

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.

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? Want to go and have missed the deadline? Call 348-1919 or email ltextor@lexfirst.net

July

6: General Meeting at the Horse Center, Lexington, 10:00 AM. Lunch following the general meeting at Whistle Stop Cafe, Route 11 North, Fairfield

10: The Annual Picnic will be held at the two storied pavillion at Glen Maury Park in Buena 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 (check made out to Norma or to Sarah) in before the final deadline of July 2. The Newcomers Meeting on July 6th will be too late as food must be ordered before that date. We do not want anyone disappointed so please have your money in by July 2nd.

If your last name begins with A-M bring a side dish, N-Z bring a dessert. Bring appropriate utensils for your dish and label recipe if it contains nuts for those who have allergies. Bring your own beverage; cups and ice are provided (but not ice for keeping cans or bottles cold). Glen Maury Park will not be providing tables upstairs this year, so if you wish to eat upstairs or not sit on the benches bring your own chairs.

- Aline McKenna and the picnic committee

Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

June	1	General Meeting
	6	Couple's Bridge #1
	7	Bridge #2
	8	Sewing
	9	Bridge #1
	16	Scrabble #1
	20	Book Club #2
	21	Smith Mountain Lake cruise
	23	Book Club #3
	28	Canasta
		Scrabble #3
July	6	General Meeting
	10	Annual Picnic
	21	Scrabble #1
	26	Canasta
		Scrabble #3
August	18	Scrabble #1



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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
6/20: 1:30 at Pat Rafferty's
Book: *America the Book: A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction* by the writers of the Daily Show.

Book Club #3 - Evelyn Caldwell (464-5571) - open
4th Thursday of the month at 1 PM
6/23: at Linda Regel's
Book: *Atonement* by Ian McEwan
no meetings July & August

Bridge

Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320)
6/9: 1 PM at Ava Hughes'
Bridge #2 - Marlies Aldridge (464-3080) At Lexington Golf and Country Club, 2nd Tuesday - 12 Noon lunch; 1 PM game
Couples Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320)
1st Monday of the month at 7 PM
No play in June
Couples Bridge #2 - Cathy Broach (261-3141)
3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM
No play in June

Canasta

Contact: Sandy Harrelson (261-1141). Call to join or substitute. Meets 12 noon, 4th Tuesday of every month
6/28: Carol Greenan's
7/26: Marlies Aldridge's

Dining Out

Contact Frank Harrelson (540 261-1141)
The Dining Out Group will be offering dining out opportunities in July. Volunteers for restaurant Hostesses and Hosts will be sought in June. Remember, if you host, you get to pick the restaurant and date. Membership in the Dining Out Group is currently at 77 members. If you are interested and not already signed up to participate, you may contact Frank Harrelson at 540-261-1141 or by email at fharelson@earthlink.net. Be sure to include "Dining Out" in the subject space of your email.

Fine Dining Club

Contact Barbara Rollenhagen (463-7473, rollo_va@cfw.com) or Denise Gorsky (258-1252, mrschief@rockbridge.net)
Fine Dining will resume in the fall with Bob and Linda Textor as group leaders.

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.
Group #1 - Sarah Pierce (261-2108), 3rd Thursday at 1 PM
6/16: at Joan Rogers'
7/21: at Sarah Pierce's
8/18: at Barbara Anderson's
Group #2 - Dottie Lion (291-3514), date & time to be determined
New players wanted - call Dottie. Play to resume in September.
Group #3 - Frank Harrelson (261-1141), 4th Tuesday at 1 PM
6/28: Frank Harrelson's
7/26: 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.
6/8: 10 AM at Marlies Aldridge's

Wine Tasting Group

Contact George Grasse (540) 463-4267. email: histomin@rockbridge.net
The Wine Tasting Group has completed nine Sparkling Wine tastings for the month of May. Visit the Wine Tasting Group's web site for results. Wine Tasting hosts are needed for the August "Guess the Red" tastings.
For more information about the Wine Tasting Group: www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm

GENERAL MEETING - JUNE 1, 2005

The June General Meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was called to order at the Virginia Horse Center at 10:30 AM on June 1, 2005 by Vice-President Sandy Harrelson (Ann Jones was travelling).

Sandy Harrelson announced that there were 38 members in attendance, and 2 guests. The guests were: Libby Carswell who moved here from Northern Virginia several years ago and joined the club at the meeting, and Daria Auciello, Jane's daughter.

Secretary Judy Halseth described the cards that had been sent in May, and Treasurer Glenda Grasse gave her report. Details of both reports are included in this newsletter.

Sandy said that there had been a good turnout for the concert at Hopkins Green last month, and that 16 members had enjoyed the trip to Poplar Forest.

Sandy conducted the election of officers for 2005-2006. The results were:

President: Sandy Harrelson
 Vice-President: Glenda Grasse
 Secretary: Nancy Mills
 Treasurer: Ellen Charske

Sandy asked that anyone interested in working on the web site or the newsletter contact Dorothy Coker or Margaret Skovira respectively (see contact information on the masthead).

Linda Textor described the Smith Mountain Lake Cruise (see page 1). June 1 was the last day to sign up through the club, but Linda can provide information for anyone who decides they want to go at the last minute.

Dottie Lyon announced that Scrabble Group #2 is looking for new players. Interested members should call Dottie.

Aline McKenna talked about the picnic which will be held on Sunday, July 10, from 4 to 7 PM at Glen Maury Park. See page 1 for details. The firm deadline to sign up is July 2; checks should be made out to either Norma Combs or Sarah Pierce and sent to one of them before that date. It was suggested and agreed that name tags would be used at the picnic.

John Dunning won the 50/50 which was worth \$12 to both him and the club treasury.

Sandy announced that the next meeting, July 6 at the Horse Center, will include installation of officers and be followed by lunch at the Whistle Stop Cafe, a restaurant serving Italian food in Fairfield. There will be no meeting in August, and the new officers will start their terms with the September meeting.

The meeting adjourned just before 11 AM. Seven members went to Don Tequila's for lunch.

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER - MAY 2005		
Bank Balance	September 1, 2004	\$2,636.43
Deposits	50/50	131.50
	Directory Sales	6.00
	Dues	2,950.00
Total Deposits		\$3087.50
Expenses	Directory	326.05
	Holiday Party	415.03
	Newsletter	97.89
	Office Supplies	202.27
	Photocopy	17.04
	Picnic: Site Rent	60.00
	Postage	14.80
	Room Rent	800.00
	Web Site	107.55
Total Expenses		\$2,040.63
Bank Balance	May 31, 2005	\$3,683.30
Club Membership	May 31, 2005: 150	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations to our new slate of officers for the 2005-2006 year.

President – Sandy Harrelson
Vice-President – Glenda Grasse
Secretary – Nancy Mills
Treasurer – Ellen Charsky

The “passing of the bell” will take place at the July 6 meeting. Sandy Harrelson will take over at the September meeting. There will be no meeting in August.

If anyone is interested in apprenticing with the Webmaster, Dorothy Coker, or the Newsletter editor, Margaret Skovira, please contact them directly.

Don't forget to sign up and pay your fee for the summer picnic on July 10. Read more about this popular event in this newsletter.

I'll see you in July. Thanks for your continued support.

- 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).

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

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 member to your directory:

Libby Carswell
14 High Meadow Drive
Lexington, VA 24450
464-1140
libbyg@ntelos.net

Please make the following changes to your directory:

Tina Lowry, email address: imacavalier@rockbridge.net

CARDS

Cards sent in May went to:

Karen Jackson - Thinking of You (Mother's illness)
Jan Dunlap - Thinking of You (Illness)
Bill Ricks - Thinking of You (Injury to Foot)

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



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