

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 2005

Two popular musical events plus a new members' coffee are featured this winter. Plan to come to the February meeting and follow-up with lunch and a book store tour at Washington and Lee's Elrod Commons. Details below.

January

5: General Meeting at the Virginia Horse Center, 10 AM, followed by lunch at the Joyful Spirit Cafe on Main Street.

13: New Member Coffee. 10 AM, Mary Adkins' home. See page 3.

28: Clark's Ole Time Music Center. 7:30 PM. Put on your dancin' shoes, grab your partner and come out for an evening of country music, dancing and fun. Clark's is located 1288 Ridge Road in Raphine. There's no admission charge, but a \$3 donation per person is requested and refreshments are available. Hope to see y'all there! Contact Marceil McDaniel (463-7342).

February

2: General Meeting at the Virginia Horse Center, 10 AM, followed by lunch at the Washington & Lee Elrod Commons and a tour of the University Bookstore. Park in the Lee Chapel visitor parking lot. Contact Sandy Harrelson (261-1141) if you have questions.

9: Activities Committee Meeting, 2 PM, Faye Welch's home.

25: House Mountain Musical Group, 7 PM, Natural Bridge Volunteer Fire Department. \$12.50 per person - make your check payable to Faye Welch and send it to her to reserve your place. This always popular event is limited to 100 people, first come first served.

March

10: Troubadour Theater. 8 PM, Lexington, "Fully Committed". How do you land the best table at a chic and trendy 5-star restaurant? Find out in this hilarious one man show (but 40 different characters) about a struggling actor working as a "reservationist" in the big city. Reserve your tickets by sending \$13 per ticket to Marceil McDaniel by March 2.

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

Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

Jan	4	Bridge #2
	5	General Meeting
	13	New Member Coffee; Bridge #1
	17	Book Club #2; Painting
	19	Couple's Bridge #2
	20	Scrabble #1
	25	Canasta; Scrabble #3
	27	Book Club #3
	28	Clark's Ole Time Music
	Feb	1
2		General Meeting
9		Sewing Activities Committee Meeting
10		Scrabble #2
16		Couple's Bridge #2
17		Scrabble #1
21		Book Club #2; Painting
Mar	22	Canasta; Scrabble #3
	24	Book Club #3
	25	House Mountain Group
	2	General Meeting
	10	Troubadour Theater



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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 re-sign. 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
1/17: 1:30 at home of Nora Gaty to select books for discussion in 2005

Book Club #3 - Betty Alldaffer (462-3933) - open
4th Thursday of the month
1/27: at Betty Alldaffer's house at 1:00
Book: *The River King* by Alice Hoffman

Bridge

Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320)
1/13: 12 noon, call Barbara Anderson (463-9470)
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).
no meeting in January
Couples' Bridge #2 - Cathy Broach (261-3141)
3rd Wednesday of the Month at 7 PM
1/19: 7:00 pm at Cathy and Bill Broach's

Canasta

Contact: Sandy Harrelson (261-1141). Call to join or substitute. Meets 12 noon, 4th Tuesday of every month
1/25 at Marlies Aldridge's, 60 West, Lexington
2/22 at Sandy Harrelson's, 2631 Edgewood Road, Buena Vista

Dining Out

Contact Frank Harrelson (540 261-1141) (fharelson@earthlink.net) The Dining Out group is up to 68 persons. Planning is underway for dining out in January. One or two more hosts/hostesses are needed. Seven restaurants have been selected so far for January. If you have not already signed up and would like to participate, please call Frank.

Fine Dining Club

Contact Barbara Rollenhagen (463-7473, rollo_va@cfw.com) or Denise Gorsky (258-1252, mrschief@rockbridge.net)
Happy New Year to all the Fine Diners! Look for the dates for the February/March Dining Groups on the website. Sign up for three dates and you will receive your assignment as soon as we can get them out to you. 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.

Hiking Club

Contact: Dottie Lion (291-3514; twolions@lexfirst.net).
Hiking trips have been rained out. Nothing is planned at the moment. If hikers would like to initiate something, call Dottie to obtain the list of hikers.

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 (261-2108) 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.
1/20: at 1:00 PM at Barbara Anderson's
Group #2 - 2nd Thursday at 1 PM
no meeting in January
Group #3 - 4th Tuesday
1/25: at 1:00 PM. at Sarah Pierce's

Sewing

A new group for anyone who would like to quilt, sew, crochet, knit, etc. in a group setting. Call Kathy Gander (540 377-9556) to join.
First meeting: February 9, 10 AM, at Kathy Gander's.

Wine Club

Contact Glenda & George Grasse (540) 463-4267. email: histomin@rockbridge.net
website: www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm
The Wine Club will be holding eleven North Italian Red Wine Tastings in February, except as noted. Hosts are: Adkins (3rd), Ricks (4th), Boller (8th), Lera (9th), Fletcher (10th), Jenks (11th), Miller (17th), Alldaffer (19th), Dunlap (22nd), Jones (23rd), and Ivy (March 10th).

NEWCOMERS' NEW MEMBER COFFEE, JANUARY 13

A coffee for new members will be held at the home of Mary and Buck Adkins at 10 AM on January 13. Here is a chance to get to know one another in a small group setting, and to learn about the club's functions. Please call Mary to let her know you plan to come.

Location: 141 Jacobs Ladder, Lexington, VA 24450
540 463 6736
540 460 0726 - cell

Directions: Take 11 South past downtown. From intersection of 251 and 11 drive 1/3 mile on 11 South; turn left on Jacobs Ladder/701. Drive is 1/3 mile on left (mailbox on right with 141 on it). Please drive all the way up and park on the driveway in front of the house.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2005.

Congratulations to the Holiday Party Committee for producing an extraordinarily successful holiday party at Moody Hall on the VMI campus. It was tasteful, elegant, and terrific!



Please review the by-laws in your Member Directories. If you have any suggestions for changes, please email or regular mail your ideas to me (annc@rockbridge.net, Ann Jones, 921 Shenandoah Road, Lexington, 24450). The Executive Committee will meet in February to "fine tune" any suggestions. The proposed changes will be published in the March Newsletter. The club will discuss and vote on them at the April meeting.

Reminder: In case of snow, if the Rockbridge County Schools are closed on our meeting day, the meeting will be cancelled and we will not meet until the following month. However, the Newsletter will be published and any committee announcements should be emailed to Margaret Skovira (muskovira@ntelos.net) for inclusion in the Newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you in 2005 at our meetings and activities.

Ann Jones

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2004		
Bank Balance	September 1, 2004	\$2,636.43
Deposits	50/50	44.50
	Directory Sales	6.00
	Dues	2,800.00
Total Deposits		\$2,850.50
Expenses	Buffalo Springs Herb Farm (Advance repaid)	0.00
	Directory	326.05
	Holiday Party	415.03
	Newsletter	55.32
	Office Supplies	166.35
	Photocopy	17.04
	Room Rent	300.00
	Web Site	47.80
Total Expenses		\$1,327.59
Bank Balance	December 31, 2004	\$4,159.34
Club Membership	December 31, 2004	140

GENERAL MEETING - JANUARY 5, 2005

The General Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:30 AM by our president, Ann Jones. 40 members and 5 guests were present. After the Pledge of Allegiance the guests were introduced by Sandy Harrelson. They were: Joan Klussman who moved to our area from Florida, Lois and Joe Godou who moved from Massachusetts, and John and Cindy Sappington who moved from Georgia.

Sandy reminded members that lunch following the February meeting will be at Elrod Commons on the Washington & Lee Campus, followed by a tour of the book store in the same building.

Judy Halseth, Corresponding Secretary's report of cards sent to members is found elsewhere in this Newsletter, as is the Treasurer's report. Ann noted that membership has reached 140.

Ann thanked the committee for their hard work on the holiday party, and mentioned in particular Linda Donald's lovely floral arrangement. In the absence of committee chair Nancy Mills, Linda Donald presented Ann with a detailed committee report to guide future party committees. Noting that the dinner-dance format had become prohibitively expensive for the holiday party, Linda suggested that a questionnaire be used to collect members' ideas about future parties. For this year's party the club paid for the room; all other expenses were covered by ticket sales which resulted in a \$57 surplus.

Ann requested that members send suggestions to her for improving the by-laws. She also reminded the members of the Club's inclement weather policy. (See the President's Message on page 3 for details.)

Committee reports included thanks from Margaret Skovira for Newsletter items and thanks from Betty Alldaffer to Cathy Broach and Linda Regel for assistance in welcoming members and guests to the meeting. Karen Jackson and Mary Adkins encouraged newer members to attend the new members' coffee on January 13 (See page 3 for details). Faye Welch and Marceil McDaniel described the upcoming activities they have planned, described on page 1. Historian Dotty Lion pointed out that Club scrapbooks are on display at every meeting, and requested photographs to add to them. Kathy Gander described a new Interest Group she is forming – see Sewing on page 2.

Patte Wood, last month's winner of the 50/50, collected \$31 selling chances which was split between this month's winner, Ruth Hamner, and the Club treasury.

After several announcements of local volunteer opportunities the meeting adjourned at 11:15. Twenty-one attendees enjoyed lunch at the Joyful Spirit Café following the meeting.



Linda Donald's artistry



Holiday Party Goers