

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

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. Space is available. Send your check to George Grasse, P.O. Box 903, Lexington, VA 24450 by March 8.

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). Admission is free. Call Jane Auciello (540) 377-5332 to arrange car pools.

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.

6:00 a.m. Bus arrives at Lexington Lowe's for boarding. Be sure you're there **by 6:20!!!**

SUGGESTION: Bring snacks, drinks, games — and wear comfortable shoes! You **will** be able to leave things on the bus.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Call Lyn Bing (540) 377-9208 if you're not signed up and would like to go with us — or if you *are* signed up and have either a newcomer or non-newcomer friend who'd like to join us. If we've had a cancellation, we'll have a seat for you!!!

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

26: Safari Park Expedition 1:30 PM. Feed the animals as you ride through the park on a wagon. \$12 per person payable by April 5. We need a minimum of 15 people and must pay a \$50 deposit 2 weeks in advance. Contact John Sappington, (540) 348-6339, johnsappington@earthlink.net with questions. Send your checks, made out to him, to 251 Brownsburg Turnpike, Rockbridge Baths, VA 24473.

Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

March

- 1 General Meeting
- 3 Hiking
- 4 Agility dog trials
- 8 Sewing
- 10 Hiking
- 14 Bridge #2
- 15 Wine Tasting
- 16 Scrabble #1
- 17 Hiking
- 20 Book Club #2
- 22 Couples' Bridge #2
Scrabble #3
- 23 Book Club #3
- 24 Hiking
- 25 Arts & Crafts Show and Sale
- 28 Canasta
- 31 Hiking

April

- 5 General Meeting
- 6 Bus trip to Washington DC
- 17 Book Club #2
- 25 Canasta
- 26 Safari Park Expedition

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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 PM

3/20 at Sally Emory's to discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride

4/17 at Pam Wagner's to discuss *The Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell

Book Club #3 - Evelyn Caldwell (464-5571) - open

(ebcaldwell@earthlink.net)

4th Thursday of the month at 1 PM

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, no play in March

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

3/22, 7 PM at Susan Bushnell/JohnMurphy's

Canasta

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

Meets 12 Noon, 4th Tuesday of every month

3/28 at Carol Greenan's

4/25 at Shirley Dent's

Dining Out

Contact: Frank Harrelson (261-1141),

fharrelson@earthlink.net

Dates have been set for Dining Out in March. Places are available - call or email Frank to join the group's mailing list or to select a dining out experience for March from among the following: L'Italia Restaurant, Staunton, Saturday, March 18, 6:00 PM, hosted by Carol & Jerry Greenan; Tuscany's Restaurant, Lexington, Saturday, March 18, 7:00 PM, hosted by Cathy & Bill Broach; Hotel Roanoke (Buffet Lunch), Wednesday, March 22, 12:30 PM, hosted by Aline & John McKenna; Millstone Tea Room (Route 122, 10 miles north of Bedford, about 45 minutes from Lexington), Thursday, March 23, 7:00 PM, hosted by Pat & Bob Kovach, See Website www.millstonetearoom1939.com; Sheridan-Livery Inn, Lexington, Friday, March 24, 6:00 PM, hosted by Marlies Aldridge; Natural Bridge Hotel (Seafood Dinner Buffet), Friday, March 24, 7:00 PM, hosted by Lynne & Gary Sullivan; L'Italia Restaurant, Staunton, Friday, March 24, 7:00 PM, hosted by Jan & Mike White; Carlos' Brazilian Restaurant, Roanoke, Saturday, April 1, 6:00 PM, hosted by Ann & Lynn Jones, See website at www.carlosbrazilian.com

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>.

We will be organizing the groups for the April/May (and final) fine dining experience for this club year soon. Members are encouraged to contact the coordinators with comments that they have about their dining club experiences this year.

Hiking Club

Contact: Lucy Thornburgh (434-922-7544),

bthorn@mindspring.com. Call to receive detailed notices.

Fridays at 10 AM: March 3, Chessie Nature Trail; March 10, Brushy Hills; March 17, Devils Marbleyard; March 24 North Mountain Ridge Trail; March 31 Bluff Mt or Rice Mt. If you are interested in joining the group and are not on the email 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 3/16 at Sarah Pierce's

Group #3 - Frank Harrelson (540 261-1141), 4th Wednesday at 1 PM, mixed gender, call to join 3/22 at the Harrelsons'

Men's Scrabble - We are still looking for persons to play in a Men's Scrabble Group once per month. If interested, you may call Frank Harrelson at 540-261-1141 or email him at fharrelson@earthlink.net. We are considering both afternoon and evening groups. These scrabble get-togethers provide an opportunity for good conversation and good drink.

Sewing

Contact: Kathy Gander (377-9556), kakkinanni@aol.com

2nd Wednesday, 10 AM.

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. Your check is your reservation. Only two weeks left. There are 81 paid attendees to date. Attire is dressy casual.

Wine club information at www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm (site temporarily down for upgrade)

GENERAL MEETING - MARCH 1, 2006

The March General Meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was called to order at the Virginia Horse Center at 10:35 AM on March 1, 2006 by **President Sandy Harrelson**. After the pledge of allegiance **Vice President Glenda Grasse** announced that 35 members and 4 guests (3 of whom were men) were present. The guests were Bob Carsillo who recently moved to the area from Pennsylvania with his wife Debbie, Bill Wydro who, with his wife Christine Schadeberg, keeps one foot here and one in Rockville, Maryland, and Colquitt Meacham and Dave Brockway who came to our area from Boston. **Secretary Nancy Mills** announced the cards that had been sent since the last meeting (see page 4) and gave information about arrangements related to the death of member Al Ward. A donation of \$25 was made to Hospice by the club in Al's memory. **Treasurer Ellen Charske** was happy to report that our February expenses exceeded our receipts (her report is below).

Activities Chair Mary Brooks asked committee members **Jane Auciello** to give information on the March 25 Arts and Craft fair activity, and **John Sappington** to announce the planned trip to Safari Park. See page 1 for details of these activities. **Dining Out contact Frank Harrelson** announced that there are still places available in the March Dining Out groups. Glenda Grasse announced that members may invite guests to the **March 15 Wine Tasting**; checks should be made payable to and sent to George Grasse. Attendees should plan to bring their wine tasting glasses unless otherwise notified by email. Details of these and other interest group meetings are on page 2.

New Member Coffee co-Chair Linda Donald asked members to consider hosting a new member coffee in late March or early April. Contact Linda if you are willing to do this. Sandy announced that there are 4 seats available on the bus trip to DC. Anyone interested should contact Lyn Bing (see page 1).

Proposed **revisions to the club's by-laws** have been made by the board. The significant changes are printed on page 5 of this newsletter; the complete text is posted on the web site. Sandy asked the members to review the changes and be prepared to vote on them at the April meeting. Sandy asked for **volunteers for the Nominating Committee** which will meet before the May meeting to select a slate of officers for the club year that begins September 1. Volunteers should contact Sandy. The election will be held at the May meeting.

Morale Gal Carol Greenan announced that for the April meeting members should celebrate spring by wearing a hat – any sort of headgear that reflects something about yourself. Please bring light-weight, compact food or recreation items for the troops (not books or magazines).

Visitor and new member Bill Wydro drew my name [:-)] in the 50/50 which paid \$22 to the club.

After general announcements 10 members enjoyed lunch at the Patisserie.

- Margaret Skovira

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 - FEBRUARY 28, 2006		
Bank Balance	September 1, 2005	\$3368.45
Deposits	50/50	110.00
	Dues	3140.00
Total Deposits		\$3250.00
Expenses	Directory	303.60
	Gift/Memorial	25.00
	Holiday Party	255.00
	Morale Gal	21.83
	New Member Coffee	25.00
	Newsletter	44.69
	Office Supplies	152.88
	Room Rent	500.00
	Web Site	119.35
Total Expenses		\$1447.35
Bank Balance	March 1, 2006	\$5171.10
Club Membership	March 1, 2006	157

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the March meeting, I passed around a sheet asking for volunteers who would be willing to serve on the Nominating Committee to develop a slate of officers for next year. If you did not attend the meeting and would like to participate on the Nominating Committee, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. My telephone number is 540-261-1141, or you may email me at fharrelson@earthlink.net. Before the general meeting in May, I will invite the volunteers to a meeting to nominate a slate of officers. Election of officers will be by the general membership at the June meeting.

Also, please don't forget to peruse the proposed changes to the By-Laws and come to the April meeting ready to vote. See you then.

- Sandy Harrelson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please add to your Member Directory:

Bob & Debbie Carsillo
40 Oak Ridge Lane
Lexington VA 24450
540 261-8958
dcarsi1229@aol.com

Colquitt Meacham & Dave Brockway
PO Box 1056
Lexington VA 24450
540 463-4701

Christine Schadeberg & Bill Wydro
1798 Fredericksburg Road
Rockbridge Baths VA 24473
540 348-5511
wwydro@aol.com

DIRECTORY

Please make these changes your 2005-2006 Directory:

Carol & Jerry Greenan, email: lexyank@lexfirst.net
Cindy & John Sappington, email:
johnsappington@earthlink.net

CARDS

Cards sent since last Newcomers Meeting:

2-5-06 Pam Wagner, Get well, surgery
2-6-06 Roger Rowland, Get Well, surgery
2-18-06 Margaret Skovira, Sympathy, brother's death
2-28-06 Sue Ward, Sympathy, husband Al's death

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

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

A complete copy of by-laws, red-lined with proposed changes, is posted on the Newcomer's Website. *All members are encouraged to peruse the changes before the April meeting.* The following is a brief summary of the proposed significant changes:

Article 3, Membership

Section 1 - Only one payment per household is required, and membership shall include spouses/partners.

Section 4 - Former members.....payment of.....current-year dues.

Article 7, Officers

Section 2 - Each Officer.....good standing and must have been a club member for a minimum of two (2) years.

Article 8, Duties of Officers

Section 2 - The Vice-President shall preside at meetings of the Club and Executive Committee in the absence of the President and shall perform such other duties as the President may direct, including reserving space at a restaurant for lunch after each meeting. The Vice-PresidentThis review is to ensure that the interest group complies with Article 2 of the By-Laws.

Article 9 - Committees

Section 2 - The Standing Committees shall be Activities, Directory, Historian, Membership, Newsletter, Publicity, and Welcome.

Section 6 - The Webmaster, Associate Webmaster, and all Standing Committee Chairs are exempt from any limitation on the length of term and shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.

Article 10, Committee Duties

Section 1 - Standing Committees

A. Activities Committee shall plan a minimum of ten activities per year.

D. Membership Committee shall be responsible for maintaining enrollment forms and distributing directories (to members joining after November). The committee shall send renewal reminders each August and shall implement new member coffees which includes soliciting.....

Section 2 - Special Committees

A. Holiday Party

B. Picnic Committee

C. Nominating Committee

Article 11

Section 2 - Events consist of the Club Picnic and Holiday Party. The Club will underwrite these events in accordance with the annual budget, including an alcohol and beverage control license when required. All other expenses for these events shall be borne by the participants.