

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 2006-2007

Note: Due to rising fuel prices the driver for an activity carpool will be compensated based on the distance from Peebles lot. Please give your driver the following amounts at the start of the trip: 35 miles = \$3.00, up to 60 miles = \$5.00, over 60 miles = \$8.00 max.

September

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

14: Visit to **Springdale Water Gardens**, Greenville, then on to **Andre Viette Farm** in Fishersville where we will have a tour given by one of their staff. We will then drive to the Mossy Creek Cafe in Fishersville for lunch and stop at the Cheese Shop on our return trip. Meet at Peebles at 9:00 am. Last date for sign up is 9/12/06, contact Jane Auciello at 540-377-5332.

27: Visit to the packing shed at **Flippin - Seaman Orchards** on Rt 56 in Tyro, VA. Several varieties of locally grown apples will be available for purchase as well as fresh cider. On the return trip we will stop for lunch at the Whistle Stop Cafe in Fairfield. Meet at Peebles at 10:00 am.

October

4: General Meeting at the Horse Center. Dress for Halloween !

20: Buffalo Springs Herb Farm. Take a guided tour of the farmhouse decorated for the harvest season; decorating tips will be shared and refreshments included. Cost for this event is \$8.00 payable in advance to Jane Auciello (540-377-5332). Please meet at Peebles at 9:00 am. We expect this to be a popular event as there is no December Holiday House tour this year. Sign up by 10/4/06.

25: Greenbrier Bunker tour. After having been closed for a while, the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia has once again opened their Bunker tours to the public; this is an activity the men should enjoy. Fee for the tour is \$30.00 payable to Jane Auciello (540-377-5332); deadline for sign up is 10/11/06. Carpool from Peebles at 9:30 am. The plan is to have lunch at the Drapers Restaurant at the Greenbrier about 11:30 am (cost for lunch is **not included** in tour price). If Drapers is not available we will have lunch in town before the tour. The tour (approx. 90 minutes) leaves White Sulphur Springs promptly at 1:00 pm.

November

1: General Meeting at the Horse Center

15: Visit **Sunspots Studio** in Staunton, see a glassblowing demonstration, maybe fit in a little holiday shopping. Lunch will be at the Depot Grill. Meet at Peebles at 9:30 am.

29: Trip to **Black Dog Salvage** in Roanoke. See 40,000 sq. feet of treasures; this should be a lot of fun. First we will have lunch at the Hotel Roanoke which I am told has a great buffet and should have their holiday decorations in place. Meet at Peebles at 10:00 am.

December

10: Holiday party at VMI's Moody Hall, 3-5 pm.

Calendar

(See Interest Groups/Activities for specifics)

September

- 6 General Meeting
- 14 Springdale Water Gardens
- 14 Bridge #1
- 18 Book Club #2
- 20 Couples' Bridge #2
- 26 Canasta
- 27 Flippin - Seaman Orchards
- 28 Book Club #3
- Scrabble

October

- 4 General Meeting
- 11 Needles & Pins
- 16 Book Club #2
- 20 Buffalo Springs Herb Farm
- 25 Greenbrier Bunker tour
- 26 Book Club #3

November

- 1 General Meeting
- 14 Wine Show
- 15 Sunspots Studio
- 29 Black Dog Salvage

December

- 10 Holiday Party

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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). 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

9/18 at Ellen Charske's to discuss *The Blind Assassin*
by Margaret Atwood

10/16 at Cathy Broach's to discuss *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi

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

4th Thursday of the month at 1 PM

9/28 at Anita Ramp's to discuss *The Reivers* by
William Faulkner.

10/26 at Gwen Howe's to discuss *Shipping News* by
E. Annie Proulx

Bridge

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

9/14 at Marge Hubbard'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 7:00 PM

Substitutes welcome

9/20 at Cathy & Bill Broach's

Canasta

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

Meets 12 Noon, 4th Tuesday of every month

9/26 at Shirley Dent's

Dining Out

Contact: Frank Harrelson (261-1141)

fharrelson@earthlink.net

September groups are dining out now. Our next dining out
will be in December. 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 for additional
information – [http://www.lexvanewcomers.org/
finedining.html](http://www.lexvanewcomers.org/finedining.html).

Fine Dining Group (continued) It is time to sign up for
the 06-07 Fine Dining Group. Even if you have been in this
interest group in the past, you must sign up again. There
will be 3 fine dining experiences throughout the year: Oct/
Nov, Jan/Feb and March/April. Deadline for signing up to
be included in the October/November dinners is September
27th. Please call or email the coordinators. Indicate your 1st
and 2nd choices of months in which to host. Participants are
expected to host one dinner and participate in 2 others. If
you are not sure about how much you can commit to this
group, you may sign up as a substitute.

Hiking Club

Contact: Lucy Thornburgh (434-922-7544),
bthorn@mindspring.com. Call to receive detailed notices.
This group hikes each Friday on a trail in the area. We usually
hike from 4 to 6 miles. Most hikes are moderate with some
difficult ones and a few easy ones. If you are interested in
this group call Lucy Thornburgh.

Needles & Pins (formerly Sewing)

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

10/11 at Kathy Gander's. Call if you would like to come.

Scrabble

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

9/28 at Ellen Charske's

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

No play in September

Wine Tasting Group

Contact George Grasse (463-4267), gandg@hughes.net

The Wine Tasting Group is planning a Wine Show to be held
in Lexington at Col Alto on Tuesday, November 14th, from
6:00 to 9:00 pm. At least four regional wine distributors will
be present to host international wines each from a particular
world "corner". Main Street Market will provide the wine
and hors d'oeuvre menu. Price per person is \$28.50 and the
event is open to all Newcomers. Send payment to secure
your reservation to George Grasse, P. O. Box 903, Lexington,
VA 24450. Volunteers are needed for greeters, sign-in, name
tags, and as wine pourers.

For more information about the Wine Tasting Group and to
view photos of our recent August 2006 "Wine Bottling
Event": www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm

GENERAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

The first meeting of the 14th year of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was opened by **President Glenda Grasse** with the pledge of allegiance and the introduction of new officers (see page 4 for the list). **Vice President Mary Brooks** announced that 52 members and 8 visitors were present. The visitors included Marilyn Wasicek from Washington state, Kathy and Jim Kovach from Clarksville, Maryland, Sherry and Bob Smith from Gainesville, Virginia; Doris Hixon, Glenda Grasse's sister from Georgia; Ingrid Sinclair-Day from Iowa and Debbie Lavonic who telecommutes to New Jersey. See page 4 for contact information for those visitors who joined the club at the meeting. **Corresponding Secretary Barbara Rollenhagen** announced the cards that had been sent to members recently (see page 4), and mentioned that the family of Jean Rathmell suggests that donations in her memory be made to the American Cancer Society, Rockbridge Area Hospice, Rockbridge Historical Society and R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church. **Treasurer Margaret Skovira** reported that the treasury is starting the year with a balance of about \$4000 (detailed treasurer's report is on page 5).

Glenda read a thank you from Past President Sandy Harrelson for her gift from the club and for the club's support during her presidency. Glenda in turn thanked Sandy and last year's officers for their service, as well as the picnic committee, new members' coffee committee, and George Grasse, coordinator of the wine tasting group, for recent enjoyable events. Glenda announced that there would be a door prize awarded to one attendee at each meeting, and an end of year raffle for members who have attended meetings to encourage meeting attendance – you must be present to win! Other ideas to add interest to meetings include displays or demonstrations of members' talents, and an after meeting lunch at the Horse Center. An idea to sing to members having a birthday during the month was quickly rejected. **Activities Chair Jane Auciello** described the activities planned. See page 1 for details including costs and sign up deadlines. Each interest group coordinator and committee chair talked about the opportunities their group represents – see page 2 for details.

Special celebrations in the near future include **Morale Gal Carol Greenan's** early Halloween theme for the October general meeting – wear a mask, a costume, or something orange – and the Holiday Party on December 10 being planned by Kate Jenks and her committee.

Finally, Glenda announced that the **proposed budget for 2006-2007** would be voted on by the membership in October. It is printed on page 5 in accordance with the by-laws (because it includes greater than normal subsidies for some activities) and members are urged to come to the October meeting to discuss it and vote.

After general announcements Glenda adjourned the meeting; those lunching together went to The Sheridan Livery.

- Margaret Skovira

Help

- ✓ Volunteer to host a new members' coffee - call Linda Donald
- ✓ Pay dues for 2006-2007 to Frank Harrelson

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month we begin the Club's 14th year. The club year starts on September 1 and runs through August 31. We meet the first Wednesday of every month except December and August. Our mission is to provide an inclusive social setting that fosters the opportunity for friendship, social interaction, and a sense of belonging. The club is strictly a social organization and, as such, does not promote any causes, no matter how worthy.

The Club is fortunate to have a truly exceptional group of officers and committee members to guide us through the year. Our focus is on F U N. To encourage greater attendance at monthly meetings, we are offering door prizes and a raffle drawing. A door prize will be awarded at every meeting—this is open to both members and guests. For members only, there will be a raffle with three great prizes to be awarded at the July 2007 meeting. To have an opportunity to win a raffle prize, all you have to do is to attend monthly meetings. The more meetings you attend, the more chances you have to win. And, of course, attending the meetings allows you to socialize with fellow members and visitors—a real treat.

We'll discuss other plans as the year progresses, so stay tuned for several special events, beginning with a fabulous Holiday Party on December 10. I urge you to get involved and stay involved. That way, you can enjoy all the wonderful benefits of Club membership.

- Glenda Grasse

Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2006/2007 are due. Checks for \$20.00 may be made out to "Lexington VA Newcomers" and should be mailed to Frank Harrelson, Membership Committee Chairperson, 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**. When remitting your payment, please confirm the spelling of name(s), mailing address, telephone number, and correct email address.

NEW MEMBERS

Kathy & Jim Kvach
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CARDS

Cards sent since last Newcomers

Meeting:

Margaret Fletcher – sympathy on death of her husband
Frank Harrelson – sympathy on death of his sister
Bill Lehnert – get well (recovering from surgery)
Jean Rathmell – thinking of you

Please notify Barbara Rollenhagen, 463-7473, rollo_va@cfw.com, if you know of a member who could be cheered or consoled with a card from the club.

Officers/Committees

President: Glenda Grasse 463-4267
Vice President: Mary Brooks 463-6643
C. Secretary: Barbara Rollenhagen 463-7473
Treasurer: Margaret Skovira 348-1093
Activities: Jane Auciello 377-5332
Directory: Jan & Mike White 261-2119
Historian: Karen Hyde (434)922-7702
Name Tags: Linda Regal 264-0174
New Member Coffee: Linda Donald 463-2947
Nancy Mills 463-5562
Newsletter: Cindy & John Sappington ... 348-6339
Publicity: Lynn Sullivan 261-2826
Web Site: Dorothy Coker 348-6248
Welcome: Cathy Broach 261-3141
Immediate P. Pres Sandy Harrelson 261-1141

PROPOSED BUDGET - 2006-2007

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Carryover from 2005-2006 \$ 4,178

INCOME

Dues: 160 members @ \$20 \$ 3,200

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE \$ 7,378

EXPENSES

Directory \$ 350

Door Prizes \$ 150

Gifts/Memorials \$ 200

New Member Coffee \$ 200

Newsletter \$ 250

Office Supplies \$ 240

Raffle \$ 150

Rent \$ 1,000

Special Events - Exec Board Recommended Subsidies

House Mountain Concert or Lenfest Theater Event \$ 280

Holiday Party \$ 2,000

Lunch at Horse Center \$ 420

Picnic \$ 400

Web Site \$ 125

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 5,765

YEAREND CARRYOVER \$ 1,613

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 - AUGUST 31, 2006

Bank Balance	September 1, 2005	\$3368.45
Deposits	50/50	177.85
	Dues	3240.00
	Picnic surplus	185.98
Total Deposits		\$3603.83
Expenses	DC Bus Trip	493.00
	Directory	303.60
	Gift/Memorial	115.60
	Holiday Party	255.00
	Morale Gal	34.17
	New Member Coffee	75.00
	Newsletter	118.60
	Office Supplies	219.64
Picnic	60.00	
	Room Rent	1000.00
	Web Site	119.35
Total Expenses		\$2793.96
Bank Balance September 1, 2006		\$4178.32
Club Membership September 1, 2006		164