

# Greater Lexington Newcomers

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

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## *MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT*

Dear Newcomers,

Welcome to Spring! The morning of our meeting I was out in the garden. Usually I would be checking out the emerging perennials, not Wednesday. I was gathering up the blankets I put out to protect the newly emerged plants from the frost. Hopefully after this cold spell it will be smooth sailing to warmer weather.

Our meeting was well attended with thirty five members and three guests. It was good to see a few faces that haven't come in awhile. We welcomed three new members. Please reach out to new members and share our love of the area. It is always interesting to hear everyone's path to Lexington/Rockbridge County.

This month we had Michelle Jones, Outreach Coordinator of Rockbridge Area Hospice. She gave a very informative talk about what our local hospice has to offer. One of her points was how well our small rural hospice is keeping up with the new programs offered nationally. After her talk we had a good Q and A session. If you have any questions about hospice, Michelle would be glad to answer them, 540-463-1848.

We will be putting a slate of officers together this month for next year. Please be open to serving as an officer, chair of a committee, or interest group. Most of the committees and interest groups are already well organized. Please volunteer to help out with a group you are enjoying, to keep it going. We are still in need of someone to take over The Wine Tasting group. Please contact me [Pstange@embarqmail.com](mailto:Pstange@embarqmail.com) or Jim Slack [Public@Termineigh.com](mailto:Public@Termineigh.com) (Wine Tasting) if you are interested.

We have our date for the Annual Picnic, July 10 from 3pm to 6pm. Please put it on your calendar. Shelly will be providing details later.

Our next meeting is May 4. Hope you can join us. Enjoy all that April in Lexington has to offer!

Jane Stange, President

### **CLUB OFFICERS**

#### **President**

Jane Stange

#### **Vice President**

Mike Lowry

#### **Treasurer**

Nancy Wright

#### **Corresponding Secretary**

Margaret Skovira

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

#### **Activities**

Shelly Undercoffer

#### **Hospitality**

Phil Crudden

#### **Membership**

Bill Docekal

#### **Name Tags**

Marilou Schindler

#### **Publicity**

Sally Nunneley

#### **Welcome**

Kim Crudden

## Membership Report



Our club increased its membership by 2 over the past month. We welcome the following Newcomers:

**Jesse and Mary Lee**  
and  
**Ann King**

Their addresses, phone numbers and email addresses will shortly be inserted into our online directory.

Our club now consists of 204 friendly individuals.

### Directory instructions:

1. Call up our Homepage, [www.lexvanewcomers.org](http://www.lexvanewcomers.org), click on Membership.
2. Click on "Click here to lookup a member" or "Print out a current Directory"
3. Our username is: **lexcomer** Our password is: **member5**
4. To print the directory, set your "Properties" to "Duplex Printing" so to have front and back printing. Choose the % you wish to see – I use 80% to print more on each page.

Bill Docekal – Membership chair.

## TEA & COFFEE



The Newcomers Club periodically holds a 'Tea & Coffee' social event for recent new members, and the next one will be held Sunday, April 10th from 2-4 pm at the home of Dennis and Linda Andrew.

Always held at the home of a veteran member, the Tea & Coffee event represents a fun opportunity to meet and network with other 'new' newcomers, as well as some other veteran members who also participate.

For new or recent members, we hope you will join us April 10th for tea and coffee and hors d'oeuvres, plus great fun and fellowship. Please watch for your personal invitation in the mail!

For veteran members, we are seeking volunteers to participate in this fun event. This would include bringing along a simple food plate (e.g. chips & dip, cookies, brownies, nuts, cheeses, and the like). Contact Phil & Kim Crudden ([pcrudden@gmail.com](mailto:pcrudden@gmail.com)).

## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

FIRST: Notice - Brunch Tour and Beer Tour of Roanoke has been canceled due to no interest. If there is an interest, please contact Shelley and another date and time can be set up. They run these weekly.



"Back Home on the Farm Teas" are once again scheduled for each month through December.

Website: [www.backhome-onthefarm.com](http://www.backhome-onthefarm.com)  
<http://www.backhome-onthefarm.com>

Address: 2915 Willow Run Road, Harrisonburg, VA, 22802

Directions: I81 North, exit 245 west on Port Republic Road. Cross S. Main Street and turn right on Route 42 North (Virginia Avenue). Travel 4 Miles - turn left onto Willow Run Road. Follow signs to Hess Farm on right.

### "Mother's Day High Tea"

"Come celebrate Mother's Day at the farm. Enjoy high tea and the gardens on this special day in May! The menu consists of a four course meal, including scones with clotted cream, assorted tea sandwiches and a mouthwatering array of pastries!"

Date & Time: Thursday, **May 5** - 1:00 pm

Carpool to leave by 11:30 am.

Cost: \$20.00 per person

#### DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION

Thursday, **April 28**

Contact Sharon Littley - [slittley@gmu.edu](mailto:slittley@gmu.edu)  
or **703-625-0870**

### "Fairy Garden Party Tea"

This tea is celebrating the opening of their Butterfly House! Guests will receive admission to the Butterfly House on the grounds and relax among the beauty of native butterflies and fairy gardens. Then enjoy butterfly inspired sweets and savories with a choice of hot or iced tea!

Date & Time: Tuesday, **June 21** - 1:00 pm

Carpool to leave by 11:30.

Cost: \$20.00 per person

#### DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION

Wednesday, **June 8**

Contact Sharon Littley - [slittley@gmu.edu](mailto:slittley@gmu.edu)  
or **703-625-0870**

Information for the July, August and September Teas will be in the May Newsletter. The information for the October, November and December Teas will be in the September Newsletter.



### Tour of Maymont Estate and Gardens

(Eight newcomers' have signed up already! Please contact Shelley by Wednesday, **May 4th** if you would like to attend!)

[www.maymont.org](http://www.maymont.org)  
<http://www.maymont.org>

Address: 1700 Hampton Street, Richmond, VA 23220

"Discover the legacy of James and Sallie Dooleys' extraordinary gift to Richmond throughout their spectacular home. Rarely seen early images displayed throughout Maymont Mansion give a sense of how things looked when the estate was opened to the public in 1926 - the gardens, the landscape, the buildings and the mansion. Beautiful fashions of the 1920s and "before and after" photographs bring the era to life. Stories of the amazing rejuvenation that began in the 1970s enhance our appreciation of Maymont Mansion as one of the first Victorian mansions to be preserved as a house museum, as well as one of the first four museums opened in Richmond."

Date: Wednesday **May 25**

(NOTE \*NEW DATE\* - Originally planned for **Monday, May 23**. Maymont is closed on Mondays.)

Time: Meet for Carpooling at 7:45 am (place to be determined)

Arrive: Approx. 10:00 am

Garden Tour: On your own until the mansion tour, you can tour (free) the elaborate Japanese and Italian Gardens and Arboretum; or the Wildlife Exhibits \$4.00; or the Nature Center \$2.00

Mansion Tour 12:00 pm - \$5.00  
Lunch: The Tobacco Company 1:30 pm, 5429 Williamson Road, Roanoke, VA 24012

[www.thetobaccocompany.com](http://www.thetobaccocompany.com)<http://www.thetobaccocompany.com> Check it out for the menu!

### **Shenandoah Overnight Bus Tour to Lancaster, PA**

Date: Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30  
Boards Lexington  
Sight & Sound Theatre to see "Samson"  
[www.sight-sound.com](http://www.sight-sound.com)

Dinner at famous Amish restaurant, Millers Smorgasbord Restaurant  
[www.millersmorgasbord.com](http://www.millersmorgasbord.com)<http://www.millersmorgasbord.com>

Kitchen Kettle Village  
[www.kitchenkettle.com](http://www.kitchenkettle.com)<http://www.kitchenkettle.com>  
Dutch Apple Theatre to see "Mary Poppins"  
[www.dutchapple.com](http://www.dutchapple.com)<http://www.dutchapple.com>  
Tour #16023  
Price per person: Double: \$329 Single: \$389  
See website for more information:  
[www.shenandoah tours.com](http://www.shenandoah tours.com)<http://www.shenandoah tours.com>

Make your own reservations, but let me know if we have a group going! Reserve your spot with Lisa, 540-885-1528 as soon as possible. As of April 6, there were 16 spots available.

The Events committee is always looking for suggestions from all of you of what you would like to do. They will be meeting with the Overnight Committee and planning more trips. PLEASE speak up and let us all know where and what you want to visit!

## **FUTURE EVENTS**



July - Salem Red Sox Farm Team Game - date & time to be determined

July 10 - Annual Newcomers' Club Picnic - McKethan Park (Confirmed)

Need volunteers for Set up, Ordering and Picking up chicken, Coordinating drinks, Cleanup

August - Cedar Creek Battlefield & Belle Grove Plantation - Authentic 1797 Manor House, sister of President James Madison.

Stop at Route 11 Potato Chip Factory, Lunch at Wayside Inn, Middletown

September - Appomattox Courthouse

October - Cass Railroad Tour during leaf season

November 5 - 2:30 matinee - "One Slight Hitch" Comedy  
Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg  
Jan Lowry will confirm details

December 3rd - Annual Holiday Party  
Lexington Golf & Country Club (Confirmed)  
Ray Leinbach, Chairman

December 6th - Annual Dominion Lights at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens  
Theme this year is "Living Color"  
Dinner at the Tea Room in the Gardens



## THINKING OF YOU

Has a member had an operation, a new grandchild? Is a significant anniversary coming up, or has someone lost a loved one? Please send me an email with the member's name, and address if you know it, and I will send congratulations or condolences as appropriate. Contact [mskovira3@gmail.com](mailto:mskovira3@gmail.com) or call 464-1555.

In March cards were sent to George Grasse and Tom Coker wishing them speedy recovery from surgery.

Margaret Skovira, Corresponding Secretary

### Treasurers Report 3/01/16 – 3/31/16 Submitted by Nancy Wright

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 4,077.93
INCOME	\$0
TOTAL	\$ 4,077.93
	
DISBURSEMENTS	
Room Rent	60.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$4,017.93



## FROM THE HISTORIAN

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

[garysullivan@rockbridge.net](mailto: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 has begun our spring round of meals (April/May) and new members are always welcome to join the group!

It isn't too much of a commitment: members attend three dinners per year and members are required to host once every 4 sessions (depending on the total number of members).

The Fine Dining coordinator assigns groups so that you will eat with different members at each dinner. Hosts plan the menu, coordinate

selecting the date among their guests and assign recipes to their guests.

Costs for meals are split evenly among all attending each dinner so that hosting isn't a costly burden.

Contact Grace Simcoe at [gsimcoe@gmail.com](mailto:gsimcoe@gmail.com) if you're interested in knowing more about Fine Dining.



Jack Littley, Tom and Karen Reeves  
Cynthia Tucker, Sharon Littley, Sally Nunneley  
*Silk Road, Asian Fusion Restaurant*

### Dining Out

Generally the dining out group meets three times a year in the fall (Sep - Nov), winter months (Jan-Mar) and Spring (Apr thru May or June). This year there seems to be sufficient interest for the Dining out group to sponsor one more event during the months of June, July, August. Please look for an email that will be sent out mid March letting you know your dining options. You will have about three weeks to respond so hosts will know who will be attending their event.

If you are a new member and are interested in joining the Dining out group, email Dorothy Coker at [cedarbranchhollow@gmail.com](mailto:cedarbranchhollow@gmail.com) or call or text to [540-348-6248](tel:540-348-6248). It's a fun group and we always have a good time.

# Help Wanted

## New Wine Tasting Chair Needed

Jim Slack has retired as the chair of the wine tasting group after leading the group for three years. It is time for someone else to lead the group. Jim said that he has thoroughly enjoyed leading the group. He noted that the Newcomers' wine tasters have been an excellent and pleasant group to work with. Please consider taking over as the chair of this group.



## BUNKO!

Come roll with the Bunko ladies! We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in learning to play, we would love to teach you. Currently we are adding to our sub list. Please contact Sharon Littley at [slittley@gnu.edu](mailto:slittley@gnu.edu) or [703-625-0870](tel:703-625-0870) for more information.



## 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](tel:540-463-3344) or [cmtucker@comcast.net](mailto:cmtucker@comcast.net).



### **Pinochle Club**

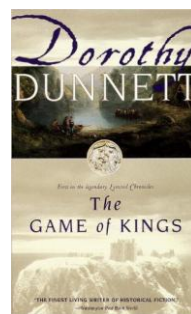
The pinochle club is entering its third year of play. Since its inception one couple came forward to join the Schindler's to play the game. We use a combination of minor rules in playing. The standard rules are that every player receives twenty cards. The order of power is Ace high, ten, King, queen, jack. Trump is the suit called by the winning bidder. Points are given for the following: a run in the trump suit, a single marriage in any suit, an ace in each suit, a king in each suit, a queen in each suit, a jack in each suit, a marriage in each suit, a pinochle ( queen of spades and jack of diamonds), and for double aces, Kings, queens, jacks, and pinochle. Determining the points you have in your hand helps to determine if you want to bid and how high you are willing to go. More on the rules of the game next month.

After two games of play (90 minutes to two hours) The hosting couple provides a snack and beverage. Hosting rotates between the couples at an agreed upon time. We look forward to having other singles and/ or couples join us. There are rules to play three handed as well as four handed.

Call Marilou at 291-2992 for more information or the date and location of the next play.

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

The Fourth Thursday Book Club will hold its next meeting on Thursday, April 28 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Kathy Kvach. Again this month we will read a memoir, this time *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake* by Anna Quindlen. Copper Perry will lead the discussion.



### **Fourth Thursday II Book Club**

This month we met at Pam Grinder's home and discussed the novel *Hold Still: A Memoir with Photographs* by Sally Mann with Anna Alford the facilitator.

*The Game of Kings* by Dorothy Dunnett is our next selection. The first book in the legendary Lymond Chronicles, *Game of Kings* takes place in 1547. Scotland has been humiliated by an English invasion and is threatened by machinations elsewhere beyond its borders, but it is still free. Paradoxically, her freedom may depend on a man who stands accused of treason: Francis Crawford of Lymond. Amazon summary.



### **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.



*Flats of Dragons Tooth*

**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](mailto:donbrooke@gmail.com), or Debbie Maurer, [mountaintoppers@exede.net](mailto:mountaintoppers@exede.net).

**CALENDAR**

**APRIL**

- 1 Hiking Group
- 5 Yoga
- 6 Club Meeting**
- 6 Pinochle
- 8 Hiking Group
- 10 *Newcomers Tea & Coffee*
- 12 Yoga
- 15 Hiking Group
- 19 Yoga
- 19 Canasta
- 20 Bunko
- 21 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Book Club
- 21 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday II Book Club
- 22 Hiking Group
- 26 Yoga
- 29 Hiking Group

**MAY**

- 3 Yoga
- 4 Club Meeting**
- 5 *Mother's Day High Tea*
- 6 Hiking Group
- 10 Yoga
- 11 Pinochle
- 13 Hiking Group
- 17 Yoga
- 18 Bunko
- 20 Hiking Group
- 24 Yoga
- 24 Canasta
- 25 *Tour of Maymont*
- 26 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Book Club
- 26 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday II Book Club
- 27 Hiking Group
- 31 Yoga