

# 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:* If for some reason you cannot attend an event for which you signed up, please notify either Jane Auciello or someone who will be going. At the Activities table a "Save the Date" form will allow you to make a note of events, dates, times etc. in case you forget your calendar. Carpool driver compensation is: up to 35 miles = \$3.00, up to 60 miles = \$5.00, over 60 miles = \$8.00 max.

### October

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

**20: Buffalo Springs Herb Farm.** Fall House Tour. No Herb Farm Christmas tour this year, so we will take a guided tour of the farmhouse decorated for the harvest season. Cost is \$8.00. Meet at Peebles at 9:30 AM to pick up a carpool ride.

**25: Greenbrier Bunker tour.** Enjoy a ninety minute tour of the US Government Relocation Facility, built in the 1950's and hidden in plain sight at the Greenbrier Resort. We will have a private tour for our group at 2:00 PM. First we will have lunch at Food and Friends, 213 W. Washington St, Lewisburg, WV then head to White Sulphur Springs Civic Center where we will pick up our tour. Cost is \$30.00 per person, checks should be made payable to Jane Auciello and be sent to her by 10/12/06 as that is the deadline to notify the Greenbrier of our number. Your reservation is not assured until you have made payment. Meet at Peebles at 9:30 AM to pick up a carpool ride which will go directly to the restaurant.

**30: New Member Coffee** at the home of Kate and Ted Jenks, 212 Buckland Drive. From Lexington travel Route 60 West, proceed a little less than a mile, then turn left onto Buckland Drive to the stone house on the right. All members who have joined since the July coffee will be contacted and encouraged to attend. Other members of the club who have joined in the last two years may contact either Nancy Mills 463-5562, or Linda Donald 463-2947 to reserve a spot by October 25. We hope to see many of you there.

### November

**1: General Meeting** at the Horse Center

**15: Sunspots Studios, Staunton.** Live glass blowing demonstration, lunch at train depot. Cost is free (except lunch and carpool \$ to driver), meet at Peebles at 9:30 AM for carpool ride.

**29: Blackdog Salvage, Roanoke.** Architectural antiques and commercial salvage...like a museum where you can touch!! See a 14,000 sq. ft. warehouse offering unique home and garden accessories. First we will enjoy lunch at the Hotel Roanoke so we can browse on a full stomach! Cost is free (except lunch and carpool \$ to driver); meet at Peebles at 10:00 AM for a carpool ride.

### December

**10: Holiday party** at Moody Hall, 3-5 PM on the VMI campus. Cost is \$15 per person or \$30 a couple. Please make checks payable to Greater Lexington Newcomers' Club and mail to Margaret Skovira, 85 Kennedy Wades Mill Loop, Raphine, VA 24472 no later than December 1 or sign up and pay at our November meeting. Come and mingle with old friends and make some new ones. Please note this is not a dinner, but heavy hors d'oeuvres will include a carving station with roast beef and smoked turkey, rolls and condiments, crab dip, chicken satay, stuffed mushrooms, phyllo triangles, baked brie, and scallops wrapped in bacon, along with a fresh vegetable platter and cheese board with crackers. Desserts will include mini lemon bars, chocolate brownies and chocolate covered strawberries. Beverages include cider, tea, coffee and wine (tickets for two glasses, additional wine may be purchased by the glass). We look forward to having you join us for this festive occasion.

### Calendar

(See page 2 for specifics)

#### October

4	General Meeting
6	Hike
11	Needles & Pins
12	Bridge #1
13	Hike
16	Book Club #2
18	Couples' Bridge #2
19	Scrabble #1
20	Buffalo Springs Herb Farm
20	Hike
24	Canasta
25	Greenbrier Bunker tour
26	Book Club #3
27	Hike
30	New member coffee

#### November

1	General Meeting
14	Book Club #3
14	Wine Show
15	Sunspots Studio
15	Couples' Bridge #2
20	Book Club #2
28	Canasta
29	Black Dog Salvage

#### December

6	Book Clubs 2 & 3
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

12/6 Book Clubs 2 & 3: luncheon at Lexington Country Club. Bring books for children/young adult as a donation to the shelter house.

**Book Club #2** - Norma Combs (463-2745) - filled (nacombs@ntelos.net)

3rd Monday of the month at 1:30 PM  
10/16 at Cathy Broach's to discuss *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi  
11/20 at Diane Smith's to discuss *His Excellency: George Washington* by Joseph Ellis

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

4th Thursday of the month at 1 PM, 2nd Tuesday in November  
10/26 at Gwen Howe's to discuss *Shipping News* by E. Annie Proulx  
11/14 at Margaret Skovira's to discuss *Winterdance* by Gary Paulson

### Bridge

**Bridge #1** - Faye Welch (463-5320) - call to substitute  
2nd Thursday of the month at 1 PM  
10/12 at Ellen Charske'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  
10/18 at Susan Bushnell/John Murphy's  
11/15 at Carole Elmore's  
No Play in December

### Canasta

Contact: Shirley Dent (348-1048). Call to join or substitute.  
Meets 12 Noon, 4th Tuesday of every month  
10/24 at Marlies Aldridge's  
11/28 at Margaret Skovira's

### Dining Out

Contact: Frank Harrelson (261-1141) fharrelson@earthlink.net  
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](mailto:ltextor@hughes.net) or refer to the website for additional information – <http://www.lexvanewcomers.org/finedining.html>.

The October/November groups have been organized. If you have signed up for this group and have not received an initial contact from your host/hostess by this time, please let the fine dining group coordinators know. New members may continue to sign up for this group by filling in the sign-up sheet at a monthly meeting or by contacting the coordinators by phone or email. There are still openings for substitutes. For more information or to sign up as a substitute, please contact us.

### Hiking Club

Contact: Lucy Thornburgh (434-922-7544), [bthorn@mindspring.com](mailto:bthorn@mindspring.com). Call to receive detailed notices. We hike each Friday. The schedule for this month is:

10/6 Peavine Lake (4 miles)  
10/13 Apple Orchard Mt. (3.9 miles)  
10/20 Chessie Trail (4 miles or 2 hours)  
10/27 Otter Creek (3 1/2 to 4 miles)

### Needles & Pins (formerly Sewing)

Contact: Kathy Gander (377-9556), [kakkinanni@aol.com](mailto: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 or 4th Thursday at 1 PM.  
10/19 at Joan Rogers'  
**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 please contact Frank Harrelson.

### Wine Tasting Group

Contact George Grasse (463-4267), [gandg@hughes.net](mailto:gandg@hughes.net)  
The Wine Tasting Group has planned a Wine Show to be held in Lexington at Col Alto on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. At least four regional wine distributors will be present to host wines of 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 and their guests. Send payment to secure your reservation to George Grasse, P. O. Box 903, Lexington, VA 24450. Volunteers are needed to be greeters, handle sign-in and name tags, and as wine pourers.

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

## GENERAL MEETING - OCTOBER 4, 2006

The October 4, 2006 meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was opened at 10:45 by **President Glenda Grasse** with the pledge of allegiance. **Vice President Mary Brooks** announced that 43 members and 4 visitors were present. The visitors included Mary Anne and Jim Andrews from New Jersey who have been living at Kerrs Creek for 15 months, and Rick and Candy Werner from Naples, Florida. Sandy Harrelson, sitting in for **Corresponding Secretary Barbara Rollenhagen** announced that one card had been sent to members recently (see page 4), and that a thank-you had been received from Rockbridge Area Hospice for the club's donation in memory of Jean Rathmell. **Treasurer Margaret Skovira** reported that the Treasury balance of \$6121 reflects the income from dues (detailed treasurer's report is below). **Activities Chair Jane Auciello** described September trips to the Water Gardens and Apple Shed enjoyed by members. She urged those who sign up for activities to call the contact if they are unable to attend so that car pools are not delayed waiting for them. Glenda thanked Cathy Broach and her committee for the warm welcome they give to meeting attendees, especially to visitors and new members. The proposed budget, printed in the September newsletter, was approved unanimously.

Glenda called on each committee chair and interest group contact to talk about plans for the 2006-2007 year. This information is found on pages 1 and 2 of this newsletter. Note especially the Holiday Party on December 10 chaired by **Kate Jenks**. **Publicity Chair Lynn Sullivan** has been active in getting more information about Newcomers before the public; flyers will soon be available in the Visitor Center in Lexington. **New Member Coffee Chair Linda Donald** is planning a coffee for the end of October or early November. New members since the last coffee will be notified, members who have belonged less than two years are welcome and should call Linda. (Editor's Note: the coffee is now scheduled for October 30 - see page 1.) **Membership Chair Frank Harrelson** announced that new club directories will be available at the November meeting. Margaret Skovira announced that **Newsletter Editors Cindy and John Sappington** will begin their duties with the November issue, and that all newsletter information should be sent to them. Glenda asked for someone with webmaster skills to volunteer to backup **Webmaster Dorothy Coker**.

Ingrid Sinclair Day won the door prize and after general announcements of community events Glenda adjourned the meeting. Fourteen members went to the Bistro for lunch.

- Margaret Skovira

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2006		
Bank Balance	September 1, 2006	\$4178.32
Deposits		
	Dues	2480.00
Total Deposits		\$2480.00
Expenses		
	Door Prizes	116.44
	Gift/Memorial	25.00
	Holiday Party	250.00
	Newsletter	16.67
	Office Supplies	28.44
	Room Rent	100.00
Total Expenses		\$536.55
Bank Balance	October 1, 2006	\$6121.77
<b>Club Membership October 1, 2006: about 175 memberships</b>		

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Club has gotten off to a great start this year. Memberships are being renewed at a fast pace, and several new people have joined as well. The Welcome Committee, chaired by Cathy Broach, is doing a wonderful job of greeting guests and making them feel welcome at our meetings. Members can help also by introducing themselves to new people and answering their questions.

The membership directory will go to press in October and will be distributed at the November meeting. Remember to pay your dues NOW to Frank Harrelson, head of the Membership Committee, if you want to be included in the directory.

Lynn Sullivan, head of the Publicity Committee, reported that the Visitor Center receives a lot of inquiries about the Newcomers Club and would welcome a handout to distribute. If we provide a one-page information sheet, the Visitor Center will make the necessary photocopies. Lynne prepared a draft handout, which the Executive Committee is reviewing and will finalize as soon as possible. This is a terrific opportunity for the Club to gain greater visibility in the community. Our thanks to Lynne for her initiative.

Have a Happy Halloween. See you again at the Horse Center on November 1.

- 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 2006-2007 Membership Directory will be distributed at the November meeting.

### NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members:

Jim & Mary Anne Andrews  
15 Cricket Lane  
Lexington VA 24450  
(540) 463-2171  
maryanski@hughes.net

Rick & Candy Werner  
125 Dalewood Drive  
Lexington VA 24450  
(239) 269-4992

### CARDS

#### Cards sent since last Newcomers Meeting:

Maryfrances Davis - get well  
(surgery)

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.

### Help

- ✓ Volunteers for the Wine Show - call George Grasse
- ✓ Backup for the Webmaster - call Glenda Grasse

### 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  
Membership: Frank Harrelson ..... 261-1141  
Name Tapes: Linda Regel ..... 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