

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).

>>>NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR APRIL MEETING: WED, 4/13<<< ACTIVITIES FOR 2005

To participate in an activity, call the contact person.

March

2: General Meeting at the Virginia Horse Center, 10 AM.

10: New Members' Coffee. 7 PM at Teri & Bert Brasz', 324 Whistlecreek Drive, Lexington. An evening event for the convenience of all members and spouses, especially newer members and prospective memters. Please call Teri, 463-3368 if you plan to attend and for directions.

10: Troubadour Theater. 8 PM, Lexington, "Fully Committed". Reserved tickets may be picked up at the door the night of the performance from Marceil McDaniel.

April

5: Shopping trip to Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets. Approximately 75 outlets including Coldwater Creek, Crate & Barrel, Pottery Barn, Old Navy, Barney's, William Sonoma, many more. Lunch at Panera Bread or the food court. Carpool from Peebles, leaving at 8 AM, 2 1/2 hour drive to Leesburg. Riders should plan to contribute \$5 toward gas. Contact Marceil McDaniel for more information.

13: (Note date change to 2nd Wednesday.) General Meeting at the Virginia Horse Center, 10 AM - followed by a buffet lunch at the Crystal Chinese Restaurant located in the Wal-Mart shopping center. We hope that you will plan to attend the meeting and then have lunch with your fellow members.

May

10: Community Symnphony Orchestra Pops Concert, Hopkins Green, Lexington. Evening - details in April newsletter.

Salem Avalanche Baseball

The Salem Avalanche Minor League baseball team will start their 2005 season Friday April 8th, 9th and 10th at Salem against the Potomac, MD Nationals, owned by the new Washington DC Nationals (previously Montreal Expos) of the National League. The games on Friday and Saturday start at 7:07 PM, and on Sunday at 2:07 PM. If you are interested in attending some of the games this year at Salem, or another locale, please send your e-mail address to Jerry Plante at jplante@ieee.org, sign up at the next meeting, or call 463-4032 and you will be kept informed of scheduled trips. Also, if you have a preference of weekend games to weekday games, please so indicate. We will follow the same or similar format that George Grasse followed last year, where we can have dinner somewhere before the game if there is enough interest.

If you are interested in attending one of the three aforementioned games and interested in having dinner beforehand, please indicate both when you sign up, call or send your e-mail address. Please respond by March 15th to allow time to reserve tickets and to make dinner arrangements.

Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

Mar	2	General Meeting
	7	Couples' Bridge #1
	8	Scrabble #2, Bridge #2
	9	Sewing
	10	Bridge #1
	10	New members' coffee
	10	Troubadour Theater
	15	Sign up for Baseball
	16	Couple's Bridge #2
	17	Scrabble #1
	21	Book Club #2, Painting
	24	Book Club #3
	22	Canasta, Scrabble #3
Apr	4	Couples' Bridge #1
	5	Shopping in Leesburg
	12	Sewing, Bridge #2
	13	General Meeting (date change)
	14	Bridge #1
	21	Scrabble #1
	26	Canasta
May	4	General Meeting
	10	Pops Concert

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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 season starts in April. All prospective members, old and new, should contact Jerry Plante. See page 1.
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
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
3/24: at Evelyn Caldwell's at 1:00
Book: *Blind Assassin* by Margaret Atwood

Bridge

Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320)
3/10: 1 PM at Ellen Charske's
4/14: 1 PM at Suzanne Egyed's
Bridge #2 - Marlies Aldridge (464-3080) At Lexington Golf and Country Club, 1st Tuesday - 12 Noon lunch; 1:00 game
3/8: hostess Marlies Aldridge
4/12: hostess TBA
Couples' Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320)
1st Monday of the month at 7 PM
3/7: 7 PM at Suzanne Egyed's
4/4: 7 PM at Karen and Nelson Hyde's
Couples' Bridge #2 - Cathy Broach (261-3141)
3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM
3/16: 7 PM at Karen and Nelson Hyde's

Canasta

Contact: Sandy Harrelson (261-1141). Call to join or substitute. Meets 12 noon, 4th Tuesday of every month
3/22: 12 Noon at Carol Podstawski's
4/26: 12 Noon at Margaret Skovira's

Dining Out

Contact Frank Harrelson (540 261-1141), fharrelson@earthlink.net
This group of Newcomers enjoys eating out several times a year at fine restaurants and socializing with other members. Planning is underway for dining out groups in April. Call Frank if you are not already a member and would like to join or if you can be a host/hostess. Remember, hosts get to pick the restaurant, date and time.

Fine Dining Club

Contact Barbara Rollenhagen (463-7473, rollo_va@cfw.com) or Denise Gorsky (258-1252, mrschief@rockbridge.net) The groups will be forming shortly for the April/May dining groups. We will be posting the hostesses and the dates on the website. Please reply with 3 dates that will work for you and as soon as we have all the responses, we will form the groups for the final Dining Club groups for this year.

Hiking Club

Contact: Dottie Lion (291-3514; twolions@lexfirst.net).
Call Dottie to obtain the list of hikers if you would like to propose a hike.

Painting

Contact: Pat Monroe (464-8436).
Meets 3rd Monday of each month
3/21: 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
3/17: 1 PM at Joan Rogers'
4/21: 1 PM at Sarah Pierce's
Group #2 - Dottie Lion (291-3514), 2nd Tuesday at 1 PM
3/8: 1 PM at Freddye Wood's
Group #3 - Frank Harrelson (261-1141), 4th Tuesday
3/22: 1:00 PM at Frank Harrelson's

Sewing

Contact: Kathy Gander (377-9556)
All forms of needle work, lots of talk. Please call the hostess if you plan to attend.
3/9: 10 AM at Cindy Sappington's
4/12: 10 AM at Margaret Skovira's

Wine Club

Contact George Grasse (540) 463-4267. email: histomin@rockbridge.net
website: www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm
The Wine Club is just about finished with the February "North Italian Reds" tastings and results of most of the parties are posted on the website. In May, the Wine Club will taste sparkling wines from around the world, except the Champagne region. Twelve hosts are needed for the May tastings. See page 4 for new "no show" rules.

GENERAL MEETING - MARCH 2, 2005

Vice President Sandy Harrelson called the general meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club to order at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2005 at the Virginia Horse Center. Sandy was chairing the meeting in the absence of President Ann Jones who was taking a test to qualify to judge a flower show.

Thirty members and no guests were present on a blustery winter day. A sign-up for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee was circulated. Sandy thanked the members for their good wishes following her recent surgery. Glenda Grasse gave the Treasurer's report noting that the Club has a balance of \$1584 when comparing actual income and expenses to date to the budget for the year. Complete financial reports are available on the Club's web site.

Old business included thanks to Marceil McDaniel for arranging the Elrod Commons lunch and tour following the February meeting. Those who attended received a W&L bag and encouragement to make use of the dining facilities and theater presentations at the Commons in the future. Thanks also went to Faye Welch for arranging the 6th annual House Mountain concert enjoyed by many members on February 25. The band was as entertaining as ever and many attendees purchased its CD available for the first time.

Sandy reminded the members that the next general meeting will be held at the Horse Center on the **second Wednesday, April 13**. Upcoming activities include a new member coffee in the evening on March 10 at which both old and new members, as well as prospective members, are welcome. Marceil described the shopping trip to the Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets to occur April 5. Carpools will leave Peebles at 8 AM. Besides shopping, lunch can be enjoyed at Panera Bread among other restaurants. It was suggested that riders contribute \$5 toward drivers' expenses. Linda Textor is looking into a boat tour of Smith Mountain Lake as an activity for May or June. Members were asked to suggest other activities, particularly activities with an appeal to couples. Faye Welch explained that state law requires that a liquor license be obtained for events in public places where alcohol is available, even if brought by attendees and not sold. The license adds \$55 to the costs for an event or activity.

Margaret Skovira thanked Glenda Grasse for her proofreading of this newsletter. Sandy mentioned that a new sewing interest group has been established by Kathy Gander. Frank Harrelson described the ease of hosting dining out experiences and asked for additional hosts/hostesses for April. Anne Plante, speaking for Jerry, asked everyone interested in the baseball club to sign up at the meeting or send an email to Jerry. Detailed activity and interest group information is on pages 1 and 2 of this newsletter.

Linda Galloway collected \$32 in 50/50 ticket sales; Cindy Sappington won the drawing.

Sandy reminded everyone of the change in date for the next meeting (to April 13) at which bylaw revisions will be voted on. (Revisions are printed elsewhere in this newsletter). The meeting adjourned about 11:10 with many members going on to lunch at Ruby Tuesday.

DATE CHANGE

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 10 AM, VIRGINIA HORSE CENTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I regret that I had to miss the March meeting. However, Sandy Harrelson passed a sign-up sheet for those persons wishing to be on the Nominating Committee for officers for next year. Depending upon the number who signed up, we may not be able to accommodate everyone (example: ...if we have 30 people sign up...). I will contact those who expressed an interest to meet and nominate a slate of officers prior to the May meeting.

DON'T FORGET, our next meeting is Wednesday **APRIL 13**, 2005 (the second Wednesday) at 10: AM at the Horse Center.

Please read the proposed By-law changes and come next month to vote.

See you in April.

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.

Wine Club "No Show" Policy. There were a number of "no shows" in February and a new "no show" policy statement has been added to the club's rules: **"NO SHOW" POLICY:** Wine Club members assigned to a wine tasting party have the responsibility to pay for their share of the wine. Assigned guests who cancel 72 hours *after* the publication of the wine tasting schedule are liable to pay their fair share. The money owed is calculated by the host and is payable to the host. The only allowable exception is when the host agrees to waive a cancellation payment for whatever reason. If payment is not waived and payment is not made to the host, the member is removed from the Wine Club directory and will not be entitled to participate in future tastings.

For more information about the wine club: www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm

DIRECTORY

Please add the following new members to your directory:

Joan & Robert Klussmann
15 Poyntz Place
Lexington VA 24450
(540) 463-3615
bobnjoan@ntelos.net

CARDS

Cards were sent to these members in February:

Sandy Harrelson -Thinking of You - Surgery
Sue Ward -Thinking of You - Family illness
Mary Brooks - Sympathy - Mother's passing

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 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
Immediate Past President:	
Linda Donald	463-2947

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB
PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES, February 2005

Please read the existing by-law in your directory and then read the suggested changes below. We will vote in April.

Article 3 – Membership

Section 1. The Club membership is open to residents who have lived in Rockbridge County or any of its municipalities no more than 5 years when they join. To qualify for Club membership, one must (a) reside within the boundaries of Rockbridge County or one of its municipalities, or (b) have a residence with a Rockbridge address. The latter restriction does not apply to anyone who was a member in good standing as of September 2003 and has maintained a paid membership. The length of time one may remain a member is unlimited. Having met these requirements, any person wishing to become a member is accepted upon payment of dues. Only one payment per household is required.

Section 2. Attendance at Club meetings and other functions is limited to the members. Single members of the Club may always bring one guest. Occasional additional guests are permitted, but on a space-available basis.

Article 8 – Duties of Officers

Section 2. The Vice-President shall preside at meetings of the Club and Executive Committee in the absence of the President, and perform such other duties as the President may direct. Additionally, the Vice-President shall be responsible for lunch reservations after each meeting. The Vice-President shall also review, and present to the Executive Committee for approval, the written proposal presented by a potential new interest group. This review is to ensure that the interest group complies with Club policy.

Section 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall send cards to

any member in the event of illness or bereavement and submit a report each month for publication in the newsletter.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall pay all bills approved by the Executive Committee and, in the event of death of a member, send a \$25 remembrance to the family's charity of choice. The Treasurer shall also make available a written report of all receipts and expenditures at each general meeting. The financial information of the Club shall be posted in the newsletter and on the Club website.

Article 9 – Committees/Appointees

Section 2. The Standing Committees shall be: Activities, Welcome, Membership Directory, New Member Coffee, Newsletter, Publicity, and Historian.

Article 10 – Committee Duties

Section 1.

H. Interests Group Review Committee. deleted.
 Re-letter I., J., and K. as H., I., and J.

Article 11 – Events, Activities and Interest Groups

Section 2. 2nd sentence: The Club will underwrite these events only by the cost of the site and an alcohol and beverage control license where necessary.

Following Section 2, insert:

Section 3. In planning Club events and activities, the chairperson is strongly encouraged to secure written a contract for the site and from the suppliers.

Renumber existing Sections 3-9 as 4-10.

Section 6 (New Section 7). Events and Activities must be open to all Club members. Because we are a private organization, interest groups may be formed to meet the specific needs of the membership. Gender-specific groups are permitted.

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER - FEBRUARY 2005		
Bank Balance	September 1, 2004	\$2,636.43
Deposits	50/50	74.00
	Directory Sales	6.00
	Dues	2,880.00
	Total Deposits	\$2,960.00
Expenses	Directory	326.05
	Holiday Party	415.03
	House Mountain Cleaning Deposit	150.00
	Newsletter	59.73
	Office Supplies	199.66
	Photocopy	17.04
	Postage	14.80
	Room Rent	500.00
	Web Site	71.70
Total Expenses		\$1,754.01
Bank Balance	February 28, 2005	\$3,842.42
Club Membership	February 28, 2005: 144	