

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 members 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.

October

9: Think Oktoberfest! Let's get together at the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton for a good time at 3 PM There will be "oompah" music until 10 PM, folk dancing until 6 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. 7 PM at Karin O'Callahan's home. Call Karen Jackson, 540/464-3742 to sign up. Members who have belonged for less than two years are welcome, as are their spouses. This is an opportunity for the newest Newcomers to get to know each other and to meet the club officers on a personal basis. Directions: From Lexington, head south on Hwy 11 to the light just beyond the Co-op. Take 251 South at the light (in the direction of Birdfield/country club, etc.). Follow 251/Lake Robertson signs. 251 turns right at about 5.6 miles from the light (after you cross the Thomas Dixon bridge); 251 bends left after you pass the firehouse and school (about 2 miles from last turn). From this left bend, it's about 2 miles to Collier Hills stone sign and Thomas Road. Turn right onto Thomas Road, we're the first house on the right.

20: Trip to Luray Caverns. Departs Peebles at 10:00. Admission \$17, \$14 for seniors, pay your own way; have lunch together before returning home. Contact Shelley Undercoffer at 463-9218. (please call if you signed up in September)

November

3: General meeting. 10 AM, Horse Center

Lunch at the Sheridan Livery Inn

12: Overnight trip to Barter Theater. Abingdon, Va. *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, Main Stage. Mistletoe Market for browsing; dining at the Tavern. Contact person, Faye Welch (463-5320) for information about trip and accommodations.

December

3: Holiday Party. 6:30-8:30 PM, Moody Hall at VMI in the Banquet Room. . See page 4 for details. 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 10 AM (tour begins at 10:30 AM). 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.

January

13: New Member Coffee. Mary Adkins' home.

Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

Oct	4 Couple's Bridge #1
	6 General Meeting, Horse Center - 10 AM (picnic lunch at Jordan's Point)
	9 Octoberfest, Staunton
	14 Bridge #1
	Scrabble #2
	14 New Member Coffee
	15 Hiking
	18 Painting
	Book Club #2
	20 Luray Caverns
	Couple's Bridge #2
	21 Scrabble #1
	26 Canasta
	Scrabble #3
	28 Book Club #3
Nov	1 Couple's Bridge #1
	2 Bridge #2
	3 General Meeting, Horse Center - 10 AM (lunch at Sheridan Livery Inn)
	12 Hunchback of Notre Dame
	Barter Theater, Abington
	15 Painting
	Book Club #2
	16 Canasta
Dec	1 Book Clubs 1& 2 Holiday Luncheon
	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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Correction

Hiking Club contact and club Historian Dottie Lion's telephone number is 291-3514.

Picnic at Jordan's Point

A good time was had by all at the picnic held at Jordan's Point. It was catered by Smokin' Jim's Barbecue in Lexington. The sun even came out to make us warm as we enjoyed the good food and fellowship after our regular October meeting. All tables were full, plus some persons chose to sit in the wonderful and warm sunshine. The food was great!

Sandy Harrelson

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.....	291-3514
Interest Group Review: Aline Mckenna....	261-8798
New Member Coffee: Karen Jackson.....	462-3784
Teri Brasz.....	463-3368
Newsletter: Dorothy Coker.....	348-6248
Margaret Skovira.....	348-1093
Publicity: Pat Rafferty.....	348-4222
Welcome: Betty Alldaffer.....	462-3933
Web Site: Nora Gaty.....	464-3091
Dorothy Coker.....	348-6248

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

Contact: Jerry Plante (463-4032, jplante@ieee.org)
The Baseball Club will resume in the Spring of 2005. Veteran members are not required to resign. Prospective members should contact Jerry Plante. For Salem Avalanche information, go to: <http://www.salemavalanche.com/>

Book Clubs

Book Club #2 - Norma Combs (463-2745) - filled
(nacombs@ntelos.net)
3rd Monday at 1:30
10/18: at home of Sarah Pierce
Book: *The Moviegoer* by Walker Percy
11/15: at home of Sally Emory
Book: *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison
12/1: noon at the Lexington Golf & Country Club holiday luncheon with Book Group #3. In lieu of gift exchange, Book Group #2 will donate children's books to Lisa's House

Book Club #3 - Betty Alldaffer (462-3933) - open
4th Thursday of the month
10/28: at Betty Alldaffer's house
Book: *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown.
call Betty for more information

Bridge

Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320)
10/14: 1 p.m. at Marge Hubbard's. Meet at Barbara Anderson's to carpool.

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).
11/1: 7 p.m. at Faye & Bob Welch's

Couples' Bridge #2 - Cathy Broach (261-3141) - open
3rd Wednesday of the Month at 7 PM
10/20: at Susan Bushnell/John Murphy's

Canasta

Contact: Sandy Harrelson (261-1141). Call to join or substitute. Meets 4th Tuesday, third Tuesday in November.
10/26: At Marlies Aldridge's at noon.
11/16: at Margaret Skovira's at noon.

Dining Out

Contact Frank Harrelson (261-1141)
(fharrelson@earthlink.net) Dining out arrangements are being made for October. If you have not already signed up and would like to participate, please call. See September Newsletter, page 2, for more details.

Fine Dining Club

Contact Barbara Rollenhagen (463-7473, rollo_va@cfw.com) or Denise Gorsky (258-1252, mrschief@rockbridge.net) Refer to web site for more information. There is a rotating list for substitutes who may be called when space becomes available at the last minute. Members who do not want to be regular participants can sign up for that

Host, date and guest lists for October/November are:
McKenna - 10/16: Textor, Rathmell, Egyed
Rollenhagen - 10/21: Halseth, Jones, Lera
Grasse - 10/28: Belden, Dunlap, Gorsky, Welch
Broach - 10/30: Figlo, McDaniel, Aldridge
Plante - 11/6: Donald, Leinbach, Schmoll
Bronander - 11/7: - Bushnell, Ricks, Undercoffer, Whittle

Hiking Club

Contact: Dottie Lion (291-3514; twolions@lexfirst.net).
10/15: Indian Gap to Elephant Mountain (4-5 mile loop). Leave Blue Ridge Parkway milepost 48 at 10 AM Call Dottie to carpool.

Painting

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

Scrabble

Please call Sarah Pierce (261-2106) if you would like to start a new group or be on our substitute list. If you would like to learn how to play Scrabble and/or learn ways to improve your score, Sarah would be pleased to set up a session(s).

Group #1 - 3rd Thursday at 1 PM.
10/21: at 1:00 PM at Joan Rogers'

Group #2 - 2nd Thursday at 1 PM
10/14: at 1:00 PM at Sue Ward's

Group #3 - 4th Tuesday
10/26: at 1:00 PM. Place TBA

Wine Club

Contact Glenda & George Grasse (540) 463-4670
(glendagrass@rockbridge.net)
The Wine Club will hold eleven White Burgundy tastings in November. Scheduling will be finalized on Saturday, October 9. Still time to sign up.

Party hosts and dates are: Gorsky (2nd), O'Callaghan (3rd), Wilson (4th), Benton (7th), Rollenhagen (9th), Podstawski (10th), Jackson (11th), Combs (12th), Mills/Hamm (13th), Welch/B&F (17th), and Plante (19th).

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 no later than October 15.

Membership Directory. The deadline for information for the directory is 10/15/2004. 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 6.

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).

Photographs. Please take pictures at Newcomer events, group meetings, etc. and give to Dottie Lion, Historian and keeper of the scrapbook. Please write on the back of photos names of those in the pictures, as well as where and when they were taken. 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 it can be scanned in. Photos will be returned to the submitting individual or given to Dottie Lion for the club history, as requested.

Cards sent out the month of September by the Corresponding Secretary included:
Nelson Hyde, Thinking of You illness; Donna Schirmer, Sympathy on the death of her father; Jerry Plante, Home from Hospital after surgery; and Barbara Whittle, Home from Hospital after Surgery



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was great to see so many members and adjunct members at the meeting and picnic hosted by Smokin' Jim's Barbecue on October 6.

Be sure to attend our next meeting, Wednesday, November 3, to hear last minute details about the Holiday Party on December 3.

Don't forget, your dues must be received by Glenda Grasse, our treasurer, by October 15 if you are to be included in the Membership Directory which will be distributed at the November meeting.

See you in November.

Ann Jones



NEWCOMERS' HOLIDAY PARTY - DECEMBER 3

The Greater Lexington Newcomer's Club will host its annual Holiday Gathering December 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Moody Hall Banquet Room on the VMI campus. The theme for this year's event is Favorite Things: Food, Fun and Friends. Cost is \$17.50 per person, or \$35.00 a couple and payment must be received no later than November 12. Please make your checks payable to Greater Lexington Newcomers' Club and mail to Nancy Mills, 180 Moore's School Road, Lexington, VA 24450. You may also pay at the November 3 meeting. There will be no refunds.

Please note that this is not dinner. The appetizer menu will consist of a carving station with roast beef and smoked turkey, rolls, mustard, cranberry relish and other condiments. Also offered will be mini quiches, dill cheese puffs, vegetable tray w/ ranch dip, fruit and cheese trays w/crackers, spinach and artichoke dip w/toastees and Swedish meatballs. Desserts include mini lemon bars, mini cream puffs and chocolate tipped strawberries. Beverages offered are hot cider, coffee, and water. There will be beer and wine available. **Each person will receive two tickets for beer and/or wine. Additional wine or beer may be purchased by the glass.** Please plan to attend and enjoy a pleasurable start to the holiday season.

GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 6, 2004

The General Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:30 AM by our president, Ann Jones. Forty-seven members and five guests were present

Two new members, Debbie Arnn and Faith Vosburgh were introduced. Pauline & John Mason from New Jersey were introduced as visitors; they became members at the end of the meeting. Mary Buzzard was a guest.

Sandy Harrelson described parking arrangements for the picnic following the meeting. Corresponding Secretary Judy Halseth reported cards sent recently to members and Treasurer Glenda Grasse gave a financial report.

In response to requests for nametags at Newcomer events, Linda Donald requested approval for the purchase of a set of name tag holders to be used at special events and activities. Committees planning an event will be able to prepare nametags for participants and put them in these holders. The request was approved and we may expect to have nametags with holders at the Holiday Party.

Sally Claeys reported that Membership Directories will be available at the November 3 meeting, and that all members whose dues are received by October 15 will be included. There will be a few extra directories for sale on a first come, first served basis.

Dorothy Coker and Margaret Skovira requested activity updates and photos for the Newsletter. They explained the process of posting the Newsletter on the website and notifying the membership by email. Dorothy Coker

mentioned that website changes should be requested of Nora Gaty.

Karen Jackson invited new members (those who have been members less than 2 years) and their spouses to sign up for the coffee on October 14. (see page 1 for details)

Betty Alldaffer thanked Jane Auciello, Kathy Broach and Linda Galloway for serving as greeters for the meeting.

Activities for October thru December were described and members encouraged to participate. See page 1 for descriptions of these activities.

Members were encouraged to see the Newsletter (page 3) for descriptions of interest groups. Two of the most popular are the Wine Club and the Fine Dining Club. George Grasse said that about 100 people are participating in the Wine Club. Members of the Fine Dining Club were urged to contact their hostesses to settle on menus for upcoming dinners. Frank Harrelson said that 51 members had signed up for the new Dining Out group and could expect email notices for the October dining experience very soon.

Shirley Dent collected \$32 for the 2-for-1 raffle which was won by Karen Marchant. Half the proceeds go to the winner and half go to the Newcomers treasury.

After several announcements of community events of possible interest to the members, Ann Jones adjourned the meeting and many of those present went to Jordan's Point for Smokin' Jim's barbecue.

Margaret Skovira



Greater Lexington Newcomers Club		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT		
September 1 - September 30, 2004		
Bank Balance	September 1, 2004	\$2,636.43
Deposits	50/50	12.50
	Dues deposited	1,800.00
	Total Deposits	1,812.50
Expenses	Buffalo Springs Herb Farm: Advance To Be Repaid	160.00
	Holiday Party: Deposit on Party Room	236.25
	Photocopies: Treasurer	17.04
	Room Rent	100.00
	Web Site	11.95
	Total Expenses	\$525.24
Bank Balance	September 30, 2004	\$3,923.69
Club Membership	September 30, 2004	90
<p>Note: Year-to-date income and expenditures, compared to the 2004-2005 budget are available on the website. <i>Glenda Grasse, Treasurer</i></p>		

Greater Lexington Newcomers Club
MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

New Member Eligibility: Club membership is open to residents who have lived in Rockbridge County no more than five (5) years. To qualify for 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.

Renewal Deadline: 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: _____

Your Name _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd only) _____

Spouse's Name _____

Tel: _____ Email Address: _____

Address (Street or PO Box): _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Member since (mm/dd): _____ (Renewing Members only)

