

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

May

3: General Meeting at the Horse Center, Lexington, 10:00 AM. Cinco de Mayo lunch at Don Tequila's (optional).

15: Champions on Ice, Roanoke Civic Center Coliseum. This is the figure skating tour you don't want to miss!. This year's show features the skaters who competed in the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy. It's your chance to see gold, silver, and bronze medal performances. 7 PM. Specially priced tickets with a total of 4-9 tickets will be \$38.50 each. Car Pool from Lowes at 5:00 PM. Contact Jane Auciello by 5/8/06 at 540-377-5332.

19: Sherando Lake picnic & hiking. The hiking group is sponsoring a day at Sherando Lake on May 19th. We will have an easy hike and a difficult one. You can also enjoy the beach, fish, swim or canoe (your own boat). Bring a folding chair and a sandwich, snacks, drinks and dessert will be provided. There is an entrance fee of \$6.00 for 2 people and \$8.00 for 3 or more people. We will meet at the Buena Vista Visitor Center on Rt. 60 at 9:20 or at Sherando Lake at 10:30. Sherando Lake is located on Rt. 664 5 miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway. From I 81 go to Stuarts Draft and turn south on Rt 608, then east on Rt 610 and then south on Rt 664, for about 10 miles from Stuarts Draft. For more information contact Lucy Thornburgh. For RSVP contact Norma Combs at nacombs@ntelos.net by May 17th if you are coming. If you are carpooling reimburse the driver for gas and entrance fee. For more information contact Lucy Thornburgh at 434-922-7544. There will be a rain date for this activity set up if needed.

19, 20: Lenfest Center play, "The Pirates of Penzance". 10 tickets for each of two nights (20 tickets total) will be offered half price (\$4) to the first 20 people to sign up for this play. Newcomers will be funding the other half of the price of your ticket from our activity account since we have money left over. If you reserve tickets and find you cannot attend, please call 24 hours before the play to cancel so you will not be responsible to pay for them. Phone Mary Brooks to reserve at 463-6643.

July

7: Sunday 1:00 - We have reserved a shelter at Glen Maury Park for our annual picnic. Meats will be provided. Bring a dish to share. A sign up sheet will be provided at the next meeting. Details to follow in the next newsletter/meeting.

Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

May

- 3 General Meeting
- 15 Book Club #2
- 15 Champions on Ice
- 17 Couple's Bridge #2
- 19 Hiking with picnic
- 19 Lenfest play - Pirates
- 20 Lenfest Play - Pirates
- 23 Canasta
- 25 Book Club #3
- 31 Scrabble #3

June

- 7 General Meeting
- 19 Book Club #2

July

- 7 Annual Picnic, Glen Maury Park

HIGHLIGHTS

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INTEREST GROUPS

Interest group participants must be members of Newcomers. To join an interest group, call the contact. (Area code 540 unless otherwise stated.)

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
5/15 at Carole Elmore's to discuss *Teacher Man: A Memoir* by Frank McCourt
6/19 1:30 at Pam Wagner's to discuss *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

Book Club #3 - Evelyn Caldwell (464-5571) - open (ebcaldwell@earthlink.net)
4th Thursday of the month at 1 PM
5/25 at Anita Ramp's to discuss *Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

Bridge

Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320) - call to substitute
2nd Thursday of the month at 1 PM

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 7:00 PM
substitutes welcome
5/17 at Karen Hyde's

Canasta

Contact: Shirley Dent (348-1048). Call to join or substitute.
Meets 12 Noon, 4th Tuesday of every month
5/23 at Judy Dunning's

Dining Out

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

Fine Dining Group

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

The last fine dining groups for this club year have been organized and should take place by the end of May. Thanks to all members who have helped to make this special interest group a success. Please contact the coordinators if you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the Fine Dining Group.

Hiking Club

Contact: Lucy Thornburgh (434-922-7544),
bthorn@mindspring.com. Call to receive detailed notices.
Fridays at 10 AM: 4/7, Laurel Run; 4/14 no hike; 4/21, A Wildflower hike somewhere; 4/28, Matts Creek. **May 19, A special day at Sherando Lake, Picnic and Hiking for everyone in Newcomers.** 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 - Ellen Charske, , 3rd Thursday at 1 PM

Group #3 - Frank Harrelson (261-1141), call to join or substitute; usually 4th Wednesday at 1 PM, mixed gender
no play in April
5/31 (5th Thursday) at Margaret Skovira's

Men's Scrabble - Men are still being sought for either afternoon or evening scrabble. If interested, you may contact Frank Harrelson at (261-1141) or email at fharrelson@earthlink.net. Hey Guys, come on out and enjoy good conversation and good drink, and enjoy some mentally challenging scrabble games!

Sewing

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

Wine Tasting Group

Contact George Grasse (463-4267), gandg@hughes.net
A European-style Rosé tasting is scheduled in May. Closed parties include: Mills May 4th, Ricks May 11th, White May 18th, Grasse June 6th, Dunlap May 20th. Cancelled: Gorlin May 12th, . Still open are Vosburgh May 25th, Kovach May 30th, Gorsky June 1st (Cancelled), Textor June 2nd (Closed), (Closed). There is still time to sign up for either the Vosburgh (5/25) or Kovach (5/30) parties. For more information about the Wine Tasting Group:

www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm

GENERAL MEETING - MAY 3, 2006

The May General Meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was called to order at the Virginia Horse Center at 10:30 AM on May 3, 2006 by **President Sandy Harrelson**. After the pledge of allegiance **Vice President Glenda Grasse** announced that 25 members and 1 guest were present. Our guest and latest new member, Connie Horner, and her husband relocated here in October from Washington DC. **Secretary Nancy Mills** announced the cards that had been sent since the last meeting (see page 4). **Treasurer Ellen Charske** indicated we have a balance of \$4489.10 in our accounts.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the activities for April which included a trip to Safari Park arranged by the Sappingtons. Other upcoming activities were described (see page 1).

Thanks go to Carole Elmore for a lovely New Member Coffee.

In next months meeting, a proposal will be put up for a vote. That would be to add an additional page to our membership directory to include things of interest for people moving to the area. Nothing political or commercial will be included.

Members were asked whether they had any names to add to nomination other than those listed from the nomination committee. New officers will be voted on at the next meeting.

Members were requested to bring items boxed for mailing to the troupes in June. It would be nice to have a strong show of support.

The raffle netted \$17 for a lucky recipient and for our treasury.

Please note that the Financial Report Below will be updated when the data is received. Thanks.

| GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB | | |
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| FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 - MARCH 31, 2006 | | |
| Bank Balance | September 1, 2005 | \$3368.45 |
| Deposits | 50/50 | 132.00 |
| | Dues | 3200.00 |
| Total Deposits | | \$3332.00 |
| Expenses | DC Bus Trip | 572.50 |
| | Directory | 303.60 |
| | Gift/Memorial | 50.00 |
| | Holiday Party | 255.00 |
| | Morale Gal | 21.83 |
| | New Member Coffee | 25.00 |
| | Newsletter | 44.69 |
| | Office Supplies | 152.88 |
| | Room Rent | 600.00 |
| | Web Site | 119.35 |
| Total Expenses | | \$2144.85 |
| Bank Balance | April 1, 2006 | \$4555.60 |
| Club Membership | April 1, 2006 | 160 |

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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A big thank you to all the persons who stepped up and agreed to serve on the picnic committee — Lucy Thornburgh, Sally Emory, Dottie Lion, Carole Elmore, Nancy Vallance, and Marge Hubbard. Give them your support by helping out and, of course, by being sure to attend the picnic. Also, all the persons who went to the Safari Park had a fun time. It was a bit cold and bit drizzly at times, but the animals were great fun and gave us many laughs. Some of the group at before the safari ride at the Pink Cadillac and enjoyed the social time together. Everyone remarked what a good outing it was. Thanks to Cindy and John Sappington for putting this together for us. A big thank you goes to the Nominating Committee for its hard work in putting together a proposed slate of officers and committee chairs for next year, and a special thank you to all of you who agreed to serve next year in a leadership role. The nominating committee consisted of Linda Donald, Cathy Broach, Denise Gorsky, Pat Rafferty, and the members of the Executive Board. Our next meeting will be June 7th at the Horse Center. At that time we will vote on the proposed slate of officers and committee chairs for the upcoming year. Also, we will learn more about the summer picnic. I look forward to seeing all of you at the June meeting. - *Sandy Harrelson*

Slate of Officers, Committee Chairs, and Special Interest Coordinators for 2006 - 2007

President - Glenda Grasse
Vice President - Mary Brooks
Treasurer - Margaret Skovira
Corresponding Secretary - Barbara Rollenhagen
Membership Chairperson - Frank Harrelson
Activities Chairperson - Jane Auciello
Directory Co-Chairpersons - Jan & Mike White
Historian - Karen Hyde
Name Tags - Linda Regel
Welcome - Cathy Broach
New Member Coffees - Linda Donald & Nancy Mills
Newsletter - Cindy & John Sappington
Publicity - Lynn Sullivan
Wine Club Coordinator - George Grasse
Fine Dining Coordinator - Linda & Bob Textor
Dining Out Coordinator - Frank Harrelson
Webmaster - Dorothy Coker

DIRECTORY

Please make these **email/address changes** your 2005-2006

Directory:

Shirley Dent - shirleyd@hughes.net
Judy Halseth - jahalseth@ntelos.net.
Pat Rafferty - patrafferty@hughes.net
Linda and Bob Textor - ltextor@hughes.net
Ellen Ivy - ivyhouse@ntelos.net
Dorothy Coker - whoozie@hughes.net
Dick & Jean Rathmell - Rathmell@ntelos.net

Sarah Pierce - 6 East Rainbow Drive, Bridgewater, VA 22812

Committee Notes

New Member: Our April Dessert and Coffee was held on the evening April 12 at the home of Carole Elmore with 14 members in attendance. The group enjoyed delicious food and great conversation and we hope that some new friendships were formed. All in attendance had a delightful evening and we thank Carole profusely for her hospitality. The next new member gathering will be in June. Stay tuned for details at the June meeting and in the June newsletter. Linda Donald

CARDS

Cards sent since last Newcomers Meeting:

Jean Rathmell: Thinking of You, Illness
Ellen Charske: Get Well, 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