

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the natural world, spring is obviously a time of transition, an emergence of vibrant new life from the stasis and apparent inactivity of winter. Less obvious is that for the Newcomers Club, spring is also a time of transition, or at least, a consideration of change as the Executive Committee begins its deliberation of the scope of activities, development of a budget, and the installation of new officers and committee chairs for the new year which for us begins in September. This leads me to discuss the importance of momentum.



Maintaining an all-volunteer organization is a lot like riding a bicycle. You have to keep pedaling to stay vertical, because if you lose your forward momentum you will topple over. Without that effort to move, everything comes to a halt because you simply cannot coast for very long. Now, as you have heard from me previously, we Newcomers have a good thing going. In addition to excellent activities, social events, and friendly networking, we have a supportive cast of long-time members, and an energetic set of newer members, all of whom seem to have a keen interest in perpetuating the Club. But to do so we must maintain that momentum, and one essential element thereof is to generate a new set of activists, also known as officers and committee chairs. These are the individuals who are primarily responsible for pedaling that bicycle. So if you have an interest in assuming any of the positions listed on the first page of the Member Directory, please let me (or any of the officers) know of this inclination. You will be contributing to the needed momentum, and thus to the successful continuance of the Club, possibly more than you comprehend.

Happy Easter,

Mike Quarles

APRIL ACTIVITIES



APRIL 14 2:00 PM

DEVILS BACKBONE OUTPOST BREWERY

Tour the new brewery in town. We will meet at Devils Backbone . **No Open Toe Shoes or Sandals.**

Call or e-mail Shelley to get on list, 540-461-0623 or sunder4@juno.com If you have already signed up will send smaller group e-mail with further details.

SATURDAY APRIL 28, 2012

Lexington Garden Tour

Sponsored by The Blue Ridge Garden Club

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

18th and 19th century log homes are open for the first time for Historic Garden Week. Explore beautiful Rockbridge County, surrounded by the Blue Ridge and the Allegheny Mountains, including Rockbridge Baths, a 19th century resort community that attracted visitors with its warm springs. Pass scenic farms on your way to Brownsburg, a national historic district, little changed in more than 100 years. Ticket price includes admission to the following 5 properties:

- Ironwood – Porter home and garden in Rockbridge Baths. Explanations of log cabin construction from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Foxglove Farm – Goodrich home and garden in Rockbridge Baths
- Wilson Springs – Lyle home and garden in Rockbridge Baths
- Williams home and garden in Brownsburg
- The Elizabeth Ward House – Jaynes home and garden in Brownsburg

Advance Ticket Sales: Available through April 27.

Admission fee: \$25

Luncheon and Special Event Information: Box lunches may be picked up at Just Kay's Café in Rockbridge Baths between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Cost is \$12. Reservations and prepayment due by April 20th. Make checks payable to the Blue Ridge Garden Club and mail to Catherine Marcus, 603 Marshall St., Lexington, VA 24450. If you wish to do this on your own please follow these instructions. Anyone interested in going as a group call or e-mail and I will arrange meeting place for carpooling as well as ordering tickets. Shelley 461-0623 or sunder4@juno.com

Reservations and money needed by April 18, 2012. Make checks to Blue Ridge Garden Club.



ACTIVITIES CONTINUED



SATURDAY MAY 19 1:30

Thornrose Cemetery, Staunton, VA

The Augusta County Historical Society presents: "Conversations from the Grave". Tickets, are \$20.00 Rain or Shine

This is a popular, annual event in Staunton. Local costumed actors will tell the stories of the people who made Staunton their resting place. Refreshments served following the tour.

We must have 15 people for this tour.

Contact Joan Carson for more information. 463-6994

MEMBERSHIP



Welcome to our newest members:

As of 04/5/2012, we have 118 memberships consisting of 215 members.

We welcome our newest members:
Terry and Harrison Fridley
11 Sixty West Dr.
Lexington, VA 24450
464-3030 TFRID36457@aol.com

Bill Docekal – Membership Chair
wvd@rockbridge.net

THINKING OF YOU




Members are requested to please keep Jane Stange, our corresponding secretary, informed of any member to whom a card should be sent. Jane can be reached by email at Pstange@embarqmail.com or 463-2964.

Greater Lexington Newcomers Club

Treasurers Report

3/01/12 –3/31/12

Submitted by Cathy Broach

Corrected BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2,535.79
INCOME	
1 Membership @ \$25.00	
Total Income	25.00
TOTAL	\$2,560.79
	
EXPENSES	
Rent LGCC	\$60.00
Total Expenses	60.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$2,500.79



FROM THE HISTORIAN:

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

Canasta

Interest Groups

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

Fine Dining Group

The Fine Dining Group has events three times a year. Members have the opportunity to host groups of six to eight individuals in their homes. The host will choose the menu and provide recipes to the participants, who then prepare their chosen dishes. The cost of food and drink is shared among the participants.

If you wish to participate in this fun experience in the future contact Mary Ellena Ward at MaryAndJim@Termineigh.com. It is also possible to sign up as substitutes. See <http://www.lexvanewcomers.org/finedining.html> for more detail.



Couples Bridge #2

3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.
April 18 - Nancy and Ron Patrick's
May 16 - Cathy & Bill Broach's
Contact person: Cathy Broach (261-3141)

Barbara's Bridge Buddies

Ellen Charske 463-7971

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Lexington Country Club. Lunch at Noon; Bridge at 1:00.

Canasta meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Anyone interested in joining or being a sub, please contact Donna Garnett at dgarnett42@yahoo.com or call 540-784-9322



Fourth Thursday Book Club

Fourth Thursday Book Club is filled for now. Contact person: Evelyn Caldwell – 463-9775; ebcaldwell@embarqmail.com. Meetings scheduled are:
April 26th - “Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand” at Shirley Dent’s

May 24th – “The River of Doubt” at Nancy Vallance’s

Second Thursday Book Club

The second Thursday book club will be enjoying the following non-fiction over the next two months: “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” by Rebecca Skloot and Edward S. Curtis: “Coming to Light” by Anne Makepeace

Contact person is JoAnn Toner, jatoner@yahoo.com.

Scrabble #3

Carolyn Rapoza has taken over the coordinator’s position for Scrabble. Group #3. All interested persons should call 540-463-6998 or e-mail at julierapoza@gmail.com.



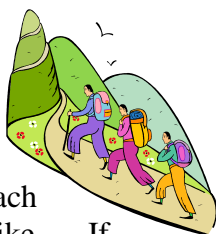
Wine Tasting Group



The Winetasting Group completed nine parties with 72 people on Italian Reds in February and March, with, again, wildly differing opinions as to which ones they liked best and least. As long as they liked some of the offerings, I guess we're getting on with the process. We'll be announcing our Spring choice of wines soon and asking for volunteers to host the tastings in late April and May. Contact person is Paul Miller: paulmiller@embarqmail.com.

The Hiking Group

We hike each Friday, weather permitting. Most trails are about 3 to 6 miles, many are on the AT and are within an hour from Lexington. Email notification is usually sent out each Wednesday for the Friday hike. If you would like to be put on the weekly e-mail list contact one of the hiking leaders. Lucy Thornburgh, bthorn@mindspring.com Don Brooke at donbrooke@gmail.com or Debbie Maurer at mountaintoppers@hughes.net.



Yoga Group



The Gentle Yoga classes continue to be offered Tuesday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 at the Kendal Fitness Center. These classes are free to all Newcomers, so take advantage of this opportunity to introduce yourself to a lovely yoking of mind-body-spirit while enjoying the companionship of other members. For more information, call Helen Moore, 850-240-5619.

Dining Out



Lunch at Hillel House, Washington & Lee

The Dining Out groups go out in January, March and October. Members are encouraged to host a group of eight for breakfast, lunch or dinner at a local or near-by restaurant. Groups can try new places or revisit old favorites. If you're interested in joining the group when we gear back up in October, please send an e-mail to Copper Perry at skipandcopper@yahoo.com



Lunch at Stone Soup Café, Staunton

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 10 Yoga
- Barbara's Bridge Buddies
- 12 2nd Thursday Book Club
- 13 Hiking
- 17 Yoga
- 18 Couples Bridge
- 20 Hiking
- 24 Yoga
- Canasta
- 26 4th Thursday Book Club
- 27 Hiking

MAY

- 2 General Meeting at LG&CC