

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.

February

7: General Meeting at the Horse Center. Cancelled on account of weather.

25; Lunch at Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Staunton, 11:30 a.m., cost \$17.95 per person.

25: Black Friars' Playhouse, Staunton. There will be a 2:00 p.m. matinee performance of the musical comedy, *Brats of Clarence* on that Sunday (lunch beforehand at Stonewall Jackson Hotel, see above). Cost for performance is \$16 without seat backs and \$20 with seat backs for the Group Rate (20 or more). At this time we have 15 people signed up to attend. Jane needs to have a final count to the restaurant and theatre by 2/14/07. Please call or send an email ASAP to Jane Auciello if you wish to attend. If we fail to meet the required number for group rates the cost will be about \$30 per person. If you wish to carpool, meet at Peebles parking lot at 10:30 a.m. (pay your carpool driver \$3)

26: Deadline for March 7th lunch Please make sure that Margaret Skovira receives your \$5 for your reservation by this date so that you will be included for lunch.

March

7: General Meeting at the Horse Center

7: Luncheon at the Horse Center following General Meeting. Lunch will cost \$5 and consist of assorted deli meats, cheeses and breads, potato and pasta salads and will include cookies and desserts. We need at least 30 people to sign up.

29: Trip to Richmond to see the **Museum of the Confederacy** and the **White House** (Thursday). This is something that should interest the gentlemen as well as the ladies in our group. The minimum for a tour group is 10 people and the group rate is \$8.50 per person, payable in advance. We will be carpooling from Peebles and leaving at 8:00 a.m. (pay your carpool driver \$8.00). Deadline for sign up for this trip is 3/7.

April

17: Shopping trip to the **Green Front Furniture Gallery** in Farmville. We will eat lunch at the Green Front or you may wander on your own. We will carpool from Peebles at 9:00 a.m. (pay your carpool driver \$6). Please sign up by the April Meeting.

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.

Calendar

February

- 25 Black Friars' Playhouse & lunch
- 25 Deadline for March 7th luncheon

March

- 7 General Meeting
- 7 Luncheon
- 29 Trip to Richmond

April

- 17 Green Front Furniture Gallery shopping trip

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

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

3/19 Title & Author: *Far From the Madding Crowd* by Thomas Hardy, at Ellen Charske'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. No play in February.

Canasta

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

Meets 12 Noon, 4th Tuesday of every month

2/27 at Marlies Aldridge's at 12 noon. 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

Hiking Club

Call to receive detailed notices. We hike each Friday, weather permitting. The hikes are about 3 to 6 miles and are from easy to strenuous. If you want more information, Contact: Lucy Thornburgh (434-922-7544), bthorn@mindspring.com. 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 February

14th at 10am at Cindy Sappington's house. Please call or email Cindy and tell her if you are coming, 348-6339, email:

retro50s@earthlink.net.

Scrabble

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

Group #3 - will be February 28, 1:00 PM, at the home of Margaret Skovira.

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 if you would like to play with this group.

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>.

After 1/12, 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 had 155 memberships and 281 members as of January. 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.

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

GENERAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 7, 2007

The February, 2007 meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was cancelled due to the weather. When Rockbridge County schools close, we cancel.

EDITOR NEEDED:

The June newsletter will be the last under the editorship of John and Cindy.

Please consider volunteering.

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 - FEBRUARY 5, 2007

		Budget
Beginning Balance	\$4178.32	4,000
INFLOWS		
Dues	3,180.00	3,200
Holiday Party Reservations	2,160.00	
March Luncheon Reservations	5.00	
Total INFLOWS	\$5,345.00	
OUTFLOWS		
Directory	343.10	350
Door Prizes/Moral Gal	136.34	180
Gift/Memorial	50.00	200
Holiday Party Expense	3,437.13 (1277.13 net)	2,000
Holiday Party Expense 2007	250.00	
New Member Coffee		200
Newsletter	70.34	250
Office Supplies	306.89	240
Room Rent	400.00	1,000
Special Events		
Concert		280
Lunch		420
Picnic		125
Web Site	107.40	125
Total OUTFLOWS	\$5,101.20	5,795
ENDING BALANCE	\$4,422.12	1,405

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT FEBRUARY 2007

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FEBRUARY 7, 2007

I'm disappointed that we couldn't have a meeting this month, but isn't the snow beautiful! Since the Club adopted by-laws, this is the first time that we have had to cancel a meeting. Our by-laws require us to cancel a meeting when the Rockbridge County schools close. Hope you enjoyed the Snow Day.

Speaking of by-laws, the by-laws review committee will meet on February 15. Let me know by February 12 if you have any changes you would like the committee to consider. The committee's report will be announced in the March newsletter. Any revisions that are agreed on will be presented for a vote at the April 4 meeting.

The 2007 holiday party will be held at VMI's Moody Hall. The date is Sunday, December 9. Thanks to Kate and Ted Jenks for securing the reservation.

The Club needs a volunteer (or two) who can serve as a back-up to our current Webmaster and Associate Webmaster. Here is a great opportunity to put your extraordinary computer skills to work for the good of our membership. This assistance will not require a lot of your time, so please step up and offer your services. Thanks!

THE JULY MEETING DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, WHICH IS JULY 4, TO THE SECOND WEDNESDAY, JULY 11.

If you are planning to have lunch at the Horse Center following the March 7 meeting, remember to send your \$5 check (payable to Greater Lexington Newcomers Club) to treasurer Margaret Skovira, 85 Kennedy Wades Mill Loop, Raphine VA 24472.

Happy Valentine's Day! Do something sweet for yourself and a loved one.
Glenda Grasse

CARDS

Cards sent since last Newcomers Meeting:

Sympathy cards sent:

Natalie Boldurian, death of father

Ann Jones, death of mother

Linda Textor, death of father

Get Well cards sent:

Sarah Pierce

Betty Krantz

Tom Cocker

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
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Membership: Frank Harrelson 261-1141
Name Tapes: Linda Regel 264-0174
New Member Coffee: Linda Donald 463-2947
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Publicity: Lynn Sullivan 261-2826
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Welcome: Cathy Broach 261-3141
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