

# 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 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.

### January

**11: A New Member Coffee** will be held on Thursday morning, January 11 from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the home of Pam and Bill Ricks, 607 South Main Street in Lexington. Members who have joined since the last coffee will be contacted by Nancy Mills, Co-Chair. Please plan to come and visit with other new members.

**19: Kreative Kiln**, Lexington. Paint your own pottery and support a fellow Newcomer member. Jon & Jo Lewis, the owners, will give us a special studio fee rate of \$5 and 10% off the cost of any item we choose to decorate. This activity is so much fun and you have something that YOU made to show for your efforts!

### Proposed Upcoming Events for Spring 2007:

Jane Auciello is assessing interest in overnight bus trips with Sunshine Tours. Suggested tours include

April 27-30 (3 nights) National Quilt Show, Paducah, KY, \$475.

April 19 & 29 (1 day) Biltmore Festival of Flowers, Asheville, NC, \$80.

May 7-13 & June 4-10 (7 nights) Branson, MO \$895

Email or call Jane Auciello if you are interested. If Jane receives 10-12 responses in any of the proposed trips she will do the leg work to make it happen.

### February

**7: General Meeting** at the Horse Center. Carol Greenan, our "Morale Gal," asks us to celebrate Valentine's Day early. Wear red to the February meeting and be prepared to sing! Special prizes and yummy treats! Bone up on all the old love songs!!

**7: February Luncheon** Lunch on February 7th, following the general meeting of Newcomers, will be at Just-a-Nibble Bakery in Buena Vista. Just-a-Nibble is located at 118 W. 21st Street between Magnolia Avenue (Main Street) and Sycamore Avenue. The price will be \$6.00 + tax & gratuity for a sandwich and goodies and a drink (We are getting a discount). The owners are putting tables together and reserving them for us. There is plenty of parking on the street and behind the shop. We hope to see you there. The food is great! If you have any questions, please call Sandy Harrelson at 261-1141.

**25: Black Friars' Playhouse**. Staunton. There will be a matinee of the comedy, *Brats of Clarence* on that Sunday and brunch at the Hotel Staunton.

### March

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

### Calendar

January	
3	General Meeting
11	New Member Coffee
19	Kreative Kiln
February	
7	General Meeting
7	Luncheon
March	
7	General Meeting

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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

1/15 book selection meeting at Norma Combs'

2/19 Title & Author: *The Broker* by John Grisham, at Marlies Aldridge's

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

(ebcaldwell@earthlink.net)

4th Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

### 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

1/17 at Bill & Cathy Broach's

### Canasta

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

Meets 12 Noon, 4th Tuesday of every month

1/23 at Gloria Gorlin's. Please call and let her know if you plan to attend.

### Dining Out

Contact: Frank Harrelson (261-1141)

fharrelson@earthlink.net. Arrangements will be made during January for Dining Out in February. Hosts and Hostesses are needed. I hope you will say "Yes" when asked. This is a fun activity and can survive only if members are willing to be in charge of a group outing at a fine restaurant and if members participate.

### Wine Tasting Group

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

For more information about the Wine Tasting Group :

[www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm](http://www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm)

### Hiking Club

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

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

We hike each Friday. Lucy will provide email notices of upcoming hikes to interested parties.

### Needles & Pins (formerly Sewing)

This group is open to any member who does any needle work, i.e. knitting, sewing, quilting, crocheting, rug hooking, etc.

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

2nd Wednesday, 10 AM. All newcomers are welcome.

Needles and Pins sewing group will meet next on January 10th at 10am at Nancy Moores house.

### Scrabble

**Group #1** - Ellen Charske (463-7971), 3rd or 4th Thursday at 1 PM.

**Group #3** - will be January 31, 1:00 PM, at the home of Frank & Sandy Harrelson in Buena Vista, VA.

We need one person who wishes to play on a regular basis, and substitutes who would like to play on an occasional basis.

Please contact Frank Harrelson at 261-1141 or

[fharrelson@earthlink.net](mailto:fharrelson@earthlink.net) if you would like to play with this group.

### 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 February/March dining groups are being organized now. Hosts and participants will be contacted by January 15th. If any new members sign up by 1/12, they will be included in the Feb/March rotation. After that date, new members will be included in the April May and final group. Members who do not wish to be regular members may sign up as substitutes.

NOTE: The Fine Dining Group is in need of newcomers as possible substitutes. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Linda or Bob Textor.

### Membership

The Newcomers' Club presently has 155 memberships and 281 members. We are growing very fast. As we grow, it is important for the older members to make an effort to greet and get to know the new members. Please walk up to a new face at the meetings, shake hands and introduce yourself. We have new, bright green name tags for everyone. Please wear them at the meetings, but be sure to turn them in at the end of the meetings so that we will have them for next time. We have new bag tote holders, with foam inserts, to hold the tags in alphabetical order. Also, there is a new email address that you may use to contact the Membership Chairperson directly. It is [newcomers-membership@earthlink.net](mailto:newcomers-membership@earthlink.net).

Please keep the membership committee aware of address and email changes as they are responsible for maintenance of the master database.

## GENERAL MEETING - JANUARY 3, 2007

The January, 2007 meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was opened by **President Glenda Grasse** with the pledge of allegiance and wishes for a Happy New Year. Glenda encourages members to review by-laws for potential improvement. We'd like to introduce new members; Mary and Glenn Danks, Brenda and Richard Rowland, Susan and Ed Bauer and Martina and Joe Petite. A number of guests were also introduced by **Vice President Mary Brooks**.

**Ann Jones** reported on a very successful Christmas Party held at Moody Hall. Thanks to the Jenks the party was flawless and well organized. **Activities Chair Jane Auciello** reported on November's visit to **Sun Spots** in Staunton for a glass blowing demonstration and a trip to Roanoke's **Black Dog Salvage** warehouse for a tour of architectural salvage, custom lamps, discount rugs, etc., and the wonderful lunch buffet at the Roanoke Hotel. Jane also announced that a January 19th trip is planned to **Kreative Kiln** on Jefferson St. where visitors can create their own pots for the studio rate of \$5. A February 25th outing is also planned for the **Black Friars' Playhouse** to see *Brats of Clarence*, and brunch at the Hotel Staunton.

**Frank Harrelson, Membership Chairman** reported that we presently have 156 memberships and 281 members. Frank set up a new email database where you can access members' information at newcomers-membership@earthlink.net. **Barbara Rollenhagen** and **Aline McKenna** brought in some of their creations and Barbara asks our talented members to bring displays of their own handiwork, e.g. quilts, carvings, needlework, etc. to monthly meetings. Let Barbara know what you will be bringing. Members are also encouraged to offer a demonstration of their craft after meetings have adjourned.

**George Grasse** reported on wine tastings scheduled for April, September, October and June. Email George for details on these wine tastings. **Pat Rafferty** won the door prize, two beautiful trays with a wine motif. Newcomers Newsletter co-editor, **John Sappington** asked that any information to put in upcoming issues be emailed to him at JohnSappington@earthlink.net.

After general announcements of community events Glenda adjourned the meeting. Members planned to meet at the Applebee's for lunch.

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 - DECEMBER 31, 2006		
Bank Balance		\$4178.32
INFLOWS		
	Dues	3,100.00
	Holiday Party Reservations	2,160.00
	Total INFLOWS	\$5,260.00
OUTFLOWS		
	Directory	343.10
	Door Prizes	116.44
	Gift/Memorial	50.00
	Holiday Party Expense	3,437.13
	Newsletter	52.06
	Office Supplies	306.89
	Room Rent	300.00
	Web Site	107.40
	Total OUTFLOWS	\$4,713.02
ENDING BALANCE		\$4,725.30

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JANUARY 2007

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Here's hoping that each and every Club member resolves to stay active in this wonderful club. Your enthusiastic and willing participation help us to offer such outstanding events as the December Holiday Party. Many exciting things are planned for the rest of the year as well. Be sure to mark the first Wednesday on your calendar for the next six months (February through July) so that you don't miss out on a single meeting. Remember, members, the more you attend the more chances you have of winning one of the three raffle prizes that will be awarded at the July meeting.

At the January meeting, I asked for a few volunteers to serve with the Executive Committee to review the by-laws and consider changes. That group's report will be announced in the March newsletter and presented for a vote at the April 4 meeting. If any member wants to propose a change to the by-laws, please notify me by phone (463-4267) or e-mail ([gandg@hughes.net](mailto:gandg@hughes.net)).

We are considering having lunch catered at the Horse Center immediately after the March 7 meeting. A straw poll was taken during the January 3 meeting to gauge member interest. A sufficient number of members voted in favor, so sign-ups and payment (\$5 or \$6 per person) will be accepted by the Treasurer at the February meeting.

The new membership directory was distributed at the November meeting. Check your listing to be sure it is accurate. If any changes are needed or if you have not yet received a directory, notify Frank Harrelson, Membership Chairman.

Glenda Grasse

## CARDS

### Cards sent since last Newcomers Meeting:

No get well cards sent, everyone is well! We have sent a sympathy card Natalie Boldurian on the death of her father.

Please notify Barbara Rollenhagen, 463-7473, [rollo\\_va@cfw.com](mailto:rollo_va@cfw.com), if you know of a member who could be cheered or consoled with a card from the club.

## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members:

Mary and Glenn Danks, Brenda and Richard Rowland, Susan and Ed Bauer and Martina and Joe Petite

Visit: [newcomers-membership@earthlink.net](mailto:newcomers-membership@earthlink.net)

## 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