

# 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

### February

**1: General Meeting** at the Horse Center, Lexington, 10:00 AM, followed by lunch at Ruby Tuesday.

**17: Shopping trip to Roanoke.** We'll shop at Stein Mart, TJ Maxx, Talbots, Salem Creek and Valley View and have lunch. We'll meet at the K Mart parking lot at 9 AM and carpool, paying drivers \$5.00 for gas. Interested people can call Mary Brooks, 463-6643.

### March

**1: General Meeting** at the Horse Center, Lexington, 10:00 AM.

**4: AKC agility trial for dogs and handlers** sponsored by the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Kennel Club at the Virginia Polo Center, a covered arena at 1082 Forest Lodge Lane in Charlottesville, 8 AM-7 PM. Call Jane Auciello (540 377-5332) to arrange car pools.

**15: Wine tasting** at VMI's Moody Hall beginning at 5:30 pm. **All Newcomers are invited to attend.** See page 2, Wine Tasting Group, for details. Send your check to George Grasse, P.O. Box 903, Lexington, VA 24450 by February 22.



**25: Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show and Sale** 10 AM to 4PM at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds main building near Harrisonburg (exit 243 from I-81). Details will follow at the March meeting. Save the date.

**TBA: New members coffee.**

### April

**5: General Meeting** at the Horse Center, Lexington, 10:00 AM.

**6: Bus trip to Washington DC,** including optional city tour and new American Indian Museum tour. Cost of lunch & dinner not included in bus price.

Please mail checks made out to Lyn Bing for \$ 26.50 per person to: Lyn Bing, PO Box 85, Steeles Tavern, VA 24476. **Money MUST be received by February 24th!!!!**

Questions ... call Lyn 540 377-9208 or Sue Ward 540 377-5527.

If space is available guests may be invited to join the trip at the cost of \$ 36.50. If you want to bring a guest, please let Lyn or Sue know so that their names can be added to the back up list.



### Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

#### February

- 1 General Meeting
- 8 Couples' Bridge #2
- 9 Bridge #1
- Sewing
- 14 Bridge #2
- 15 Couples' Bridge #2
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- 17 Shopping in Roanoke
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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  
2/20 at Barbara Anderson's to discuss *Light on Snow* by Anita Shreve  
3/20 at Sally Emory's to discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride

**Book Club #3** - Evelyn Caldwell (464-5571) - open (ebcaldwell@earthlink.net)  
4th Thursday of the month at 1 PM  
2/23 at Evelyn Caldwell's to discuss *Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith  
3/23 at Linda Regel's to discuss *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold

### Bridge

**Bridge #1** - Faye Welch (463-5320) - call to substitute  
2nd Thursday of the month at 1 PM  
2/9 at Suzanne Egyed'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)  
call to join or substitute  
2/8, 7 PM at Cathy & Bill Broach's

### Canasta

Contact: Shirley Dent (348-1048). Call to join or substitute.  
Meets 12 Noon, 4th Tuesday of every month  
2/28 at Sandy Harrelson's  
3/28 at Carol Greenan's

### Dining Out

Contact: Frank Harrelson (261-1141), fharrelson@earthlink.net  
Arrangements will begin early in February for March Dining Out Groups. I will be contacting persons on the membership list soon to see if they will be willing to pick a restaurant and date, and make arrangements for a group in March. If you have not already hosted a group, but have actively participated before in Dining Out, I am asking you to consider hosting in March. It is a responsibility that all persons who participate in Dining Out are asked to do periodically. Please say YES; Please DO YOUR PART.

### 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. New members who sign up by March 1 will be included

in the April/May and final group. Members who do not want to be regular participants may sign up as substitutes.

### Hiking Club

Contact: Lucy Thornburgh (434-922-7544), bthorn@mindspring.com. Call to receive detailed notices.  
The Newcomers hiking group will hike each Friday in February. If you are interested in joining the group and are not on the e mail list just give Lucy a call.

### 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 2/16 at Joan Rogers'

**Group #3** - Frank Harrelson (540 261-1141)  
Play will resume in March on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

**Men's Scrabble** - We are still looking for men to play scrabble in a men's group. It could be afternoon or evening. Please call Frank Harrelson at 540-261-1141 or email him at fharrelson@earthlink.net. The times that we have met, we enjoyed good drink and good conversation.

### Sewing

Contact: Kathy Gander (377-9556), kakkinanni@aol.com  
2nd Thursday in February, 2nd Wednesday usually, 10 AM.  
2/9 at Andie Pollock's  
3/8 at Margaret Skovira's

### Wine Tasting Group

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

The Wine Tasting Group is presenting its first 2006 wine tasting event on Wednesday, March 15, at VMI's Moody Hall beginning at 5:30 pm. The featured wines will be Spanish reds. Price per person is \$27.00 (\$54.00 per couple) and includes all of the following: Spanish white wine and light hors d'oeuvres during the reception from 5:30 to 7:00, Spanish red wine to taste and evaluate from 7:00 pm, and the main hors d'oeuvre buffet beginning at 7:15 pm. **All Newcomers are invited to attend.** Send your check to George Grasse, P.O. Box 903, Lexington, VA 24450 by February 22. Your check is your reservation. Seating will be at eight-person round tables assigned by random draw as you register that evening. There will be a host for each table—to be determined later—those who hosted tables for either of the two previous group wine tasting events will not be asked to host this time. Attire is dressy casual.

For more information about the wine tasting group, visit: [www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm](http://www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm)



## GENERAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 1, 2006

The February General Meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was called to order at the Virginia Horse Center at 10:30 AM on February 1, 2006 by **President Sandy Harrelson**. After the pledge of allegiance Sandy announced that 46 members and three guests were present. The guests were Christine Fix, a new bride and teacher from St. Louis who can be recognized by her Cardinals' accessories; Debbie Maurer from the DC area; and Rita Poranski, a nurse and social worker from Northern Virginia. Both Debbie and Rita became members. **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 as usual.

Faye Welch and Jane Auciello described upcoming activities for the club, and Lyn Bing described the bus trip to DC planned for April - see page 1 for details of all activities.

Sandy asked that suggested changes to the by-laws be sent to her. She thanked Linda Donald, Cathy Broach, and Karen Hyde for their efforts in putting on the recent new members' coffee. She also mentioned that the painting interest group is no longer affiliated with the Newcomers Club.

**Morale Gal Carol Greenan** held a drawing from the names of those who wore red to the meeting. Lucky Lynn Sullivan won on the first draw but declined the prize having won the previous Morale Gal drawing. Jon Dunning's name was drawn second and he was rewarded with a Whitman's Sampler and an illuminated red heart for Judy. Carol was able to help replenish the shelves of the food pantry with donations brought by members.

**Vice President Glenda Grasse**, speaking for George, announced that the next Wine Tasting will be held on March 15 and is open to all members of Newcomers. See Wine Tasting Group on page 2 for details. Ellen Charske conducted the 50/50 drawing which was won by Carole Jean Figlo with \$33 split between her and the club.

After several community announcements the meeting adjourned and ten members went to lunch at Ruby Tuesday.

*- Margaret Skovira*

### SINCE LAST TIME . . .

The New Members Coffee for January was held on Tuesday, January 24 at the home of Barbara Whittle. 14 members attended and shared scrumptious refreshments, good conversation and enjoyed Barbara's most interesting home and a beautiful day. The next coffee is planned for late March. Look for further details in the March newsletter.

*- Linda Donald*

<b>GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB</b>		
<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 - JANUARY 31, 2006</b>		
Bank Balance	September 1, 2005	\$3368.45
Deposits	50/50	94.00
	Dues	3080.00
Total Deposits		\$3174.00
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	400.00
	Web Site	119.35
Total Expenses		\$1238.14
Bank Balance	January 31, 2006	\$5304.31
<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>January 31, 2006</b>	<b>154</b>

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I was able to go on both activities organized this month by Mary Brooks. They were interesting, educational and lots of fun. I wish more of you would take advantage of these outings. Kudos to Mary and her committee.

If any members have any thoughts on our by-laws — changes, rewording, etc., please email or send them in writing to Sandy Harrelson by mid-February. The Executive Committee is meeting at the end of February to look at and hone these suggestions before publishing them in the March Newsletter for member perusal. A vote will be taken in April on the changes.

**MOST IMPORTANT** — Please send Sue Ward or Lyn Bing a check for \$26.50 per person if you are planning to go on the bus trip to Washington, D.C. on Thursday, April 6. If you have friends who are not members of Newcomers who would like to go on the trip with you, please let Sue or Lyn know so that they can be put on a waiting list. The cost for non-members will be \$36.50 per person. Sue and Lyn need a count so that a decision can be made on how many buses to reserve. **If there is not sufficient interest in the trip, then it will be cancelled.....so it is important to make a decision as soon as possible and be in contact with Sue or Lyn.**

I am looking forward to seeing you in March at our meeting at the Horse Center.

- Sandy Harrelson

## WELCOME NEW/RENEWING MEMBERS

Please add to your directory:

Dorothy and Glenn Henderson  
31 Greystone Lane  
Fairfield, VA 24435  
540 377 2741  
grhender@aol.com

Susan Pinto  
290 West Midland Trail  
Lexington, VA 24450  
540 463-3264  
SKaiser994@aol.com

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P.O. Box 806  
Buena Vista, VA 24416  
434 922-7501  
mountaintoppers@netzero.com

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108 River Jack Way  
Lexington VA 24450  
540 464-3516

Wendy and Jim Morgan  
16 Wing Walker Way  
Buena Vista, VA 24416  
540 261-1978  
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1665 Dutch Hollow Rd.  
Raphine, VA 24472  
540 348-4135  
rrowland@direcway.com

## DIRECTORY

Please make these changes your 2005-2006 Directory:  
Nora & Lewis Gaty, email gatyn@earthlink.net

## CARDS

Cards sent in January went to:

Michelle Treger: Thinking of You, Father's Illness.  
Cathy Broach: Get Well, Hospital.  
Cathy Broach: Thinking of You, Recovering.  
Jean Rathmell: Thinking of You, Illness.  
Marge Hubbard: Death of her Mother (aged 101yr.s).  
Mary Adkins: Husband's Surgery.  
Betty Lynn: Thinking of You, Illness

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