

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE VIRGINIA HORSE CENTER ON ROUTE 39 (2ND LEVEL).

ACTIVITIES FOR 2004-2005

Thanks go to our activities committee who have worked hard to plan the following activities for us during the up-coming season. To participate, call the contact person for the activity.

September

19: Garth Newell Concert, Warm Springs. 3 PM. Paul Nitsch, pianist and the Cavani String Quartet-one of Garth Newel's most popular musician. Cost \$20 per person. Meet at Peebles east parking lot to carpool at 1:30PM. Reservations payment to Marceil McDaniel by September 10th.

25: Down and Dirty Car Races at 5:30. This event is already sold out. Remember to bring your beverage, ice, and assigned dish. When you arrive at the far right gate, continue until met by the attendant then give your name and continue to the VIP building. Contact Person is Faye Welch (463-5320).

October

6: Special Picnic. In appreciation of the patronage of the organization and its members, Jim's Barbecue is giving us a FREE picnic lunch at the Pavilion at Jordan's Point after our monthly meeting at Noon. Jim's is providing all picnic food, supplies and beverage. The caterer must know how many persons will be attending by October 4. This is an absolute cut-off date! Contact Sandy Harrelson at fharrelson@earthlink.net or call 261-1141 if you plan to attend. Join us for a fun-time, and be sure to wear picnic clothes.

9: Think Oktoberfest! Let's get together at the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton for a good time at 3 p.m. There will be "oompah" music until 10 PM, folk dancing until 5 PM, German draught and bottled beer - prosit! German and American food will be available. Admission is \$10 per person. If interested, contact Marge Hubbard at 463-6360.

14: New Member Coffee at Karin O'Callahan's home.

20: Trip to Luray Caverns departs Peebles at 10:00. \$16. Contact Shelley Undercoffer at 463-9218.

November

12: Overnight trip to Barter theater in Abingdon, Va. *HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME*. Possible visit to Mistletoe Fair and dining at the Tavern. Contact person, Faye Welch (463-5320)

December

3: Christmas Party, Moody Hall at VMI in the Banquet Room. 6 PM. Holiday Planning Group includes Linda Donald, Sharon Kirk, Jan Perkins and Nancy Mills.

9: Christmas at the Herb Farm. Get into the spirit of Christmas by joining us for the Buffalo Springs Holiday Home Tour on Thursday, December 9 at 10AM (tour begins at 10:30AM). Holiday refreshments will be served in the log cabin afterwards. Browse in the gift shop as long as you like! Cost \$8 per person, paid to Marceil McDaniel (463-7342) by November 15.

Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

Sept	1	General Meeting, Horse Center - 10 AM
	7	Bridge 2 - 11:30 AM
	9	Bridge 1
		Scrabble Group 2, 1:00 PM
	10	Hiking
	13	Decorative Painting/Scrabble 1
	15	Couple's Bridge 2 - 7 PM
	19	Garth Newell Concert
	20	Book Club 2 - 1:30 PM
	25	Down and Dirty Car Races
	28	Scrabble Group 3/Canasta
	30	Book Club 2
Oct	4	Couple's Bridge 1
	6	General Meeting, Horse Center - 10 AM (lunch at Jordan's Point)
	9	Octoberfest, Staunton
	14	New Member Coffee/Bridge 1
	18	Painting - 9:45 AM
	20	Luray Caverns
	26	Canasta
Nov	12	Huchback of Notre Dame Barter Theater, Abington
	15	Painting - 9:45 AM
Dec	3	Holiday Party, Moody Hall, VMI
	9	Christmas at the Herb Farm
	20	Painting - 9:45 AM
Jan	13	New Member Coffee

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Baseball Club

(Glenda and George Grasse). Two Salem Avalanche games were attended by the group this Summer. Next year, the Baseball Club will be under the new commissioner, Jerry Plante (463-4032). Thanks for all of your support in 2003 and 2004.

CLUB REPORTS

Newcomer's Dining Out Group is Forming

If you wish to participate, contact Frank Harrelson at (540) 261-1141, (stay@elephantmountainbb.com or fharrelson@earthlink.net).

The Dining-Out activity is open to all members of Newcomers (couples and singles). We will eat out 3 times per year at fine restaurants in Lexington and nearby counties and towns. Each participating party will be responsible for their own food and beverage bill, plus gratuity. Dining will be in groups of 8 to 10 persons with a host and hostess to facilitate arrangements, introductions and conversation. Persons can sign up for a particular date. Hosts will be published in advance. Coordination will be made with the Wine and Fine Dining groups so as not to interfere with those activities.

Newcomers' Fine Dining Club

Guidelines 2004-2005 (*Denise Gorsky 258-1252; Barbara Rollenhagen 463-7473*). *Interested parties must sign up by Sept 10 even if you were a previous member.*

Dinners are held in the homes of the Fine Dining Club members for October/November, February/March and April/May. Dining can include brunch, lunch or dinner. This club includes singles as well as couples. Each participant is required to contribute her/his fair share of effort and fun, and members alternate as hostess/host once a year. The size of each group will be sized for hosts' accommodations and one is expected to host more than once a year. Guests can sign up for 3 dates in order of preference and group assignments will be posted on the web site once set up.

The date and time of each dinner, recipes, and food assignments for participants for a specific period is determined by each hostess and posted on the internet. The cost of each dinner will be calculated and split equally by the guests attending that dinner. Should you have to cancel out at the last minute and a substitute cannot be found, you will be expected to pay your share of the dinner in fairness to all.

The dining club is accepting names for a substitute list for people who do not want to commit to the full season who would like to be called in the event a member has to cancel at the last moment. People on this list will be called as space becomes available at a dinner.

Wine Club

(Glenda and George Grasse). *Note: At least 11 volunteer hosts are needed for the November white Burgundy wine tasting.*

The Lexington Golf and Country Club Petite Syrah tasting and buffet on Wednesday, August 18 was a great event. All of the petite syrah (durif) wines were excellent. We compliment the hosts, Clubhouse Manager Jim Lockatell and Executive Chef Bart Lanman for a superb setting, excellent buffet menu, and commentary about the food and wine. Each buffet hors d'oeuvre item was paired with one of five petite syrah wines. Sixty-three Newcomer Wine Club members were in attendance and a few stand out for special thanks.

Thanks go to Joyce and Tex Benton for supplying the great decorated wine serving tray and cooling bucket as door prizes. Winners were Robin Eddy (wine serving tray) and Linda Textor (wine cooling bucket). We also thank the following Wine Club members who were particularly helpful: Pat & John Rafferty (at members' check in), Joyce & Tex Benton (ticket prize handout), and, at the end of the evening, Linda & Bob Textor (final wine tally); and host couples who "commanded" each of the eight tables, brought the evaluation forms, and supplied pencils (by table #): #1 Jones, #2 Jenks, #3 Textor, #4 Hamm, #5 Broach, #6 Emory, #7 Perkins, and #8 Halseth.



NEW MEMBERS

Renae C. Glidden (Robert)
Helen Hopkins - from Ridgefield, Ct
Lucy Thornbird - from Franklin, VA

INTEREST GROUPS

To be a participant in our interest groups, you must be a member of Newcomers. If you are interested in joining an interest group, please contact the chairman. If the group is full, an additional group may be formed.

Baseball Club

Open to all Newcomers. Salem Avalanche seats are in section 111 on the 1st base side. Games are scheduled two or three times a year. For information about the team, refer to <http://www.salemavalanche.com>.

Contact: Jerry Plante

Book Clubs

Book Club #2 - Norma Combs (463-2745) - filled
(nacombs@ntelos.net)
3rd Monday at 1:30
September Meeting at Cathy Broach's
Book: *Bel Canto* By Ann Patchett

Book Club #3 - Betty Alldaffer (462-3933) - open
last Thursday of the Month
At Evelyn Caldwell's house; leader Dottie Lion.
Book: *Bel Canto* By Ann Patchett

Bridge

Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320)
Sept 9 at Jean Rathmell's (463-1640)
Oct 14 at Marge Hubbard's

Bridge #2 - Marlies Aldridge (464-3080)
At Lexington Golf and Country Club
1st Tuesday - 11:30 lunch; 1:00 game

Couples' Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320).
Not playing in September
Oct 4 at Jean Rathmell's

Couples' Bridge #2 - Cathy Broach (261-3141) - open
At Bill and Cathy Broach's
3rd Wednesday of the Month at 7 PM

Canasta

Contact: Sandy Harrelson (261-1141). Meets 4th Tuesday.
9/28 At Sandy Harrelson's, 2631 Edgewood Rd, Buena Vista
- noon. 10/26 At Marlies Aldridge's at noon. Substitutes
and/or new members welcome.

Dining Club

Dates vary depending on hosts' preferences. Contact
Barbara Rollenhagen (463-7473; rollo_va@cfw.com) or
Denise Gorsky (258-1252). Refer to web site for more
information.

Hiking Club

Contact: Dottie Lion (239-3514; twolions@lexfirst.net).
9/10: Natural Bridge and Nature Trail 10:00 AM. Meet at
the entrance to the Bridge by the ATM. There is an entrance
Fee of \$10.50 per person. Parking is free.

Painting

Contact: Pat Monroe (464-8436).
Meets 3rd Monday of each month except September
9/13: 9:45 - 12:30 AM at City Hall.

Scrabble

Contact: Sarah Pierce (261-2106.) Call to join a
group or be a sub.

Group #1 - generally meets the 3rd Thursday at 1 PM.
9/13 At Barbara Anderson's

Group #2 - 2nd Thursday at 1 PM
9/9 at Freddye Wood's

Group #3 - 4th Tuesday
9/28 Location to be announced

Wine Club

Approximately 11 tastings are scheduled in February (red),
May (white), August (red) and November (white). Specific
dates vary depending on hosts preferences For more
information about the wine club, visit the website
www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm. Contact: Glenda
and George Grasse at histomin@rockbridge.net or call 463-
4267.



Officers/Committees

President: Ann Jones	464-8906
Vice President: Sandy Harrelson.....	261-1141
C. Secretary: Judy Halseth.....	464-6191
Treasurer: Glenda Grasse.....	463-4267
Activities: Faye Welch, Chair.....	463-5320
Directory: Sally Claeys.....	463-6322
Historian: Dottie Lion.....	291-2108
Interest Group Review: Aline Mckenna.....	261-8798
New Member Coffee: Karen Hyde.....	
Publicity: Pat Rafferty.....	348-4222
Welcome: Betty Alldaffer.....	462-3933
Web Site: Nora Gaty.....	464-3091
Dorothy Coker.....	348-6248

NOTICES

Dues. Please remit your membership dues of \$20 to (Greater Lexington Newcomers Club) to our treasurer, Glenda Grasse at PO Box 903, Lexington VA 24450-0903 by September 1.

Membership Directory. The deadline for information for the directory is 11/3/2004. Members with unpaid dues will not be included in the directory. All addresses and email changes need to be submitted to Sally Claeys at 463-6322 or sjclaeys@msn.com. Membership Application Forms for new or returning members can be found on page 4.

Articles for newsletter. The newsletter is only as good and punctual as made possible when articles are submitted in a timely fashion. Committee Chairs and officers need to submit announcements for the newsletter by email to Margaret Skovira before the first Wednesday of each month when the general meetings are held. (Note email address and telephone on masthead on page 1). If you have copies of photos of activities that may be of interest to include in this newsletter can be submitted to Dorothy Coker. Electronic submission is preferable but, if not possible, a photo is acceptable as they can be scanned in. Photos will be returned to the submitting individual or given to Dottie Lion for the club history, as requested.

Cards. As Corresponding Secretary, my duties include sending cards to our members and their spouses in times of illness or death. I must rely on you the members keep me posted on these events. Never assume that I know, please always call or e-mail their names to me so a card can be sent promptly. So, please call or e-mail me when you hear of illness or death of our members so cards can be mailed promptly. Judy Halseth.

Ava Hughes on the death of her sister, Sally Emory on the death of her mother, Betty Kranzt on the death of her sister, Wayne Combs on the death of his sister, Betty Ayres on the death of her brother., Paul Miller on the death of his son. Get well cards were sent to Harry Hughes who had heart surgery and Barbara Whittle who also had surgery. We received a thank you note from Linda Donald thanking the club for the lovely Waterford vase.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure to represent the Newcomers Club as your president for the 2004-2005 year. I am especially appreciative to be supported by such a knowledgeable and experienced group of officers, committee chairpersons and event planners.

We meet at the Virginia Horse Center (Appomattox Room) on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM. We do not meet in December or August.

Club membership is open to residents who have lived in Rockbridge County no more than five years. To qualify for club membership, one must: (a) reside in the Greater Lexington area (...within the boundaries of Rockbridge County); or (b) have a residence with a Rockbridge County mailing address. This latter restriction does not apply to anyone who is a member in good standing as of September 2003. The length of time one may remain a member is unlimited. The membership directories will be distributed to paid members at the November meeting. Pay your dues (\$20 per year) by the October meeting in order to be listed in the directory.

To participate in activities or interest groups sponsored or sanctioned by the Club, you must be a club member. Spouses/partners of members are considered Adjunct Members and are entitled to participate in all Club activities and interest groups.

Any announcement about a non-Club activity or event must have advance approval by the president and must be presented by a club member. These announcements are to be brief.

Please take an active roll in Newcomers. Attend the meetings, meet new people, join some of the interest groups and attend as many activities as you choose. The general announcements/FYI (For Your Information) section of our meeting will not be published in the newsletters so please attend the meetings to stay informed. Attendees can also participate in the 50/50 raffle.

See you in October. Ann Jones

GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 1, 2004

The General Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:30 AM by our president, Ann Jones. All members participated in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance after which a count was taken of those who wished to attend the luncheon at the Walker House. Members were then reminded that they should sign the member sheets. Anne introduced three visitors and we were advised that all three had already become new members (See page 2). Please welcome each of them.

Ann then went over the revisions of the Rules of Bylaws to acquaint us all with recent changes (See Message from the President). She made a distinction between activities (non recurring events in a calendar year) and events (activities that are held annually that can be partially underwritten by the organization). She reminded us that new interest groups can be initiated by presenting a proposal to the Interest Group Review Chairperson who will present it to a review board. Once accepted, it can become an interest group and be listed in the newsletter.

Reports then came from the Secretary, Judy Halseth, and the Treasurer, Glenda Grasse, who went over financial reports and the draft Budget (see page 6).

Thanks were extended to the Welcoming Committee for an outstanding job in distributing membership forms and accepting dues at the start of the meeting. Thanks were also extended to the organizers of our summer picnic and to Linda Donald and the Bylaw Committee.

Reports were presented from the Publicity Committee followed by reports from each of the Activity Committees (see page 2). George Grasse reported that the August Wine Tasting at the Lexington Country Club was well received due to a fantastic buffet and delicious wine, an event that will be repeated this year. Frank Harrellson also spoke about a new activity, a Dining Out Club that was in the process of being formed. Indications are that this will be a popular activity for members. As with the Wine and Fine Dining Clubs, dates for this activity will be published in advance and members can select three dates of preference. Organizers will assign members to Dining-out Groups. Please see the description on the activity page.

Our raffle winner for the 50/50 was Carol Greenan.

Various announcements of general interest were mentioned and the meeting was called to an end.

Respectfully submitted (in abbreviated form since some announcements appear elsewhere in this newsletter) by Dorothy Coker.



Treasurer's Reports and Budget

The Treasurer's Reports are available on the website. Documents include the August 2004 Financial Statement, the Consolidated Financial Statement: September 2003-2004, The 2003-2004 Reconciled Budget. The (Draft) Budget for 2004-2005 was distributed and approved at the general meeting and specifics can be obtained from our treasurer. Data includes the following:

Bank Balance: August 31, 2004.....	2,636.43
Revenues (Dues, 50/50, Directory Sales, Activity Profits).....	2,705.00
Expenses (Directory, Gifts, Holiday Party, Coffees, Newsletter, Supplies, Picnic, Postage, Room Rent, Web Site)	(3,083.40)
Balance Carried forward at end of fiscal year.....	2,258.03



GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB - MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORMS

The officers decided to prepare separate enrollment forms for new members and renewing members. Forms will be available at the September meeting or they can be downloaded from the website.

New Member Eligibility: Club membership is open to residents who have lived in Rockbridge County no more than five (5) years. To qualify for Club membership, one must (a) reside within the boundaries of Rockbridge County; or (b) have a residence with a Rockbridge County mailing address.

Renewing Members: Renewing members who pay prior to the September meeting are guaranteed the current dues rate. As of the September meeting date, renewing members are subject to any dues increase. Renewing members need to complete an enrollment form in its entirety so we can ensure a complete and accurate database.

Any member failing to pay dues *by the November meeting* shall be considered terminated. Such former members may be reinstated within two (2) years of the active membership upon payment of all indebtedness. A former member is eligible for reinstatement one time only.

Dues: For the current year (September 2004 through August 2005), dues are \$20. Only one payment per household is required. After March 15, dues are \$10.

Payee: Make checks payable to Greater Lexington Newcomers Club. Forward to: Glenda Grasse, Treasurer, P. O. Box 903, Lexington, VA 24450-0903.

To ensure a complete and accurate data base, every member (new or renewing) is asked to complete the following form.

Today's Date: _____ Tel: _____ Email Address: _____
Name _____ Date of Birth _____ (mm/dd only)
Spouse's Name _____
Address (Street or PO Box): _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Member since (mm/dd): _____ (Renewing Members only)