

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).

CLUB ACTIVITIES 2006

Be sure to check page 2 for changes in interest group schedules, especially Wine Tasting and Dining Out.

January

4: General Meeting at the Horse Center, Lexington, 10:00 AM, followed by lunch at Sheridan Livery.

18: O. Winston Link and Transportation Museums in Roanoke. Meet at Kmart at 9 AM to car pool. Museum tickets are \$8 for seniors, \$5 contribution to drivers for gas. Contact Mary Brooks, 463-6643.

22: Flying Karamazov Brothers, Washington & Lee's Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts, Keller Theatre, 7 PM. A block of tickets has been reserved. Contact Mary Brooks, 463-6643.

24: Newcomers Coffee for new members at 10 AM at the home of Barbara Whittle, 47 Dodsridge Lane. All members who have joined the group since November are strongly encouraged to attend. Any member who has been in the club for less than two years may also attend. These gatherings provide a chance for newer members to visit in a smaller, more personal setting. Should the Rockbridge County Schools **close on January 24 because of weather, the coffee will be held on Friday, January 27**. To reach Barbara's home take Rt. 60 East from Lexington, turn right onto Forge Rd. (at the BV Food Lion), proceed beyond the Ben Salem Church and look for Dodsridge Lane on the left. Turn left onto Dodsridge, through the brick gateposts. The driveway will split; bear to the left to the Whittle home. If you plan to attend, please call Cathy Broach (261-3141) or Karen Hyde (434-922-7702) before January 12, so that they can give an accurate count to the hostess. We hope to see you there!

February

1: General Meeting at the Horse Center, Lexington, 10:00 AM, followed by lunch at Malones. **Wear red** and bring an item for the Rockbridge Area Food Shelf (participation is voluntary, but you might win a prize). Contact Carol Greenan, 462-3959.

More information on February and March activities in coming Newsletters

April

6: Bus trip to Washington DC. Board buses at Lowe's at 6 AM for 6:30 departure. Arrive DC c. 10 AM, 2 hour guided bus tour followed by optional lunch at the Smithsonian's Museum of the American Indian and tour of the museum. 4:30 PM departure with stop for dinner on the way home. Cost to members is \$26.50, subsidized by the club; meals additional. You are free to explore DC on your own instead of the planned activities. To sign up, send a check for \$26.50 per member to Lyn Bing or Sue Ward before the end of February. Contact Lyn Bing, (540) 377-9208.

Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

January

- 4 General Meeting
- 6 Hiking
- 10 Bridge #2
- 11 Sewing
- 12 Bridge #1
- 16 Book Club #2
- 18 O. Winston Link & Transportation Museums
Couples' Bridge #2
- 19 Scrabble #1
- 22 Flying Karamazov Brothers
- 24 New members' coffee
Canasta
- 26 Book Club #3
Scrabble #3

February

- 1 General Meeting
- 14 Bridge #2
- 16 Scrabble #1
- 20 Book Club #2
- 23 Book Club #3
- 28 Canasta

March

- 1 General Meeting

April

- 5 General Meeting
- 6 Bus trip to Washington DC

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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

1/16 at home of Nora Gaty to select books for 2006

2/20 at Barbara Anderson's to discuss *The Broker* by John Grisham

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

4th Thursday of the month at 1 PM

1/26 at Nora Gaty's to discuss *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger

2/23 at Evelyn Caldwell's to discuss *Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith

Bridge

Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320) - call to substitute
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 #2 - Cathy Broach (261-3141)
3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM, call to join or substitute
1/18 at Cathy & Bill Broach's

Canasta

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

1/24 at Aline McKenna's

2/28 at Sandy Harrelson's

Dining Out

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

The Dining Out Group has grown to 90 members, beyond all expectations when the group was begun a year ago. I have changed the schedule for the Dining Out Group to March, June, September and December. This will largely get us out of the cold weather months, avoid the summer months when so many people are travelling, and give us a chance to get together in the pre-Christmas season. Thus, I will be in touch in late February for the March Dining Out choices. In the meantime, Bon Appetit!

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 February/March dining groups are being organized now. Hosts and members will be contacted by January 15th. If any new members sign up by the 1/15, they will be included in the Feb/March rotation. After that date, new members

will be included in the April/May and final group. 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.

1/6, 10 AM: Brushy Hills

The hiking group will hike most Fridays depending on the weather. If you are interested contact Lucy Thornburgh. The schedule will be on a weekly basis and e-mails will be sent out the first of each week.

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
1/19 at Ellen Charske's
2/16 at Joan Rogers'

Group #3 - Frank Harrelson (261-1141)
1/26, 1 PM at Frank & Sandy Harrelson's. If you are interested in playing or subbing with this mixed group, please contact Frank Harrelson.

Men's Scrabble - We are still looking for men to play evening Scrabble. Several Newcomer men have played a couple of times and had a lot of fun with wine, beer and good conversation! If you would like to play, contact Frank Harrelson, fharrelson@earthlink.net, 540-261-1141.

Sewing

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

1/11 at Marlies Aldridge's

Wine Tasting Group

Contact George Grasse (540-463-4267),
gandg@direcway.com

There will not be a quarterly wine tasting for February or May 2006. Instead, the wine tasting group will have an "annual" all-members wine tasting at a time and venue to be decided, probably in March or April. Wine tasting hosts will be needed for each of the "eight-tasters" round tables. More information to follow in email messages as details are worked out. Regular small group wine tastings in members' homes will be held in August and November each year.

For more information about the wine tasting group, visit:
www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm



GENERAL MEETING - JANUARY 4, 2006

The January General Meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was called to order at the Virginia Horse Center at 10:30 AM on January 4, 2006 by **President Sandy Harrelson**. Faye Welch conducted the 50/50 drawing which was won by Ellen Charske with \$30 split between her and the club. After the pledge of allegiance **Vice President Glenda Grasse** announced that 36 members and one guest were present. The guest was Susan Pinto who moved to Lexington from California last fall. **Secretary Nancy Mills** announced the cards that had been sent since the last meeting (see page 4) and **Treasurer Ellen Charske** made the financial report (see below) entertaining.

Sandy thanked Mary Brooks for organizing club activities and Aline McKenna for overseeing the successful Christmas party. Aline thanked her committee and the Buena Vista fire company for their hard work.

Activities Chairman Mary Brooks described two activities for January – a visit to Roanoke’s O. Winston Link and Transportation Museums and attending *The Flying Karamazovs* at Lenfest (see page 1 for details). Lyn Bing provided details of the club’s planned bus trip to Washington DC on April 6. The trip will include a guided 2 hour bus tour of DC and admission to the Museum of the American Indian, or those attending may explore the sights on their own. Cost to members is \$26.50. More details are on page 1. Linda Donald invited new members to the New Member Coffee on January 24. Frank Harrelson described the changes to the Dining Out schedule that are included on page 2.

Morale Gal Carol Greenan thanked the members for participating in sending goodies to the troops in November and displayed the large thank you card from the program’s organizer. She urged the members to **wear red in February** and bring a food item to help replenish the Rockbridge County Food Shelf. Those who do will be eligible for a prize.

The meeting adjourned and a dozen members went to Sheridan Livery for lunch.

- Margaret Skovira



Some of the books for Lisa’s House collected by the Newcomers’ Book Clubs at their December luncheon.

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 - JANUARY 1, 2006		
Bank Balance	September 1, 2005	\$3368.45
Deposits	50/50	78.00
	Dues	3020.00
Total Deposits		\$3098.00
Expenses	Directory	303.60
	Gift/Memorial	25.00
	Holiday Party	255.00
	Morale Gal	12.54
	Newsletter	33.22
	Office Supplies	89.43
	Room Rent	300.00
	Web Site	119.35
Total Expenses		\$1138.14
Bank Balance	January 1, 2006	\$5328.31
Club Membership	Janaury 1, 2006	151

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to everyone!

A big thanks to Lyn Bing, organizer of our trip to Buffalo Springs Herb Farm, for the Christmas tour. Also, many kudos to Aline McKenna and her committee for a beautiful and wonderful Holiday party! The setting, decorations, food & music were great!

Please take some time to look over the by-laws in your *2005-2006 Member Directory*. Please email me your suggestions (fharrelson@earthlink.net) if you feel that any changes should be made to the by-laws. The Newcomers' Board will be meeting soon to consider revisions to the by-laws and will need your recommendations in writing in order to consider your ideas.

Remember - If the Rockbridge County Schools are closed on our meeting date because of bad weather conditions, Newcomers will **not** meet. However, the newsletter will still be published for that month. So, please continue to send Margaret Skovira all pertinent information in a timely manner.

Lyn Bing and Sue Ward have done some of the planning for our D.C. bus trip. They need to know by **February** if you are planning to go. All members are welcome. They have reserved buses with Shenandoah Travel. Plans are to have step-on guides in Washington. The date of the trip is April 6th, and the cost for members is \$26.50 per person. See page 1.

- Sandy Harrelson

WELCOME NEW/RENEWING MEMBERS

Please add to your directory:

Donna Welch	Sandy Wilson
203 Jackson Ave.	PO Box 56
Lexington VA 24450	Raphine VA 24472
463-7701	377-6152
dmwelch@lexfirst.net	SandySue41@aol.com

DIRECTORY

Please make these changes your 2005-2006 Directory:
Luis Corvalan, email: l.corvalan@earthlink.net
Glenda & George Grasse, email: gandg@direcway.com
Carol & Gerald Greenan, email: lexyan@earthlink.net
Anneliese & William Lehnert, email: awlehnert@ntelos.net
Betty Lynn, email: bjlynn@ntelos.net
Aline & John McKenna, email: jerseygirlaline@earthlink.net
Jean & Dick Rathmell, email: Rathmell@lexfirst.net
Diana & Jeremy Robinson, email: hats@bydiana.com

CARDS

Cards sent since our November meeting went to:
Bruce Boller – Get Well – recent Surgery
Bill Pollock – Thinking of you – Surgery
Sandy Harrelson – Get Well – Surgery
Cathy Broach – Get Well- Surgery
Jane Dunlap – Sympathy
Cathy Broach – Get Well- More Surgery
Jean Rathmell – Thinking of you - Illness
Lil Abbe – Thinking of you -
John Ayres – Get Well – Infection
Cathy Broach – Thinking of you – Post Surgery
Tom Degnan – Thinking of you – Illness
Jon Dunning – Get Well – Surgery
Diana Losche – Get Well – Illness
Pat Iskenderian – Get Well – Broken Ankle

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.

SINCE LAST TIME . . .

With the roads treacherous, we still had well over 90 attendees at the **Christmas Party** with only 5 no shows. You are all to be commended for making this a fun evening. Thanks to everyone on the committee, Jane Auciello, Nancy Vallance, Linda Regel, Lois Goddu, Kay Lera, and Lynn Dibiase. Special thanks to Sally and David Emory for stepping in at the last minute to be our Greeters. Special thanks to the folks at the BVFD who were so gracious and helpful, and who worked so hard to make this a great evening. (Please note: We have tablecloths, vases, Christmas decorations and Christmas paper goods stored at Ann Jones' house. She is graciously allowing the Newcomers to store all our supplies at her house. Any Newcomer wishing to use any of the above, please contact Ann. Thanks Ann.) - Aline McKenna

A **coffee for new members** was held on November 11 hosted by Stan and Linda Donald at their home. The 20 people who attended enjoyed food and fellowship and had an opportunity to become better acquainted with fellow Newcomers.

- Linda Donald

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