

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

To participate in an activity, call the contact person.

April

21: "Cotton Patch Gospel" at the **Troubadour Theater**. A good time musical. If we have 10 or more people we can get a group senior discount price of \$11 per person. Contact Marceil McDaniel, 463-7342.

May

4: General Meeting at the Horse Center, followed by lunch at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 870 N. Lee Highway, Lexington.

10: Community Symphony Orchestra Pops Concert, Hopkins Green, Lexington. Evening - time to be announced. Contact Faye Welch, 463-5320.

13: Poplar Forest (Thomas Jefferson's summer home). Tour at 10 - 11:30 AM, lunch at 12 noon at Meriwether's Market Restaurant in Lynchburg. Meet at Peebles at 8:45 AM to carpool. Contact Faye Welch, 463-5320.

June

1: General Meeting at the Horse Center. Election of officers for next year.

21: Join us on a scenic **luncheon cruise** aboard *The Virginia Dare on Smith Mountain Lake*, Moneta, VA. The cruise ship is fully equipped for year-round operation. The enclosed decks have large panoramic windows. The price is \$35 per person (\$32 if the number in our group exceeds 30). Price includes the 2 hour cruise (12:00-2:00), lunch, tax, service charge, coffee and tea. Money is due to (checks payable to) Linda Textor by June 1st. Questions? Call 348-1919 or email ltextor@lexfirst.net

BY-LAWS CHANGES APPROVED

The club by-laws were amended at the April meeting to incorporate the changes published in the March Newsletter. The changes included:

- clarifying that residents of Rockbridge County and its municipalities are eligible for membership,
- removing the term "adjunct member",
- eliminating the Interest Group Review Committee and assigning its responsibilities to the Vice-President,
- adding the newsletter to places where financial information and cards sent are reported,
- including an alcohol and beverage control license in the event expenses that are underwritten by the club,
- recommending written contracts from locations and suppliers for events and activities, and
- allowing gender-specific interest groups.

Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

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| Apr | 13 | General Meeting (date change) |
| | 14 | Bridge #1 |
| | 18 | Book Club #2 |
| | 18 | Painting |
| | 20 | Couples Bridge #2 |
| | 21 | Scrabble #1 |
| | 24 | Mystery hike |
| | 26 | Canasta |
| | 26 | Scrabble #3 |
| | 28 | Book Club #3 |
| May | 2 | Couples Bridge #1 |
| | 4 | General Meeting |
| | 10 | Pops Concert |
| | 11 | Sewing |
| | 12 | Bridge #1 |
| | 13 | Poplar Forest |
| | 16 | Book Club #2 |
| June | 24 | Canasta |
| | 26 | Book Club #3 |
| | 1 | General Meeting |
| | 21 | Smith Mountain Lake cruise |

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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. 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
4/18: 1:30 at Betty Krantz'
Book: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddan
5/16: 1:30 at Ellen Charske's
Book: *The Source* by James Michener

Book Club #3 - Evelyn Caldwell (464-5571) - open
4th Thursday of the month
4/28: at Suzanne King's
Book: *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austin
5/26: at Nancy Vallance's
Book: *My Antonia* by Willa Cather

Bridge

Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320)
4/14: 1 PM at Suzanne Egyed's
5/12: 1 PM at Gwen Howe's
Bridge #2 - Marlies Aldridge (464-3080) At Lexington Golf and Country Club, 1st Tuesday - 12 Noon lunch; 1:00 game
Couples Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320)
1st Monday of the month at 7 PM
5/2: TBA
Couples Bridge #2 - Cathy Broach (261-3141)
3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM
4/20: 7 PM at Sandy & Frank Harrelson's

Canasta

Contact: Sandy Harrelson (261-1141). Call to join or substitute. Meets 12 noon, 4th Tuesday of every month
4/26: 12 Noon at Margaret Skovira's
5/24: 12 Noon at Shirley Dent's

Dining Out

Contact Frank Harrelson (540 261-1141)
In April 44 persons will dine out with their fellow Newcomer members. The next month for dining out is July; selections will be made in late June. If you would like to participate and are not already signed up, email Frank at fhharrelson@earthlink.net or call him at 261-1141.

Fine Dining Club

Contact Barbara Rollenhagen (463-7473, rollo_va@cfw.com) or Denise Gorsky (258-1252, mrschief@rockbridge.net)
Dates, hosts and guests for dining groups for April/May are: 4/3: Kohtz - Donald, Jones; 4/12 Lera - F. Welch, Boldurian, Ivy; 4/21 Figlo - Topinka, White, Rollenhagen; 4/30 Egyed - Grasse, Undercoffer, Gorsky, Whittle; 5/5 Schmoll - Dunlap, Bushnell, Claves; 5/14 Textor - Broach, Aldridge, Vosburgh; 5/21 Ricks - Halseth, D. Welch, Bronander; 5/22 McDaniel - McKenna, Rathmell, Plante

Hiking Club

Contact: Dottie Lion (291-3514; twolions@lexfirst.net).
4/24: 2 PM Mystery hike. Call Dottie for meeting place.

Painting

Contact: Pat Monroe (464-8436).
Meets 3rd Monday of each month
4/18: 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
4/21: 1 PM at Joan Rogers'
Group #2 - Dottie Lion (291-3514), 2nd Tuesday at 1 PM
5/10: TBA
Group #3 - Frank Harrelson (261-1141), 4th Tuesday
4/26: 1:00 PM at Sarah Pierce's

Sewing

Contact: Kathy Gander (377-9556) 2nd Wednesday. Will not meet in July and August. All forms of needle work, lots of talk. Please call the hostess if you plan to attend.
5/11: 10 AM at Aline McKenna's

Wine Club

Contact George Grasse (540) 463-4267. email: histomin@rockbridge.net
The hosts and dates for May sparkling wine tastings are: Emory (7th), Gorsky (10th), Harrelson (11th), Belden (12th), McKenna (16th), Boldurian (17th), Benton (18th), Rathmell (20th), Hamm (21st), Lowry (22nd), and Broach (27th). Respond with at least three dates no later than Friday, April 22nd. Hosts will be needed for the French Red Burgundy tasting in August. For more information, visit the Newcomers website or click here:
<http://www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm>

GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 13, 2005

The April General Meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was called to order at the Virginia Horse Center at 10:30 AM on April 13, 2005 by President Ann Jones. Ann noted that this was not our usual meeting day and that the next meeting on May 4 would return to our usual meeting day, the first Wednesday of the month.

Vice-President Sandy Harrelson announced that there were 34 members in attendance, and 4 guests. The guests were: Sid & Kathy Thomas from Warrenton who joined the club, Jean Nesslage who came to our area two years ago from Fairfax County, and Colquitt Meacham from Boston.

Ann Jones commented on the number of men present, and encouraged men to participate fully in the club. Corresponding Secretary Judy Halseth was unable to be present; Ann reported on cards sent to members. This information is on page 4. Treasurer Glenda Grasse gave her report which is found below. She noted that dues for new members are now \$10 for the remainder of the club year ending in August.

Ann thanked Teri Brasz and Karen Jackson for organizing a successful new members' coffee and Marceil McDaniel for planning the well attended theater activity at the Troubador. She also mentioned that the shopping trip to Leesburg was enjoyed by all who went. Since the treasury is growing the current executive board has suggested that the entire club decide next year on how to use excess funds. As an example, several years ago excess funds were used to underwrite a bus trip to Washington DC at a cost of only \$10 to any member who wanted to go.

Ann asked members to consider signing up for the summer picnic planning committee and received an excellent response. The committee will consist of Carol Greenan, Aline McKenna, Wayne and Norma Combs, Jane Auciello, Mary Brooks, Nancy Vallenge and Susan Egyed.

Ann walked the membership through a set of proposed bylaws changes. All changes were approved. The changes were published in the March Newsletter and are briefly described on page 1 of this newsletter.

Committee reports included a request from Margaret Skovira that information for the May Newsletter be emailed to Dorothy Coker. Marceil McDaniel and Linda Textor described upcoming activities (see page 1). Pat Rafferty noted that there are nice shops near the restaurant in Lynchburg where the Poplar Forest tour group will eat lunch, and another member said the Smith Mountain Lake cruise was a successful club activity several years ago.

Cindy and John Sappington collected \$39 in the 50/50 which Frank Harrelson won.

George Grasse described how the Wine Tasting Interest Group operates, emphasizing the sociability of the tasting events that occur every three months. Members who participate meet in groups of 8, all of which taste the same 6 varieties of a pre-selected particular style of wine. With 114 members the wine tasting interest group is one of the club's largest. Frank Harrelson talked about another large interest group, the Dining Out group, another social activity involving small groups that are formed every three months, in this case to eat together in a restaurant of the volunteer hosts' choosing.

Following community announcements of general interest Ann adjourned the meeting at 11:45 and 16 members went to lunch at the Crystal Chinese Restaurant.

| GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB | | |
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| FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER - MARCH 2005 | | |
| Bank Balance | September 1, 2004 | \$2,636.43 |
| Deposits | 50/50 | 90.00 |
| | Directory Sales | 6.00 |
| | Dues | 2,930.00 |
| | Total Deposits | \$3026.00 |
| Expenses | Directory | 326.05 |
| | Holiday Party | 415.03 |
| | House Mountain Cleaning Deposit (returned) | 0 |
| | Newsletter | 80.47 |
| | Office Supplies | 202.27 |
| | Photocopy | 17.04 |
| | Postage | 14.80 |
| | Room Rent | 600.00 |
| | Web Site | 83.65 |
| Total Expenses | | \$1,739.31 |
| Bank Balance | March 31, 2005 | \$3,923.12 |
| Club Membership | March 31, 2005: 148 | |

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Spring!

The New Member evening coffee held on March 14, 2005 at Teri Brasz' home was a tremendous success. Thanks to the committee who planned and hosted the lovely affair. A good time was had by all who attended.

A special thanks to Marceil McDaniel on the activities committee who planned the outings at the Troubadour Theatre and the shopping trip to the Leesburg Premium Outlets...well done! Both activities were great successes.

Thanks you to those of you who attended the April meeting to vote on the by-law changes. Your interest and participation is greatly appreciated. And thanks to those who signed up to help plan our summer picnic held in July. This is always a popular event.

Looking forward to seeing you at the May 4 meeting when nominations for officers and committee chairs will be presented. - *Ann Jones*

NOTICES

Membership. Please submit addresses and email changes to Sally Claeys at 463-6322 or sjclaeys@msn.com. Membership Application Forms and instructions for new or returning members can be found on the website.

Articles for newsletter. Committee Chairs, officers, and interest group leaders are asked to submit announcements for the newsletter by email to Dorothy Coker before May 4 for the May newsletter. (Note email address and telephone on masthead on page 1).

Wine Club "No Show" Policy. Please read the March Newsletter, or go to the wine club website www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm for information.

DIRECTORY

Please add the following new & renewed members to your directory:

Anita & Stewart Brown
P. O. Box 20, Lexington 24450
870-421-5447 Cell

Debbie Greenawalt & fiancé Ray
240 Norton Way, Rockbridge Baths 24473
greenawaltd@hotmail.com

Janet & Calvin Hale
60 Norton Way, Rockbridge Baths 24473
halej@copper.net

Donna & Charles Shirmer
230 Jennifer Drive, Fairfield 24435
schirmdo@ntelos.net
540 348-1910

Kathy and Sid Thomas
3 Wren Lane
Lexington 24450
sidthomas@erols.com
540 261-2771

Please make the following changes to your directory:
Bronander, Jan & Jack - email: janjack@rockbridge.net
Jenks, Kate & Ted - email: the4jenks@adelphia.net
White, Jan & Mike - email: mwhite@ntelos.net

CARDS

Cards sent in March went to:

Judy Halseth - Sympathy on death of Mother
Dorothy Coker - Sympathy on death of Father-in-law
Jack Bronander - Get Well from surgery
Jean Rathmell - Thinking of You
Pat Monroe - Get Well
Jan Bronander - Thinking of you

While Judy Halseth is away, please notify Ann Jones if you know of a member who could be cheered or consoled with a card from the club before the May meeting.

Officers/Committees

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| 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 |