

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.

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. Meet at 5:45 PM. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, picnic (supper) basket. In case of rain, concert will be moved to Dunlap Hall at the Lexington Presbyterian Church. No charge, however, donations will be appreciated. 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 old KMart/Lexington Food Lion at 8:45 AM to carpool. Carpooling \$5/person; tour \$6/seniors 60+; others \$8. Lunch costs will vary. Wear good walking shoes. Contact Faye Welch, 463-5320.

June

1: General Meeting at the Horse Center at 10:00 AM. Election of officers for next year. Lunch at Don Tequila's Mexican Restaurant in Rockbridge Square Shopping Center, 411 E. Nelson Street.

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.

July

10: The Annual Picnic will be held at the two storied pavillion at Glen Maury Park in Buean Vista from 4:00 to 7:00 rain or shine. Southern Fried Chicken and biscuits will be served at a price of \$6/person. Contact Norma Combs at 463-2745 (email nacombs@ntelos.net) or Sarah Pierce at 261-2108 (rosapie@ntelos.net) to sign up. Have your payment in before the final deadline of July 2. As we have one more meeting before the picnic, you can pay at the June 1 meeting.

We can't stress enough the need to sign up and pay in time to prevent anyone from being disappointed.

Orders for the chicken must be placed by that date.

Bring food or other items depending on what your last name begins with. A-M: bring a side; N-Z: bring a dessert. Bring appropriate utensils for the dish and label it recipe includes nuts for those who have allergies. Bring beverages (cups and ice are provided) and folding chairs if you don't want to sit on the benches.

Aline McKenna and the picnic committee.

Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

May	2	Couples Bridge #1
	4	General Meeting
	10	Pops Concert
	11	Sewing
	12	Bridge #1
	13	Poplar Forest
	16	Book Club # 2
	18	Couple's Bridge #2
	24	Canasta; Scrabble #3
	26	Book Club #3
June	1	General Meeting
	6	Couple's Bridge #1
	9	Bridge #1
	21	Smith Mountain Lake cruise
	23	Book Club #3
	28	Canasta
July	6	General Meeting
	10	Annual picnic (note deadline of 6/2)

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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. For more information, visit the Newcomers website.

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
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 at 1:00
5/26: at Nancy Vallance's
Book: *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
6/23: at Linda Regel's
Book: *Atonement* by Ian McEwan

Bridge

Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320)
5/12: 1 PM at Gwen Howe's
6/09: 1 PM at Ava Hughe'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
6/6: at the Welch's
Couples Bridge #2 - Cathy Broach (261-3141)
3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM
5/18 7 PM at Karen & Nelson Hyde's

Canasta

Contact: Sandy Harrelson (261-1141). Call to join or substitute. Meets 12 noon, 4th Tuesday of every month.
5/24: at Shirley Dent's, 106 Merrick Lane, Raphine.
6/28: at Carol Greenan, 137 Marl Ridge Road, Lex..

Dining Out

Contact: Frank Harrelson (540 261-1141). Members dine out in groups of 8 to 10, 3 to 4 times/year in fine restaurants in Lexington, Roanoke, and Staunton. In April, 44 people signed up to dine with their fellow Newcomers. Groups have already enjoyed the delightful food of the Seafood Buffet at Natural Bridge and the great atmosphere and gourmet dining at the Metro on Campbell in Roanoke. 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, call or email Frank at

fharelson@earthlink.net.

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, Clayes; 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).

Painting

Contact: Pat Monroe (464-8436).
Meets 3rd Monday of each month

Scrabble

Please call Sarah Pierce (261-2108) if you would like to start a new group or be on our substitute list. *Meets 1 PM.*
Group #1 - Sarah Pierce (261-2108), 3rd Thursday
Group #2 - Dottie Lion (291-3514), 2nd Tuesday
Group #3 - Frank Harrelson (261-1141), 4th Tuesday
5/24: at Nelson Hyde's, 612 WigginsSprings Rd, Vesuvius.

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 Wine Club will hold eleven (11) Sparkling Wine tastings in May. All groups are full. The hosts and dates are: Emory (7th), Gorsky (10th), Harrelson (11th), Belden (12th), McKenna (16th), Boldurian (17th), Benton (18th), Rathmell (20th), Hamm (21st), Lowry (22nd), and Broach (27th). Wine club membership is presently 114. Hosts will be needed for the next wine tasting of French Red Burgundy wines in August. Please note new 'No Show Policy' in announcements and on web page.
(The Wine Club is seeking a new leader to start in December of 2006. Send inquiries to George Grasse.)

GENERAL MEETING - MAY 4, 2005

The May General Meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was called to order at the Virginia Horse Center at 10:30 AM on May 4, 2005 by President Ann Jones. Vice-President Sandy Harrelson announced that there were 34 members in attendance, but no guests this month. The treasurer's report was read. Additional financial details can be found on the web site along with the new By-Laws. Directories will be available today for new members who have not yet received one.

Thanks go to the nominating committee who presented the slate of candidates to be voted on in June. No additional nominations were made from the floor. Committee members included Jane Auciello, Lynn Bing, Sue Ward, Betty Alldafer, Dorothy Coker, Margaret Skovira, Pat Rafferty, Glenda Grasse, Judy Halseth, Linda Donald, and Ann Jones including all members of the executive board plus some members at large. Nominations to be voted on in June for 2005-2006 include the following:

President - Sandy Harrelson	Vice President - Glenda Grasse	Secretary - Nancy Mills
Treasurer - Ellen Charsky	Activities - Mary Brooks	Directory - Sally Claeys
Historian - Dottie Lion	Name Tags - Connie Schmol	Welcome - Jane Auciello
Newsletter - Margaret Skovira	Publicity - Pat Rafferty	Webmaster - Dorothy Coker
Fine Dining - Linda and Bob Textor	New Member Coffee - Linda Donald and Kathy Broach	
Activity Committee: Jane Auciello, Cindy & John Sappington, Kathy & Bill Broach, Sue Ward, Ava Hughes, Lynn Bing.		

Reports from the committee chair persons came next and new planned activities were described. The 50-50 raffle netted \$43 and \$21.50 went to the winner, Carol Greenan.

Following community announcements of general interest Ann adjourned the meeting at 11:45 and 11 members went to lunch at Applebee's.

CARDS

Cards sent in April went to: Barbara Anderson during a hospital stay.

Please notify Judy Halseth if you know of a member who could be cheered or consoled with a card from the club.

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: APRIL 1 - APRIL 30, 2005		
Bank Balance	April 1,	\$3923.12
Deposits	50/50	20.00
	Directory Sales	0.00
	Dues	20.00
Total Deposits		\$40.00
Expenses	Newsletter	11.50
	Room Rent	100.00
	Web Site	11.95
Total Expenses		\$123.45
Bank Balance	April 30, 2005	\$3,839.67
Club Membership	April 30, 2005: 150	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you were not at the May meeting, have paid your dues recently, yet have not received a directory, please contact Sally Claeys at sjclaeys@msn.com or 463-6322. We distributed directories at the meeting at the May meeting.

The nominating committee produced a superb slate of officers and standing committee chairpersons for next year (see page 3). However, we need volunteers as associate webmaster and apprentices in producing the newsletter. Males or females are invited. Please email or call Ann Jones or Dorothy Coker if you can help us. The wine club is also seeking a new leader for December of 2006. Inquiries should be sent to George Grasse.

At the June meeting, you will have an opportunity to vote on the slate of officers for next year and hear more about the summer picnic. Please come and show your support. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 1, 2005.

- 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 Margaret Skovira before the first Wednesday of the month. (Note email address and telephone on masthead on page 1).

Wine Club "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.

By-Law Changes. Please refer to our website to note changes in the by-laws as amended in the April, 2005 meeting.

Photographs. Please take pictures at Newcomer events, group meetings, etc. for inclusion into the Newsletter or the scrapbook. Photos for the scrapbook should be sent to Dottie Lion, Historian. Newsletter photos, electronic if possible, should be sent to Margaret Skovira or Dorothy Coker who will forward them to Dottie Lion or return them per your request. Please identify individuals on the back of photos or in your email.

Picnic Supplies. If anyone has left over supplies from last years' picnic, please contact Aline McKenna.

Lost Keys: If you found a set of keys at the May meeting, please contact Marge Hubbard, (540)-463-6360



DIRECTORY

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

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

Jean and Roger Nessler, PO Box 1161, Lexington,
24450, 463-4388, rnesslage@adelphia.net.

Please make the following email changes in your directory:

Jan and Jack Bronander, janjack@rockbridge.net

Dottie and Glenn Henderson - grhender@aol.com

Jan and Mike White - mwhite@ntelos.net

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