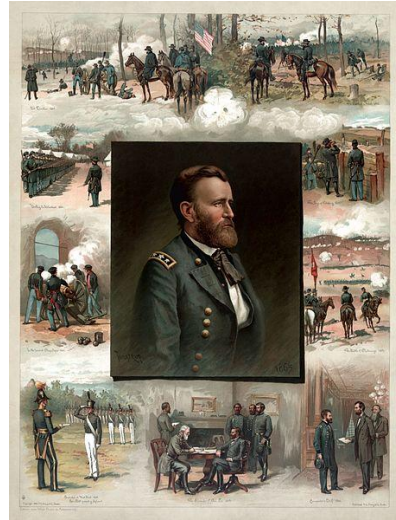
All new members are invited; veteran members are welcome and should bring an appetizer.

This is a casual and friendly Sunday afternoon gathering in which we invite new members to meet and greet each other, as well as some long-standing Newcomers members. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Thank you,
Diana Hopkins
348- 6946 or vatxrok@me.com

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

APRIL



SESQUICENTENNIAL at APPOMATTOX

8,9,10,11,12 APRIL

150 years have come and gone since General Lee surrendered to General Grant. To experience the whys, wheres and hows, travel to Appomattox the second week of April. Starting Wednesday, April 8th with “Why Appomattox/The Campaign” at 9:00 am and going through the Stacking of Arms Ceremony on Sunday, April 12th. Most of the different talks, and demonstrations are repeated Wednesday through Saturday. Go online for the complete schedule, www.nps.gov/150th-anniversary-of-appomattox

Due to the multiple days and events we are not going to run an organized group day; however, anyone interested please let me, Shelley, know by e-mail sunder4@juno.com or phone 540-461-0623 and I will put people with other people looking to go on those days.

Appomattox is approximately 25 miles east of Lynchburg, 1 hour and 25 minutes.



The Skin Of Our Teeth by Thornton Wilder
 Saturday, 25 April 2015
 Greenbrier Valley Theater, Lewisburg, WV

There is no matinee for this production, so we will meet for an early dinner (optional) and then meet up at the theater for the 7:30 show. Ticket prices are \$27 for adults and \$24 for seniors (60+). Payment is in advance

From the playwright of *Our Town*, *The Skin of Our Teeth* is the story of the Antrobus family and how they survive, time and time again. They may seem like an ordinary family, but George and Mary Antrobus have been married for centuries and survived more than a few catastrophes. Along with their children and their maid, they can make it through everything, even if it is just by the skin of their teeth.

If you were unable to sign up for this trip at Wednesday's meeting, you can register (**no later than April 18**) by mailing your registration and ticket fee to Jan Lowry, 51 Shepherd Drive, Lexington, VA 24450. Contact Jan at jan.lowry@hotmail.com or 464-1073 with any questions.

MAY

BROWNSBURG MUSEUM TOUR

Saturday, 9 May 2015 10:00 am

Our very own Margaret Skovira has graciously offered to give us a tour of Brownsburg Museum. A community run museum that relates the early history of Brownsburg. A special exhibit of the civil war years in the area is running through this summer. Join us for a tour

of the museum, lunch at Fairfield Frank's and enjoy the quaint shops in the area. Anyone wishing to carpool meet at Tractor Supply at 9:30 am. Please sign up at the May meeting or contact Shelley at sunder4@juno.com or 540-461-0623.



Salem Red Sox Baseball is right around the corner. More information at the May meeting or call Shelley.

If you were not able to sign up for an activity at a meeting, please contact Shelley Undercoffer at [540-461-0623](tel:540-461-0623) or sunder4@juno.com or the POC for the activity if it is not Shelly. This is the only way Shelly will know who to contact if there is a change in the activity plans.



THINKING OF YOU

If you know of anyone in the club who is ill, recovering from surgery, death in the family, or needs a note of support, please send me an email with the member's name, address, and email. Address to: slittley@gmu.edu.

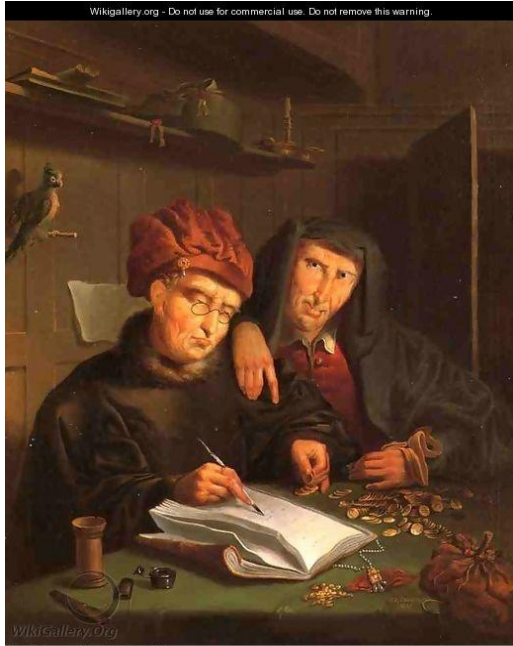
Thank you!

Sharon Littley, Corresponding Secretary

**Treasurers Report
3/01/15 –3/31/15**

Submitted by Nancy Wright

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 3,713.52
INCOME	\$0
TOTAL	\$3,713.52



The Misers by Frederick E. Cohen

DISBURSEMENTS	
Rent	\$ 60.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 3,653.52



FROM THE HISTORIAN

Don't forget to send your activity photos to Gary Sullivan for the on-line photo album.
garysullivan@rockbridge.net

INTEREST GROUPS

Interest group participants must be members of Newcomers. To join an interest group, call or email the contact person.

Dining In/Fine Dining Group



Fine Dining (also known as Dining In) is about to start our Spring round of delicious meals before taking a short break for summer.

Alan and Debbie Maurer, Rich and Barb Tyner, Jim and Paula Zimmerman and Tom and

Dorothy Coker will be hosts.

We've added several new faces to our group lately and would love to have more members, so consider adding your name to the list and join us in the fall! Members host and plan no more than one dinner per year and attend two other meals as guests during the year. Each get together is with a different grouping so you will see new faces at each of your Fine Dining experiences.

Contact Grace Simcoe at Gsimcoe@gmail.com with any questions or to have your name added to the group.



Canasta Group

Canasta meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Anyone interested in joining or being a sub, please contact Cynthia Tucker, 540-463-3344 or cmtucker@comcast.net.



Farmhouse Dining at Veritas Winery

Dining Out

The Dining Out Group consists of members who are interested in experiencing various dining out venues within a reasonable drive of the Lexington area. Venues have included restaurants within a 60 to 90 minutes drive. Though 90 minutes is pushing the limit a little, sometimes there is a place to dine that is too enticing to pass up. We dine out three times a year in September through November, January through March, and April through June. Members are expected to volunteer to host a dining out venue at least once a year. Each of three quarters, members will be requested to sign up as host then provide me with the name, address, and phone number of the restaurant of choice and web page, if available. Hosts indicate how many members can attend, provide a date and time, make sure that individual bills are acceptable to the restaurant as each member pays individually, confirm the booking about a week prior to the event and remind participants.

Once a list of venues is established, members are sent a choice of dates/restaurants by email and are asked to provide three choices in order of preference. Remember that venues fill up quickly and assignments are made on a first come basis. If you are not assigned to your first choice, I will try to accommodate an alternative choice.

If you are new to Newcomers, please contact Dorothy Coker at [540-348-6248](tel:540-348-6248) or cedarbranchhollow@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list.



Wine Tasting Group

The Wine Tasting Group meets three times a year (March-April, June-July, and October-November) to taste wines. The group tastes a selection of six wines each time. The tastings are blind. They are usually, but not always, based on a single grape or region (e.g., Zinfandel, Chardonnay, Chianti).

Tastings of French (Bordeaux and Burgundy) whites are underway for the March and April round. We are fully booked. The next tastings will be in June and July and will be red wine.

Contact - Jim Slack at Public@Termineigh.com



Pinochle Club

The Pinochle Players are into their second year and meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Currently, four members are playing using a combination of players' rules for pinochle. More players are welcome. Light refreshments are served by the hosting couple. If interested in playing, call Marilou Schindler, 291-2992, to find out where and when we will play next.



“A fun, fast, page-turning action-adventure . . . the exhilarating journey of two pioneering women, Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland, as they race around the globe.”—
Karen Abbott, author of *American Rose*

**Fourth Thursday Book Club
(closed to new members for now)**

On April 23rd, we'll meet at Kathy Kvach's to discuss *Eighty Days* by Matthew Goodman. We will meet on May 28th, at Nancy Vallance's to discuss *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner.



Indian Rock Hike

Hiking Group

The Newcomers Hiking Group hikes every **Friday** weather permitting. If you would like to be on the email list just email Don Brooke, donbrooke@gmail.com, or Debbie Maurer, mountaintoppers@exede.net.

Yoga Group



The Newcomers' Yoga group meets weekly on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 in the Fitness Center at

Kendal. The Center is down the hill and behind the main building, but we are requested to park

our cars in the guest parking lot, anywhere on the circle.

Our class is appropriate to all levels, and individual needs are addressed with modifications. Bring your mat, wear some comfy clothes, and join us for an hour of gentle stretching, conditioning and strengthening in a union of mind, body and spirit.

Please call Helen Moore at 850-240-5619 if you have any questions.

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 3 Hiking Group
- 7 Yoga
- 8 Pinochle
- 8-12 Appomattox Sesquicentennial
- 10 Hiking Group
- 14 Yoga
- 17 Hiking Group
- 19 New Members Coffee
- 21 Yoga
- 21 Canasta
- 23 4th Thursday Book Club
- 23 4th Thursday II Book Club
- 24 Hiking Group
- 25 *The Skin of Our Teeth*
- 28 Yoga

MAY

- 5 Yoga
- 8 Hiking Group
- 9 Brownsburg Museum Tour
- 12 Yoga
- 13 Pinochle
- 15 Hiking Group
- 19 Yoga
- 22 Hiking Group
- 26 Yoga
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