

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,

I want to thank the 33 members who attended our May Newcomers meeting. We had no guests, so don't forget to invite those new people in the area to our meeting.

In case you forgot, May 10 is Mothers' Day. Ellen Martin came to our meeting to talk about the Lexington Rockbridge Studio Tour on May 9 and 10. She brought several examples of the artists being showcased on the tour. The tour is free, but you might want to buy something for Mom or better yet, take her on the tour.

If the artist tour is not Mom's cup of tea, take her Saturday at 10:00 to the Brownsburg Museum. Margaret Skovira will give us a tour of the new display at the museum. Check the newsletter for more information. Also check for other activities this month.

Our next meeting will be June 3, so put that date on your calendar. It will be an important meeting as we will be voting for our new officers and a proposal for dues change. Also mark your calendar for July 12, our annual picnic. More information will follow in the newsletter.

Hope you all have a wonderful Mothers' Day weekend and remember to check the newsletters for all our activities.

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President

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Welcome

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Membership Report – May 2015

No new members joined this month. Officially, we now have 132 memberships consisting of 238 members.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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 9:40 am. To sign up contact Shelley at sunder4@juno.com or 461-0623.

Directions to Brownsburg Museum:

From Lexington: For the scenic drive, take Rt. 11 North out of Lexington, go left on Rt. 39, then right on Rt. 252, Brownsburg Turnpike. Pass through Bustleburg. In Brownsburg look for the small green house on the right (there will be a sign).

Or, take Interstate 81 North to the Fairfield Exit #200. Go left off the exit ramp onto Rt. 724 (Sterrett Road), then left on Rt. 252 in Brownsburg to the third building on the left which is the Museum. (You can also take Rt. 11 North to Fairfield and left on Sterrett Road/Rt. 724 and continue as above.)



SALEM RED SOX BASEBALL

Sunday, 7 June 2015 4:05 pm

\$11 per ticket -\$1 for seniors 65+

Dinner to follow

Will arrange carpool after we have our group. Need reservations by May 31 and money by June 2.

POC: Shelley sunder4@juno.com 461-0623



NEWCOMERS PICNIC

12 JULY 2015 3-6 pm

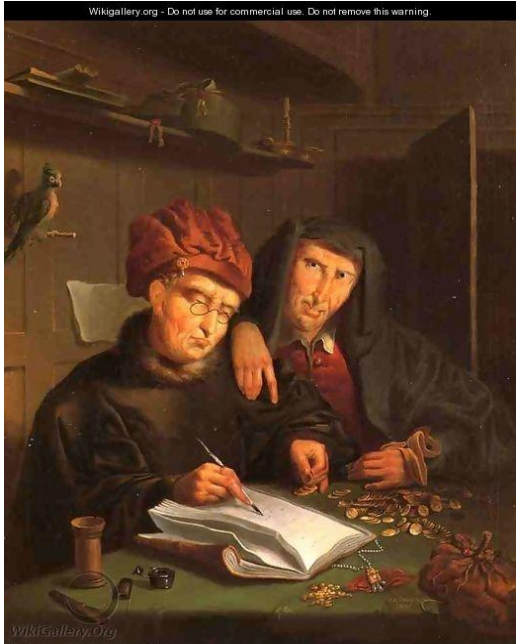
Chicken and non alcoholic drinks will be provided. Potluck for appetizers, sides, salads, and desserts.

Cost will be approximately \$6 (subject to change after we get chicken prices). Please sign up at June meeting or contact Shelley at 461-0623 or sunder4@juno.com.

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.

**Treasurers Report
4/01/15 –4/30/15**

Submitted by Nancy Wright

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$3,653.52
INCOME	\$0	
TOTAL		\$3,653.52
 <p>The Misers by Frederick E. Cohen</p>		
DISBURSEMENTS		
Rent	\$ 60.00	
ENDING BALANCE		\$ 3,593.52

**LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB
DUES CHANGE PROPOSAL
May, 2015**

I hereby propose that the dues for the Newcomers Club be changed as follows so that everyone pays an equal annual amount:

	<u>Currently</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Couples	\$25 per year	\$30 per year
Singles	\$25 per year	\$15 per year

If our membership remains the same, the annual income will change in this way:

Couples	\$2575	\$3090
Singles	\$ 575	\$ 345
TOTALS	\$3150	\$3435

We will vote on this proposal at the June meeting.

Nancy Wright

Treasurer



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



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



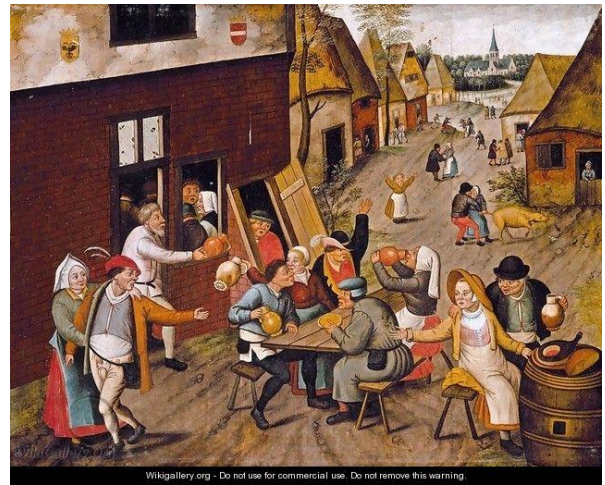
Fine Dining (also known as Dining In) is conducting our Spring round of delicious meals before taking a short break for summer.

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

Dorothy Coker will be hosts.

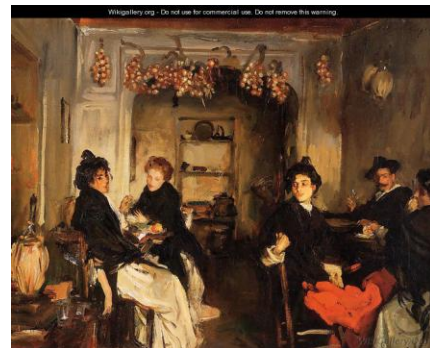
We've added several new faces to our group lately and would love to have more members, so consider adding your name to the list and join us in the fall! Members host and plan no more than one dinner per year and attend two other meals as guests during the year. Each get together is with a different grouping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



Dining Out

Dorothy Coker is requesting volunteers to host a Dining Out venue for the May/June time frame. Please contact her at [540-348-6248](tel:540-348-6248) or email cedarbranchhollow@gmail.com as soon as possible if you are able to host. This will be the last event of the 2014-2015 season. Our next dining out event will be in the fall.



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).

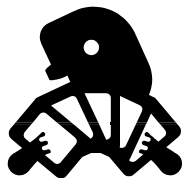
The wine tasting group has finished its tasting for April and May of 2015. It tasted white wines of Bordeaux and Burgundy. The wines were well received but none was considered outstanding.

We are about to setup our tastings for June and July. We will taste not a region or a varietal but rather Cheap White Wines. We have not done this type of tasting before.

If you would like to join the wine tasting group, send email to Jim Slack at Public@Termineigh.com.

Helping Hands

We are requesting volunteers to look into the feasibility of starting up a 'Helping Hands' group within Newcomers. The committee will be responsible for setting up guidelines relative to how the group functions and what it hopes to achieve for presentation to the membership for a vote in June. If you are interested in assisting in this endeavor, please contact Dorothy Coker at cedarbranchhollow@gmail.com or 348-6248.



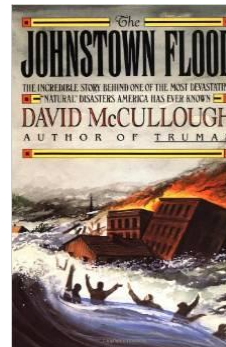
Canasta Group

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.

Pinochle Club



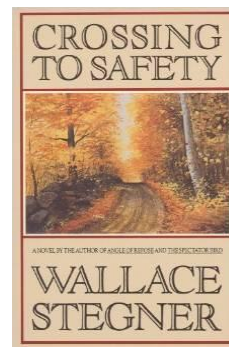
The Pinochle Players are into their second year and meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Currently, four members are playing using a combination of players' rules for pinochle. More players are welcome. Light refreshments are served by the hosting couple. If interested in playing, call Marilou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



Fourth Thursday II Book Club

This month we will meet at Pam Grinder's home and discuss the novel *The Johnstown Flood* by David McCullough. Phil Crudden will lead the discussion. This book was written in 1968 and was David McCullough's first foray into the world of narrative non-fiction. It will prove to be an interesting discussion.

Last month, April, our club discussed *Arctic Dreams* by Barry Lopez. Mike Quarles led discussion of this non-fiction examination of the Arctic: its terrain, its wildlife, its history of Eskimo natives and intrepid explorers who have arrived on its icy shores. The group gave the book a 3.8 rating.



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

We will meet on May 28th, at Nancy Vallance's to discuss *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner. On June 25th, we'll meet at Copper Perry's to discuss *Factory Girls* by Leslie Chang.



Shortcut

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

MAY

- 8 Hiking Group
- 9 Brownsburg Museum Tour
- 12 Yoga
- 13 Pinochle
- 15 Hiking Group
- 19 Yoga
- 22 Hiking Group
- 26 Yoga
- 26 Canasta
- 28 4th Thursday Book Club
- 28 4th Thursday II Book Club
- 29 Hiking Group

JUNE

- 2 Yoga
- 3 Newcomers Club Meeting**
- 5 Hiking Group
- 7 Salem Red Sox**
- 9 Yoga
- 10 Pinochle
- 12 Hiking Group
- 16 Yoga
- 19 Hiking Group
- 23 Yoga
- 23 Canasta
- 25 4th Thursday Book Club
- 25 4th Thursday II Book Club
- 26 Hiking Group
- 30 Yoga



April "Coffee" at the Skovira's to Welcome New Newcomers