

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 NOVEMBER - 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.*

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.

11: New Member Coffee will be held on Friday, November 11, 10:30AM to Noon, at the home of Linda and Stan Donald, 612 Old Farm Road. The purpose of the coffee is to create an opportunity for newer members to get together in an intimate setting. All members who have joined the club since our last coffee in March are encouraged to come and any member who has joined in the last two years may attend. Please call Linda at 463-2947 if you wish to attend or if you need directions. Hope to see you there.

11: Stocked Market. Salem Civic Center. Call Mary Brooks for details.

December

>>>Note: No General Meeting in 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, Friday, December 9, 6-10 PM at the new Buena Vista Firehouse Hall. Come and enjoy a wonderful holiday dinner and entertainment along with fellow Newcomers. Be sure to put your dancing shoes on. All of this won't happen for you and yours if you do not sign up and get your money in by the deadline of November 15. No monies will be accepted and no refunds given after this date. The cost is \$16.50 per person; make your check out to Norma Combs (**not** the Lexington Newcomers) and mail it to her. This is a BYOB event. Please supply an opener for your bottles. We will have glasses and ice. **Directions:** Go east on Rt. 60 to the light after the train trestle. Make a right onto Beech Avenue (501 bypass) which turns into Sycamore Avenue. The firehouse is located across the street from the Municipal building. There is plenty of parking across the street on both sides of the Municipal/Courthouse building, and in the gravel lot next door. No parking is permitted in the alley behind the firehouse or in front of the truck doors. If you have questions, please call Aline McKenna, 261-8798, or email alinem@lexfirst.net.

Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

November

- 2 General Meeting
- 4 Visit to P. Buckley Moss Museum
- 5 Hiking
- 8 Bridge #2
- 9 Sewing
- 10 Bridge #1
- 13 Hiking
- 11 New Member Coffee
- 15 Book Club #3
- 17 Scrabble #1
- 18 Hiking
- 21 Book Club #2

December

- 2 Hiking
- 6 Canasta
- 7 Book Clubs #2 & 3
- 8 Buffalo Springs Herb Farm Christmas Tour
- 9 Mistletoe & Holly Party
- 13 Bridge #2
- 14 Couples' Bridge #2
- 15 Scrabble #1

January

- 4 General Meeting
- 10 Bridge #2
- 12 Bridge #1
- 16 Book Club #2
- 19 Scrabble #1

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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 (changed in December)
11/21, 1:30 PM at home of Cathy Broach - *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow

12/7 - Holiday luncheon, noon at the Lexington Golf & Country Club

1/16, 1:30 PM at home of Norma Combs to select books for 2006

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

4th Thursday of the month at 1 PM (changed in November, December)

11/15, Tues. at Nora Gaty's to discuss future books and meeting places. Please bring a list of books and/or reviews plus your 2006 Calendars.

12/7 - luncheon with Book Club #2 (see above)

Bridge

Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320) - call to substitute

11/10, 1 PM at Marge Hubbard's
no play in December

1/12, 1 PM at Faye Welch'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)

Play to resume in January.

Couples Bridge #2 - Cathy Broach (261-3141)

3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM, call to join or substitute

no play in November

12/14 at Sandy and Frank Harrelson's

Canasta

Contact: Shirley Dent (348-1048). Call to join or substitute.

Meets 12 noon, 4th Tuesday of every month

No play in November

12/6 at Marlies Aldridge's. Bring pot luck dish for our Christmas luncheon.

Dining Out

Contact: Frank Harrelson (261-1141),
fharrelson@earthlink.net)

The next Dining Out Month will be January. Arrangements will be made in December. Call or email Frank if you would like to participate in a fun, sociable activity, and have not already done so.

Fine Dining Group

Contact Linda or Bob Textor (540-348-1919),
thetextors@direcway.com) or refer to the website - <http://www.lexvanewcomers.org/finedining.html>.

The dining group has launched into it's new year with 38 Newcomers and the October/November dining groups have been organized. Thanks to all the group's members who are currently making this a success. Members are welcome to join and will be included in the Feb/March and April/May dining groups. Members who do not want to be regular participants may sign up as a substitute.

Hiking Club

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

11/5: Whetstone Ridge

11/13, 2PM: Brushy Hills Bear walk with Mike Pelton

11/18 The Chessie Trail.

12/2: Woods Creek Trail

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

11/17 at Sarah Pierce's.

12/15 at Barbara Anderson's.

1/19 at Ellen Charske's.

Group #3 - Frank Harrelson (261-1141)

No play in November and December

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.

11/9: at Carol Greenan's

Wine Tasting Group

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

Wine tasting hosts are needed for the February 2006 wine tasting parties. The Wine Tasting Group is in the process of holding eleven (11) Viognier wine tasting parties from late October thru mid-November: Hosts and dates are Jackson: 10/24, Plante: 10/26, Combs: 10/28, Brooks: 11/1, Bushnell/Murphy: 11/4, Mills: 11/9, Skovira: 11/11, Welch (Donna): 11/12, Tinelli/Rutledge: 11/13, Rafferty: 11/16, Perkins: 11/18. For more information about the wine tasting group, visit: www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm

GENERAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 2, 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 November 2, 2005 by **President Sandy Harrelson**. After the pledge of allegiance **Vice President Glenda Grasse** announced that 55 members were present. She welcomed six guests, all of whom joined the club. They are: Helga Swonson from Front Royal, Virginia, Nancy and Ted Moore from northern Illinois (we sang happy birthday to Nancy), Carole Elmore from Georgia, Lynn Manning from southern California whose husband is a student at SVU, and Rose Ferguson, a "Katrina escapee" who has decided to settle here. Contact information for new members can be found on page 4.

Sandy thanked Cathy Broach for organizing the D-Day memorial trip, and Sally Claeys for putting together the 2005-2006 Directory which was distributed at the meeting. (Members who did not pick up their directory will receive it by mail.) Sandy asked everyone to review their information in the directory and send corrections to Sally Claeys and to Margaret Skovira.

Carol Greenan, the Morale Gal, conducted a drawing from among the members who had brought products for servicemen and women. Mary Brooks won this door prize. Carol announced that the next Morale Gal activity will be held in February, when members will be encouraged to wear red.

Corresponding Secretary Nancy Mills reported the cards that had been sent last month (see page 4). Ellen Charske reported on the state of the Treasury and noted that the bulk of the year's revenue had now been received (see below).

Mary Brooks, Activities Chair, described the "Stocked Market" being held at the Salem Civic Center November 11-13. Lyn Bing described the Buffalo Springs Herb Farm Tour and Aline McKenna urged members to sign up for the Mistletoe and Holly holiday party before the deadline of November 15. Information on these activities is found on page 1. Mary said that a trip to Roanoke's O. Winston Link Museum and Transportation Museum is being planned for January. Sue Ward urged members to "save the date" of April 6 for the planned bus trip to Washington DC. More information will be available in January.

Webmaster Dorothy Coker discussed the possibility of putting the club Directory on the web site with password protection. A vote will be taken on this idea in the future.

Linda Donald urged new members to attend the new member coffee on November 11 (see page 1).

After some interest group announcements (information on page 2), Ruth Hamner conducted the 50/50 raffle which was won by Judy Halseth, with \$27 going to the club treasury. After announcements of community activities the meeting adjourned at 11:30. Fifteen members went to Tuscany in Lexington for lunch.

- Margaret Skovira

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 1, 2005		
Bank Balance	September 1, 2005	\$3368.45
Deposits	50/50	51.00
	Dues	2860.00
Total Deposits		\$2911.00
Expenses	Gift/Memorial	25.00
	Herb Farm advance	200.00
	Holiday Party	155.00
	Office Supplies	70.43
	Room Rent	200.00
	Web Site	119.35
Total Expenses		\$769.78
Bank Balance	November 1, 2005	\$5509.67
Club Membership	November 1, 2005	143

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

There will be no general meeting of the Lexington Newcomers Club in December. Come to our Mistletoe & Holly holiday party instead. It will be held in the new Buena Vista Firehouse Social Hall from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM on Friday, December 9th. So dress up and come share in the holiday fun with your Newcomer friends. The cut-off date to sign up for the Holiday Party is November 15th.

It was fun to have "The Morale Gal" at our October meeting. Also, a great big thank you to Cathy Broach for a successful trip to the D-Day Memorial in Bedford. A huge round of applause goes to Sally Claeys for doing a fine job on our new Club Directory. Please check your listing for accuracy. If there are changes that somehow did not get into the Directory, notify Margaret Skovira and Sally Claeys so that a correction can be published in a future newsletter, and our master files can be updated.

A Happy Holiday Season to each of you. I look forward to seeing you at the party in December and back at the General Meeting in January!

- Sandy Harrelson

DIRECTORY

Please make these changes your 2005-2006 Directory:

Dotty & Frank Lion email: 2twolions@earthlink.net

Tex and Joyce Benton email: epbenton@earthlink.net

Betty Lynn email: ejlynn@ntelos.net, tel.: (540) 377-2032

Anne & Jerry Plante: email aplante1@adelphia.net

Schmoll: first names Connie & Ross

Shrack: first names Barbara (Boo) & Bill

Please add the following new members to your Directory:

Carole Elmore

20 Wild Turkey Rd., Lexington VA 24450

Carole.Elmore@gmail.com

(540) 463-3594

Rose Ferguson & Charles Chester, MD

9 Edmondson Ave., Lexington VA 24450

onesocialworker@aol.com

(540) 460-5009

Lynn N. & Drew A. K. Manning

270 W. 30th St. Apt. E2, Buena Vista VA 24416

Lynnordstrom@hotmail.com

(714) 721-9961

Nancy A. & Ted A. Moore

209 Donald Lane, Lexington VA 24450

(540) 463-3590

Helga Swanson

520 Valley Pike, Lexington VA 24450

(540) 463-5999

CARDS

Cards were sent in October to the following members:

Libby Carswell: get well - surgery

Kate Jenks: get well - illness

Jean Rathmell: thinking of you - treatment

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new members who joined in September and October. Contact information is in your new 2005-2006 Directory.

Patricia Benevento

Beverly & Richard Bertone

Linda & Rick Dadson

Phyllis & Kjeld Johansen

Betty Lynn

Fran & Jim Naylor

Caren & Stephen Nash

Anita & Warren Ramp

Lil Roksha

Katherine "Kay" Savary

Lynn & Gary Sullivan

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