

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

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. Plans have been finalized based upon 96 people having paid by the July 2nd cutoff date for sign up and payment. No monies will be accepted at the door as food has been ordered for the guests who have paid.

We can use the upstairs of the pavilion where many have sat in the past. They will not put tables up there for us, so if you wish to sit there bring your folding chairs and tables. The breeze and view are great from the top. Folding chairs are recommended wherever you plan to sit.

Southern fried chicken and biscuits will be served and cups, plates, utensils, napkins and ice will be provided. If your last name starts with letters A-M bring a side dish to share. If your last name begins with the letters N-Z bring a dessert to share. Please label your dish if it contains nuts and bring an appropriate serving utensil. Bring your own beverages ; please use discretion if you bring beer or wine, and understand that you are personally responsible for it.

See you for a good time in the Park on July 10th. Time 4:00PM to 7:00 PM.

- Aline McKenna and the Picnic Committee

Baseball Club

Contact: Jerry Plante (463-4032, jplante@ieee.org)

The Baseball Club will be hosting a baseball game at the Salem Avalanche Stadium, Wednesday, July 27th at 7:07 PM between the Avalanche and the Wilmington, Delaware Blue Rocks (an Advanced Class A farm team for the Boston Red Sox). Some club members will also be attending dinner beforehand, about 5:00 PM, probably at the Wild Flour Bakery and Restaurant (near Hollins University off I-81). Anyone interested should contact Jerry Plante by July 20 at 463-4032 or at jplante@ieee.org, indicating number of tickets desired and, if interested, the number of people attending dinner. Tickets for the baseball game will be \$5 or \$6, payable at the game. For Salem Avalanche information, go to: <http://www.salemavalanche.com/>

Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

July	6	General Meeting
	10	Annual Picnic, Glen Maury Park
	14	Bridge #1
	18	Book Club #1
	20	Couples' Bridge #2
	21	Scrabble #1
	26	Canasta
		Scrabble #3
	27	Baseball Club
August	15	Book Club #1
	18	Scrabble #1
September		
	7	General Meeting



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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 See page 1.

Book Clubs

Book Club #2 - Norma Combs (463-2745) - filled
(nacombs@ntelos.net)
3rd Monday at 1:30
7/18: 1:30 at Diane Smith's
Book: *The Five People You Meet In Heaven* by Mitch Albom
8/15 at 1:30 at Sarah Pierce's
Book: *The Touch* by Colleen McCullough.

Book Club #3 - Evelyn Caldwell (464-5571) - open
4th Thursday of the month at 1 PM
no meetings July & August

Bridge

Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320)
7/14: 1 PM at Jean Rathmell's
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
Next play to be determined
Couples Bridge #2 - Cathy Broach (261-3141)
3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM
7/20 7:00 PM at Sandy & Frank Harrelson's
8/17 - To be determined

Canasta

Contact: Sandy Harrelson (261-1141). Call to join or substitute. Meets 12 noon, 4th Tuesday of every month
No play in July and August

Dining Out

Contact: Frank Harrelson (261-1141),
fharrelson@earthlink.net
Four Dining Out Groups for July have been scheduled. Restaurants are The Dining Room in Staunton, The Cat and the Owl in Lowmoor, Tuscany's and Cafe Michel in Lexington. There are 19 couples and singles participating with one opening for Tuscany on July 15. If you are not already signed up and would like to join the group going to Tuscany's in Lexington, please call Frank as soon as possible or email him at . Next Dining Out event will be in October.

Fine Dining Club

Fine Dining will resume in the fall with Bob and Linda Textor as group leaders. All interested members will sign up to

participate, whether or not you have been participating this year. Look for new guidelines for the next club year posted at the sign up table in September.

Hiking Club

Contact: Dottie Lion (291-3514; twolions@lexfirst.net).
A contact person is needed for this group. Call Dottie for list of interested members and local hiking information.

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
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.
no play in July and August
9/13: at Dottie Lion's
Group #3 - Frank Harrelson (261-1141), 4th Tuesday at 1 PM
no play in July; August to be determined
Men's Scrabble - . If you are interested in playing on a men's scrabble team, please let Frank Harrelson (261-1141, fharrelson@earthlink.net) know. Please be prepared to indicate whether you are interested in afternoon or evening play, and what day of the week would suit you best.

Sewing

Contact: Kathy Gander (377-9556) 2nd Wednesday. Will not meet in July and August.

Wine Tasting Group

Contact George Grasse (540) 463-4267. email: histomin@rockbridge.net
The Wine Tasting Group has scheduled eleven (11) "Guess the Red" wine tastings for the month of August. Hosts are, in order by dates: Schmoll (4th), Coker (6th), Shrack (11th), Belden (12th), Rollenhagen (16th), Textor (18th), Broach (20th), O'Callaghan (21st), Halseth (22nd), David & John (24th), and Undercoffer (28th). Wine Tasting Group members have until Friday, July 15th, 2005, to submit their choices.

For more information about the Wine Tasting Group:
www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm

GENERAL MEETING - JULY 6, 2005

The July General Meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was called to order at the Virginia Horse Center at 10:30 AM on July 6, 2005 by President Ann Jones.

Sandy Harrelson announced that there were 25 members in attendance, and 3 guests. The guests were: Lil Roksha and Katherine Savary, residents of Amherst who came to Virginia from Connecticut, and Lynn DiBiase of Lexington who joined the club at the meeting.

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

Ann thanked Linda Textor for organizing the Smith Mountain Lake cruise which was enjoyed by ten couples.

Ann asked that committee chairs, the leaders of the three largest interest groups, and the picnic chair submit reports to her for the use of the new board. (Editor's note: more on this, and the due date, in the President's Message on page 4.) She also asked for volunteers for the Christmas party committee.

Margaret Skovira asked that anyone not receiving email notices of the Newsletter's publication on the web let her know. Ann announced that Dorothy Coker will have a new club web site up and running for next year.

Jane Auciello reviewed information 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.

Ann recognized Marceil McDaniel for all she has done for the club in her years in the area. She will be missed when she and husband John move to Kansas in August.

Guest Kay Savary won the 50/50 which was worth \$11.50 to both her and the club treasury.

Ann spoke of her pleasure in serving as president and thanked all for their help. She presented the club bell to Sandy, who will take over the presidency in September. Sandy presented Ann with two gifts, a rabbit statuette and a glass serving plate.

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. Eleven members went to Whistle Stop Cafe for lunch.

- Margaret Skovira

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER - JUNE 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	900.00
	Web Site	107.55
Total Expenses		\$2,140.63
Bank Balance	June 30, 2005	\$3,583.30
Club Membership	June 30, 2005: 151	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This was my last meeting presiding as president of the Greater Lexington Newcomers' Club. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to represent such a wonderful group of men and women this past year. I was fortunate to have such an astute and supportive executive board (officers and immediate past president).

I was entrusted with the responsibility of serving approximately 150 members; I hope I have served you well. I will remain president through August. President-elect Sandy Harrelson will officially take office in September.

Would all the standing committee chairpersons and the coordinators of the Fine Dining Group, the Wine Tasting Club, and the Dining Out Group, and the picnic chairperson please submit a year-end report about your activities, problems, successes, etc. by August 7 so that the information can go into the permanent records and be passed on to our next president and committee chairs. Please send your report to me by email (lingon@rockbridge.net) or via U. S. Postal Service (921 Shenandoah Road, Lexington, 24450), whichever is more convenient.

I hope to see you at our annual picnic on Sunday, July 10, 2005 at Glen Maury Park (see details, page 1).

Thank you for your support and participation this year. The Newcomers will meet next on the first Wednesday in September (September 7) at the Horse Center.

Have a great summer!

- 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 in which there is a meeting. (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 member to your directory:

B. Lynn DiBiase
936 Ross Rd.
Lexington VA 24450
email: bldibiase@yahoo.com
(540) 462-3967

Please make the following email changes in your directory:

Lane Norris &
Daniel Weeks asop4art2@netzero.com
Jean & Dave Reynolds dave.reynolds@adelphia.net

CARDS

Cards sent in June went to:

Karen Hyde - Get Well - Hip Surgery
Bill Pollock - Thinking of you - Illness

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

Lost Name Tag Holders

If you know where the name tag holders used at the holiday party are, please call Nancy Mills, 463-5562.

Officers/Committees

(thru August 31, 2005)

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: Jane Auciello.....	377-5332
Web Site: Nora Gaty.....	464-3091
Dorothy Coker.....	348-6248
Immediate Past President:	
Linda Donald	463-2947