

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).

UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2005

*Note: Drivers of car pools will be compensated for gasoline.
Call the contact for the activity to see how this will be handled.*

October

5: General Meeting at the Horse Center, Lexington, 10:00 AM. **Morale Gal activity.** Lunch following the meeting at Mugg's (formerly Sweet Magnolia).

14: D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA. Meet at the old K-Mart parking lot at 9:00 AM to car pool

Admission; \$5.00 per person

Walking Tour - \$2.00 per person

Shuttle Cart Tour - \$4.00 per person

Lunch at Old Liberty Station Restaurant in Bedford

Contact Cathy Broach, 261-314

November

2: General Meeting at the Horse Center, Lexington, 10:00 AM, followed by lunch at Tuscany.

4: P. Buckley Moss Museum. We will meet at Peebles parking lot at 9:15 AM to be at the barn and museum for our 10:15 tour. There is no admission fee, but carpool driver compensation must be paid by October 27. Lunch will be at the South River Grill. Contact Carol Greenan, lexyank@lexfirst.net.

December

8: Buffalo Springs Herb Farm Christmas Tour. The tour will include refreshments. We will assemble at the Herb Farm at 12:30 PM. Money and reservations will be due by November 2, at the Newcomers meeting. Contact Lyn Bing, 377-9208.

9: Holiday Party. Put on your fancy clothes and please join us for fun and fellowship at the Mistletoe and Holly party. This is a chance for all Newcomers to wish each other a happy holiday season and have some holiday fun. It will be held on Friday, December 9th, 6:00 to 10:00 PM at the new Buena Vista Firehouse Hall. Directions next month.

We will be serving a Traditional holiday meal with turkey, ham, and all the fixings. There will be an hour to socialize before dinner. The entertainment will be 3 hours of live music by "Wiz". It will also be a BYOB event.

The charge for the event is \$16.50 per person. All checks are to be made out to Norma Combs **not** the Lexington Newcomers. The cutoff date for reservations and money is November 15th. There will be no refunds after this date. We do hope you will all come and share in the festivities. Questions? Contact Aline McKenna, 261-8798.

Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

October

- 5 General Meeting
- 7 Hike
- 11 Bridge #2
- 12 Sewing
- 13 Bridge #1
- 14 Trip to D-Day Memorial Hike
- 17 Book Club #2 Painting
- 19 Couple's Bridge #2
- 20 Scrabble #1
- 21 Hike
- 25 Canasta
- 27 Book Club #3 Scrabble #3
- 28 Hike

November

- 2 General Meeting
- 4 Visit to P. Buckley Moss Museum
- 10 Bridge #1
- 21 Book Club #2

December

- 8 Buffalo Springs Herb Farm Christmas Tour
- 9 Mistletoe & Holly Party

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INTEREST GROUPS

Interest group participants must be members of Newcomers. To join an interest group, call the contact.

Baseball Club

Contact: Jerry Plante, 463-4032. Activities resume in the spring.

Book Clubs

Book Club #2 - Norma Combs (463-2745) - filled
(nacombs@ntelos.net)

3rd Monday of the month at 1:30
10/17 at 1 PM in the Piovano Room, Rockbridge
Regional Library - talk by Barbara Brown entitled
"Murder Most Irish" — mysteries by Irish authors
11/21, 1:30 PM at home of Sally Emory - *Alexander
Hamilton* by Ron Chernow

Book Club #3 - Evelyn Caldwell (464-5571),
ebcaldwell@earthlink.net - open

4th Thursday of the month at 1 PM
10/27: at the home of Suzanne King
Book: *The Color of Water* by James McBride

Bridge

Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320) - call to substitute
10/13, 1 PM at Ellen Charske's
11/10, 1 PM at Marge Hubbard's

Bridge #2 - Marlies Aldridge (464-3080)
At Lexington Golf and Country Club, 2nd Tuesday -
12 Noon lunch; 1 PM game. Seeking new members for
friendly games.

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, call to join or
substitute
10/19 at Susan Bushnell/John Murphy's

Canasta

Contact: Shirley Dent (348-1048). Call to join or substitute.
Meets 12 noon, 4th Tuesday of every month
10/25 at Shirley Dent's

Dining Out

Contact: Frank Harrelson (261-1141)
fharrelson@earthlink.net
Dining Out has 86 members. 66 members (77%) signed up
for the October Dining Out Groups, which are now filled.
The next Dining Out Month will be January. Arrangements
will be made in December. If you would like to participate
in a fun, sociable activity, and have not already done so,
you may call Frank Harrelson at 261-1141 or email him at
fharrelson@earthlink.net.

Fine Dining Group

Contact Linda or Bob Textor (540-348-1919),
thetextors@direcway.com). There will be 3 fine dining events
this year: Oct/Nov, Feb/Mar, Apr/May. **Hosts have been set
for Oct/Nov as follows:** Dunlap, Welch (Faye), Donald,
Rathmell, Belden. There is a rotating list of substitutes who
may be called when space becomes available at the last
minute. Members who do not want to be regular participants
can sign up for that.

Participants will be *randomly* selected for each
group by the coordinators. Your host will contact you as
soon as possible regarding the date of the event and other
details. If you sign up for this group it means that you are
familiar with the host and participant responsibilities as written
in the guidelines and agree to them. Refer to [http://
www.lexvanewcomers.org/finedining.html](http://www.lexvanewcomers.org/finedining.html)

Hiking Club

Contact: Lucy Thornburgh (434 922-7544),
bthorn@mindspring.com Call to receive detailed notices.

10/7 Tar Jacket Ridge 10/21 Whetstone Ridge
10/14 Otter Creek 10/28 Mount Pleasant

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
10/20, 1:00 PM at Joan Rogers'

Group #2 - Dottie Lion (291-3514), 2nd Tuesday at 1 PM
New players wanted - call Dottie.
October play to be determined.

Group #3 - Frank Harrelson (261-1141)
10/27, 1 PM at the home of Frank Harrelson
regulars should call if unable to attend

Men's Scrabble - If you are interested in playing in a men's
scrabble group, please let Frank Harrelson know.

Sewing

Contact: Kathy Gander (377-9556), kakkinanni@aol.com
2nd Wednesday, 10 AM.

10/12: at Kathy Gander's

Wine Tasting Group

Contact George Grasse (540) 463-4267. email:
histomin@rockbridge.net

The Wine Tasting Group will hold 11 Viognier wine tasting
parties from late October thru mid-November. For more in-
formation visit: www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm

GENERAL MEETING - OCTOBER 5, 2005

The October General Meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was called to order at the Virginia Horse Center at 10:30 AM on October 5, 2005 by **President Sandy Harrelson**. Following the pledge of allegiance Carol Greenan held a drawing for the Morale Gal activity prize. Members who had dressed in something related to the place they came to Rockbridge from were entered into the drawing; new Newcomer Gary Sullivan was asked to draw a number and succeeded in choosing that of his wife Lynn. The prize was a cheese plate.

Forty eight members and 7 guests attended the meeting. The guests were Betty Lynn from Modina, Ohio, Lil Roksha from Connecticut, Lynn & Gary Sullivan from Vermont, Beverly Bertone from Antigua in the West Indies, and Christopher Carpenter, a wine-maker from Northern Virginia, all of whom joined the club, and Marie and Tom Taylor who had to leave early.

Secretary Nancy Mills described the cards she had sent to members since the last meeting (see page 4). Sandy read a thank you from Hospice for the club's donation in memory of Nelson Hyde. **Treasurer Ellen Charske** gave the treasurer's report (see below).

After thanking Faye Welch and Cathy Broach for help with the Natural Bridge Speedway activity, Sandy reported that the consensus of the members and board was to use excess club funds to underwrite a bus trip to DC in the spring. She pointed out that to subsidize the holiday party from the treasury, as some members suggested, would require a change in the bylaws. Lyn Bing and Sue Ward described tentative arrangements for the DC trip, which included leaving at 6:30 AM, possibly a bus tour of the city, four hours on your own, and arrival back in Rockbridge by 8:30 PM. The cost to members might be between \$10 and \$20 per person.

Mary Brooks called on Cathy Broach, Lyn Bing and Carol Greenan to describe upcoming activities, and reminded members that a contribution of \$7 to cover gas was expected of riders in carpools to activities. Aline McKenna described the plans for the Mistletoe and Holly Party on December 9 and reminded members to sign up for the party and make checks out to Norma Combs for \$16.50 per person before November 15. Details of all activities are found on page 1.

Interest groups include Fine Dining, coordinated by Linda and Bob Textor who have set up 5 dining groups for 36 participants in October/November. The next cycles will be February/March and April/May. The Dining Out group for October have been assigned. Wine tasting groups for October/November are being formed. Details on all interest groups are found on page 2.

Sandy turned the meeting over to **Vice President Glenda Grasse** who called on those who had requested to give announcements of general community interest (you had to be there to hear them). Linda Textor collected \$42 for the 50/50, half of which was won by Ruth Hamner. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 and 10 members went to lunch at Muggs.

- Margaret Skovira

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 - OCTOBER 1, 2005		
Bank Balance	September 1, 2004	\$3,368.45
Deposits	50/50	29.00
	Dues	1,400.00
Total Deposits		\$1,429.00
Expenses	Gift/Memorial	25.00
	Herb Farm advance	200.00
	Holiday Party	100.00
	Room Rent	100.00
	Web Site	107.40
Total Expenses		\$532.40
Bank Balance	October 1, 2005	\$4,262.05
Club Membership	October 1, 2005	70

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

Please remember, your dues must be received by Ellen Charske by **October 15th** in order for you to be listed in our 2006 Membership Directory. The directory will be available at the November meeting. I have always looked forward to the September meeting as a time for catching up on the happenings of newcomer friends; and hopefully, we have made some new acquaintances. Thanks go to all the people who made "Down and Dirty" at the Natural Bridge Speedway so much fun. Special thanks go to Cathy Broach and Faye Welch for getting it set up the night of racing.

Looking forward to seeing you in November when we will be in the final stages of preparing for our Holiday party. It will be held Friday, December 9, at the Buena Vista Firehouse.

- Sandy Harrelson

THE NOVEMBER MORALE GAL

The Morale Theme for November will be "Show them we care" goodies for the troops. Please bring individual food items, drink mixes, books, hygiene items, or anything compact and light weight that would be welcome to troops overseas. Call Carol Greenan (462-3959) for specific ideas or for information on helping with postage.

NOTICES

Dues. It is time to renew your membership for 2005-2006. Please remit your membership dues of \$20.00 (payable to the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club) to our Treasurer, Ellen Charske, 247 Green Hill Road, Lexington, VA 24450, **no later than October 15th** to be included in the club directory. Membership Application Forms and instructions can be found on page 5 and on the website.

Membership Directory. Please submit addresses and email changes to Sally Claeys at 463-6322 or sjclaeys@msn.com.

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).

Photographs. Take pictures at events for our scrapbook, send newsclippings about members, whether related to Newcomers activities or not. Bring to meetings or email to Dottie Lyon at twolions@lexfirst.net, or mail to address in directory. Please write on the back of photos identifying names, dates and places. Photos for the website can be submitted to Dorothy Coker, electronically if possible, at webmaster@lexvanewcomers.org.

Web site. the Newcomer's new web site address is www.lexvanewcomers.org. Should you notice any errors on the new web site or have suggestions on how to improve it, please email webmaster@lexvanewcomers.org. We welcome your input.

DIRECTORY

The 2005-2006 Membership Directory will be available at the November meeting.

CARDS

Cards were sent in September to the following members:

Karen Hyde - sympathy on death of husband Nelson
Jean Rathmell - thinking of you - illness
Judy Halseth - get well - surgery
Michelle Treger - get well - surgery

Please notify Nancy Mills, nancym@rockbridge.net or secretary@lexvanewcomers.org, if you know of a member who could be cheered or consoled with a card from the club.

Officers/Committees

President: Sandy Harrelson 261-1141
Vice President: Glenda Grasse 463-4267
C. Secretary: Nancy Mills 463-5562
Treasurer: Ellen Charske 463-7971
Activities: Mary Brooks, Chair 463-6643
Directory: Sally Claeys 463-6322
Historian: Dottie Lion 291-3514
New Member Coffee: Linda Donald 463-2947
Cathy Broach 261-3141
Newsletter: Margaret Skovira 348-1093
Publicity: Pat Rafferty 348-4222
Web Site: Dorothy Coker 348-6248
Welcome: Jane Auciello 377-5332
Immediate Past President: Ann Jones 464-8906

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB - MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

New Member Eligibility: Club membership is open to residents who have lived in Rockbridge County no more than five (5) years. To qualify for Club membership, one must (a) reside within the boundaries of Rockbridge County; or (b) have a residence with a Rockbridge County mailing address.

Renewing Members: Renewing members who pay prior to the September meeting are guaranteed the current dues rate. As of the September meeting date, renewing members are subject to any dues increase. Renewing members need to complete an enrollment form in its entirety so we can ensure a complete and accurate database.

Any member failing to pay dues *by the November meeting* shall be considered terminated. Such former members may be reinstated within two (2) years of the active membership upon payment of all indebtedness. A former member is eligible for reinstatement one time only.

Dues: For the current year (September 2005 through August 2006), dues are \$20. Only one payment per household is required. After March 15, dues are \$10.

Payee: Make checks payable to Greater Lexington Newcomers Club. Forward to: Ellen Charske, Treasurer, 247 Green Hill Road, Lexington, VA 24450.

To ensure a complete and accurate data base, every member (new or renewing) is asked to complete the following form.

Today's Date: _____	
Your Name _____	Date of Birth (mm/dd only) _____
Spouse's Name _____	
Tel: _____	Email Address: _____
Address (Street or PO Box): _____	
City: _____	Zip: _____
Member since (mm/dd): _____ (Renewing Members only)	

To be included in the 2005-2006 Membership Directory, you must pay your dues by October 15.

