

# 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

### July

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

**9: Picnic at Glen Maury Park** at 1:00 PM. This year's picnic will again be held at the hilltop pavilion. From Rt. 501 (Sycamore Ave.) and 10th St. follow the signs. The cost per person will be \$6.00. Fried chicken and pork barbecue will be provided.

Bring your own beverage(s) of choice and a dish to share. Those with last names beginning with A-L will bring desserts and M-Z will bring side dishes (salad or vegetables). There should be enough picnic benches for everyone, but if you prefer you may bring your own chairs.

Your picnic committee: Judy Dunning, Carole Elmore, Sally Emory, Marge Hubbard, Dottie Lion, Lucy Thornburgh and Nancy Vallance.

**11: New members' coffee.** This season's final gathering for new members will be a "Coffee and Dessert" on Tuesday evening, July 11, at 7:30pm. Hosts are Bob and Kay Lera, 502 Jackson Avenue in Lexington. If you are new to the club and wish to attend, please contact Cathy Broach, 261-3141 or Karen Hyde, 434-922-7702 before July 8. This is a great opportunity to get better acquainted with other new members in a more intimate setting.

### Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

#### July

- 5 General Meeting
- 9 Picnic
- 11 New Members' Coffee
- 17 Book Club #2

#### August

- No General Meeting
- 17 Scrabble #1
- 19 Couples' Bridge #2
- 21 Book Club #2
- 23 Scrabble #3

#### September

- 6 General Meeting

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE HELP WANTED

Volunteers are desperately needed for the Activities Committee for the 2006-2007 Newcomers Club year. The Club belongs to you, so this is your chance to say where you would like to go. This year will be especially challenging due to the rise in gas prices. There are many creative minds in this organization so let's get together and come up with some new destinations (and maybe some old ones with a new twist)! A sign up sheet will be sent around during the July meeting, and also at the picnic. I would like to make a tentative plan for all volunteers to get together the 4th week of August so we can have something planned for the first meeting in September. If you miss the July meeting or picnic please call me (540-377-5332) or send an e-mail to hnojauciel@earthlink.net to join the committee. I look forward to meeting everyone, so put on your thinking caps and volunteer - this Club is what you make it! Thank you all in advance and have a great summer.

-Jane Auciello, Activities Committee Chair

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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 mid-July. Call Jerry to be added to the email list.

### Book Clubs

**Book Club #2** - Norma Combs (463-2745) - filled  
(nacombs@ntelos.net)  
3rd Monday of the month at 1:30 PM  
7/17 at Karen Hyde's to discuss *A Short History Of Nearly Everything* by Bill Bryson  
8/21 at Pat Rafferty's to discuss *The Master Butcher's Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich

**Book Club #3** - Evelyn Caldwell (464-5571) - open  
(ebcaldwell@earthlink.net)  
4th Thursday of the month at 1 PM  
Meetings resume in September.

### 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  
7/19 at Karen Hyde's

### Canasta

Contact: Shirley Dent (348-1048). Call to join or substitute.  
Meets 12 Noon, 4th Tuesday of every month  
no play in July

### Dining Out

Contact: Frank Harrelson (261-1141),  
fharrelson@earthlink.net  
In June, approximately 60 members dined out together in groups going to restaurants in Lexington, Staunton, Vesuvius, Roanoke and the Peaks of Otter. The various hostesses and hosts report that everyone enjoyed great food and camaraderie. One group combined their dining out experience with a tour of the Art Museum of Western Virginia. Our next dining out will be in September. Arrangements will be made in August. If you have not already signed up for this fun group, you may do so by contacting Frank Harrelson.

### Fine Dining Group

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

Fine Dining has, in fact, been exactly that this past year. Participants in this group have continued to plan and execute gourmet type dining experiences such as (to name only a few of the main entrees) fresh Maine lobster, roasted red snapper with baby shrimp couscous stuffing, and roast

### Fine Dining (Continued)

leg of lamb with rhubarb chutney. A typical evening has come to mean beginning with cocktails or wine and appetizers and conversation to get to know newcomers and renew old acquaintances. This is typically followed by a dinner beginning with salad, followed by the main course and wine, and culminating with dessert, coffee and after dinner drinks (optional).

Guidelines for this group are available on the website. Basically you must be willing to plan the menu for and host a group of 7-10 people once during the year and to participate in the other dining experiences during the year. If you are not sure about how much you can commit to this group, you may sign up as a substitute to be called only when not enough participants are available to make a full group.

If this sounds like something that you would enjoy being part of for the 2006-2007 year, please call or email the coordinators (noted above).

### Hiking Club

Contact: Lucy Thornburgh (434-922-7544),  
bthorn@mindspring.com. Call to receive detailed notices.  
Hiking will continue through the summer.

### Scrabble

**Group #1** - Ellen Charske (463-7971), 3rd Thursday at 1 PM

8/17 at Barbara Anderson's

**Group #3** - Frank Harrelson (261-1141), call to join or substitute; usually 4th Wednesday at 1 PM, mixed gender.  
We have room for 1 regular player. If you would like to play on a regular basis or be on our sub list, please contact Frank Harrelson.

8/23 at Frank and Sandy Harrelson's

### Sewing

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

Meetings resume in October

### Wine Tasting Group

Contact George Grasse (463-4267), gandg@hughes.net  
The Wine Tasting Group has completed its May 2006 European-style Rosé tastings. Results of the tasting have been emailed to Wine Tasting Group members.

For more information about the Wine Tasting Group:  
[www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm](http://www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm)



## GENERAL MEETING - JULY 5, 2006

The July General Meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was called to order at the Virginia Horse Center at 10:30 AM on July 5, 2006 by **President Sandy Harrelson**. After the pledge of allegiance **Vice President Glenda Grasse** introduced guest Ilse Winter, a resident of Kendal who moved here from Branville, Ohio. Glenda announced that 26 members were present. **Secretary Nancy Mills** named the members to whom cards had been sent since the last meeting (see page 4) and read a note from Betty Lynn (see directory changes on page 4). **Treasurer Ellen Charske** pointed out that the Treasury has more money now than at the beginning of the club year. The Treasurer's Report appears below.

**Dorothy Lion** reported that the picnic would occur "rain or shine." **Mary Brooks** thanked members of the activities committee who assisted her throughout the year: Jane Auciello, Lyn Bing, Sue Ward, Carol Greenan, Kathy and Bill Broach, Ava Hughes, and Cindy and John Sappington. **Bob Textor** described the Fine Dining Interest Group – for people who like to cook – and asked everyone, whether a current member or new to the group, who wishes to participate next year to sign up. Frank Harrelson announced the next Dining Out experiences would occur in September. Glenda Grasse said that information about the next Wine Tasting would be forthcoming. It is not necessary to rejoin either of these two groups, but new members are welcome.

Looking to the 2006-2007 club year new **Membership Chair Frank Harrelson** asked that dues be paid by September 30 for members to be included in the new club Directory that will be available in November. He will be sending reminders by email and postal mail as appropriate. Sandy asked that all the standing committee chairpersons and the coordinators of the Wine Tasting Group, the Fine Dining Group, the Dining Out Group, and the Picnic Chairperson send year-end reports to her by August 7.

**Linda Donald** reminded "new" Newcomers of the dessert and coffee get together on July 11 (see page 1). Nancy Moore won \$7 in the 50/50. **Carol Greenan** said she expects to continue Morale Gal activities next year with three "begging times" to give back to the community and others just for fun.

At the conclusion of the meeting Sandy "passed the bell" to incoming President Glenda Grasse who presented Sandy with a crystal vase in gratitude for her leadership this year. The meeting adjourned and a group went to lunch at la Patisserie.

- Margaret Skovira

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 - JUNE 30, 2006		
Bank Balance	September 1, 2005	\$3368.45
Deposits	50/50	170.85
	Dues	3240.00
Total Deposits		\$3410.85
Expenses	DC Bus Trip	493.00
	Directory	303.60
	Gift/Memorial	50.00
	Holiday Party	255.00
	Morale Gal	34.17
	New Member Coffee	25.00
	Newsletter	73.40
	Office Supplies	152.88
	Picnic	60.00
	Room Rent	900.00
	Web Site	119.35
Total Expenses		\$2466.40
Bank Balance	July 1, 2006	\$4412.90
<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>July 1, 2006</b>	<b>164</b>

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The July meeting was my last as your President. I have tried to serve you to the best of my ability (and will continue to serve until Glenda Grasse takes over in September). This job carries much responsibility since there are almost 300 members, and you are a diverse group. I have had excellent support from the Executive Board and you, the members. The Executive Board and I have tried to implement your wishes for the Club, and hope that we have been successful in doing so. This has been a rewarding year. I have received so much enjoyment from my Newcomer membership and participation, and it has been gratifying to give back some of my time and energy.

Would all the standing committee chairpersons and the coordinators of the Wine Tasting Group, the Fine Dining Group, the Dining Out Group, and the Picnic Chairperson please send me a **year-end report** about the activities, successes, and problems encountered by your group. I would like to receive these reports by August 7th. You may email them to me at [fharrelson@earthlink.net](mailto:fharrelson@earthlink.net), or if you prefer they may be sent by regular mail to 2631 Edgewood Road, Buena Vista, VA 24416. These reports need to go into our permanent records for use by the succeeding President and Committee Chairs.

Frank and I hope to see you at the annual picnic on Sunday, July 9th on the mountaintop at Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista. Newcomers will meet next on Wednesday, September 6, at the Horse Center. See you then. In the meantime have a relaxing and wonderful summer!

- Sandy Harrelson

## Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2006/2007 may be paid during the period July through September. Checks for \$20.00 may be made out to "Lexington VA Newcomers" and should be given to Frank Harrelson, Membership Committee Chairperson, at the September meeting; or mailed to him at 2631 Edgewood Road, Buena Vista, VA 24416. The Membership Directory will go to press in October for distribution at the November meeting. In order to be listed in the directory, your **payment must be received by September 30**. If you have any questions, please call Frank at 261-1141. We are looking forward to another exciting year of activity and hope that you will plan to be part of it. However, if for any reason you are not planning to continue your membership, please let Frank know as soon as possible. When remitting your payment, please confirm the spelling of name(s), mailing address, telephone number, and correct email address.

## DIRECTORY

Please correct the email address for Mary Ward and Jim Slack published last month: [maryandjim@termineigh.com](mailto:maryandjim@termineigh.com)

Directory changes

Betty Lynn has moved to Baldwin Park in the Staunton area and says she will miss her Lexington friends.

## CARDS

### Cards sent since last Newcomers Meeting:

Gary Sullivan: Sympathy, Mother's Death  
Bob Welch: Get Well, Surgery  
Jean Rathmell: Thinking of You, Illness  
Sue Ward: Sympathy, Death of her Grandson

Please notify Nancy Mills, [nancym@rockbridge.net](mailto:nancym@rockbridge.net) or [secretary@lexvanewcomers.org](mailto:secretary@lexvanewcomers.org), if you know of a member who could be cheered or consoled with a card from the club.

### Don't Forget

- ✓ Year end reports to Sandy Harrelson
- ✓ Volunteer for the Activities Committee
- ✓ Pay dues for 2006-2007

## 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