

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

Help! Help! We need more response to the House Mountain Concert, Friday, Feb. 25, at the Natural Bridge Fire Dept. Please call Faye Welch, 463-5320 if interested. \$12.50/person, \$25.00/couple. Feel free to invite any guests as we're opening up this event to the public. At press time, we need a few additional attendees to meet our obligations.

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. Bring your own snacks, beverages and paperware. Everyone helps clean up. Guests are welcome.

Last week of February, first week of March: Ukrainian egg dyeing classes (pysanka). Contact Jane Auciello, 377-5332.

March

2: General Meeting at the Virginia Horse Center, 10 AM, followed by lunch at Ruby Tuesdays, (1120 N. Lee Highway, Lexington).

10: New Members' Coffee. An evening event for the convenience of all members and spouses. Details in the March Newsletter.

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.

April

13: General Meeting at the Virginia Horse Center, 10 AM - **Note date change** to 2nd Wednesday.

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

Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

Feb	1	Bridge #2
	2	General Meeting
	8	Scrabble #2
	9	Sewing
		Activities Committee Meeting
	10	Scrabble #2, Bridge #1
	14	Painting, Bridge #2
	16	Couple's Bridge #2
	17	Scrabble #1
	21	Book Club #2
	22	Canasta; Scrabble #3
	24	Book Club #3
	25	House Mountain Group
Mar	2	General Meeting
	8	Bridge #2
	10	New members' coffee
	10	Troubadour Theater
	17	Scrabble #1
	21	Book Club #3
	22	Canasta
Apr	13	General Meeting (date change)

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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
2/21: 1:30 at Janis Wilson's
Book: *The Hairstons* by Henry Wienczek
3/21: 1:30 at Pam Wagner's
Book: *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner

Book Club #3 - Betty Alldaffer (462-3933) - open
4th Thursday of the month
2/24: at Nora Gaty's house at 1:00
Book: *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides

Bridge

Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320)
2/10: 12 noon, at Jan Bronander's
Bridge #2 - Marlies Aldridge (464-3080)
At Lexington Golf and Country Club
1st Tuesday - 12 Noon lunch; 1:00 game
2/8: hostess Sue Boller
3/8: hostess Marlies Aldridge
Couples' Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320).
no meeting in February
Couples' Bridge #2 - Cathy Broach (261-3141)
3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM
2/16: 7:00 pm at Susan Bushnell & John Murphy's

Canasta

Contact: Sandy Harrelson (261-1141). Call to join or substitute. Meets 12 noon, 4th Tuesday of every month
2/22 12 Noon at Sandy Harrelson's
3/22: 12 Noon at Carol Podstawski's

Dining Out

Contact Frank Harrelson (540 261-1141), stay@elephantmountainbb.com.
The Dining Out Group is a fast growing group of Newcomers who get together and dine out at some of the region's finer restaurants. We dine out four times per year for either lunch or dinner in groups of eight or nine persons. Membership is now up to 70. If you are not already a member, you should consider joining us. Next events will be in April.

Fine Dining Club

Contact Barbara Rollenhagen (463-7473, rollo_va@cfw.com) or Denise Gorsky (258-1252, mrschief@rockbridge.net) The February/March Dining Groups are:
Linda Donald, Feb. 12 - Broach, McDaniel; Ann Jones, Feb. 19 - Bronander, Kohtz, Ricks; Judy Halseth, Feb. 21 - Egyed, Rollenhagen, Whittle; Sharon Topinka, March 2 - Aldridge, Belden, Bushnell, Figlo; Denise Gorsky, March 6 - Textor, Plante, F. Welch; Natalie Boldurian, March 10 - McKenna, D. Welch; Jane Dunlap, March 13 - Grasse, Schmolli; Shelley Undercoffer, March 20 - Ivy, Rathmell
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).
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, 2nd Monday in February
2/14: 9:45 AM - 12:30 PM 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.
Group #1 - Sarah Pierce (261-2108), 3rd Thursday at 1 PM
2/17: 1:00 PM at Barbara Anderson's
3/17: 1:00 PM at Joan Rogers'
Group #2 - Dottie Lion (291-3514), 2nd Thursday at 1 PM
2/8: 1:00 PM at Dottie Lion's
Group #3 - Frank Harrelson (261-1141), 4th Tuesday
2/22: 1:00 PM. at Nelson Hyde's

Sewing

Contact: Kathy Gander (377-9556)
2/9: 10 AM, at Kathy Gander's (first meeting)

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).

GENERAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 2, 2005

The February, 2005 meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers was called to order at 10:30 AM by President Ann Jones. Thirty-nine members and seven guests were present. After the Pledge of Allegiance the following guests were introduced:

Tom and Arlene Szabo who have moved here from the District of Columbia
 Joe and Lois Goddu, from Massachusetts
 Eleanor Pages who came originally from Brooklyn, New York, by way of Richmond
 Jan and Mike White from Colorado

The plans for lunch at Washington & Lee's Elrod Commons following the meeting were explained and eighteen people indicated that they planned to attend.

Secretary Judy Halseth mentioned that the cards sent to members would be listed in the Newsletter. Treasurer Glenda Grasse read the latest consolidated financial report. Ann Jones reminded members to send suggestions for by-laws changes to her for consideration by the executive committee.

Committee chair reports included thanks to the Newsletter editors for last month's issue enlivened with pictures, and a reminder that the Newsletter and other club information can be found on the club's website, www.Lexingtonvanewcomers.org.

Upcoming activities were described. Faye Welch urged members to invite guests to the House Mountain concert on February 25. This is a popular annual event featuring four local musicians who play "music you know" and provide humorous interludes as well. Betty Alldaffer described last year's concert as "a blast." Marceil McDaniel described "Fully Committed," the play at the Troubadour which is the activity for March. Jane Auciello invited members to learn to dye eggs in the Ukrainian manner. Details about these activities can be found on page 1.

Ruth Hamner sold \$28 worth of 50/50 tickets; the drawing was won by Linda Galloway. If you don't know what the 50/50 is, come to the next meeting and find out.

The meeting ended with announcements of organizations and events of interest to the community. The meeting adjourned about 11:15.

Those who went to lunch at Washington and Lee following the meeting were treated to an all you can eat variety of selections in the Marketplace (student dining hall), followed by a tour of the 1 ½ year old Elrod Commons building including the theater, lounges, Café and the campus bookstore led by Maureen Becker, bookstore manager.



GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER - JANUARY 2005		
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
	Postage	7.40
	Room Rent	400.00
	Web Site	59.75
Total Expenses		\$1,446.94
Bank Balance	January 31, 2004	\$4,039.99

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

If any members have suggestions for by-law amendments, please email them to Ann Jones at annc@rockbridge.net before February 9. The executive committee will meet on February 9 to “fine tune” suggested changes which will be published in the March newsletter. The club will vote on the changes in April.

The April meeting will be held on the 2nd Wednesday (not the first), April 13, at the Virginia Horse Center at 10:00 AM.

Thanks for your participation and commitment to the club.

Ann Jones

NOTICES

Membership. Please submit addresses and email changes to Sally Claeys at 463-6322 or sjclaeys@msn.com. Membership Application Forms for new or returning members can be found on the website. Forms and membership dues of \$20 should be submitted to our treasurer, Glenda Grasse, at PO Box 903, Lexington VA 24450-0903. Checks should be made out to Greater Lexington Newcomers Club.

Articles for newsletter. Committee Chairs, officers, and interest group leaders are asked 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. Photos for the scrapbook should be sent to Dottie Lion, Historian. Please write on the back of photos identifying names, dates and places. Photos for this newsletter can be submitted to Dorothy Coker, electronically if possible.

DIRECTORY

Please make the following changes in your directory:

Cathy & Bill Broach new email:
wbroach6@earthlink.net

Evelyn Caldwell new email:
ebcaldwell@earthlink.net

Please add the following new members to your directory:

Lois & Joe Goddu
P.O. Box 343
Lexington VA 24450

Cindy & John Sappington
251 Brownsburg Turnpike
Rockbridge Baths VA 24473
(540) 348-6339
johnsappington@earthlink.com

Jan & Mike White
40 Dalewood Drive
Lexington VA 24450
(540) 261-2119
mwhite@rockbridge.net

CARDS

Cards were sent to these members in January:

Margaret/Joe Skovira - Thinking of You (Joe's father ill)
Susan Bushnell - Sympathy (Death-Father)
Pam Wagner - Thinking of You (Surgery)
Bill Pollock - Thinking of You (illness)
Frederic Grey - Sympathy (Death of wife Barbara—
Newcomers Founder)

Members - anytime you know of a member who could be cheered up or consoled with a card from the club, please notify Judy Halseth.

Officers/Committees

President: Ann Jones464-8906
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
Immediate Past President:
Linda Donald463-2947