

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.

March

7: General Meeting at the Horse Center

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 3/22. Please contact Jane Auciello via telephone as her computer is down.

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 10. Please contact Jane Auciello via telephone as her computer is down.

May

19: Battle of New Market Reenactment (Saturday). Fee of \$10 and pay your carpool driver.

Calendar

March	29	Trip to Richmond
April	4	General Meeting
	17	Green Front Furniture Gallery shopping trip
May	19	Battle of New Market Reenactment

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominating Committee: Six members volunteered to assist the Executive Committee in compiling a roster of officers and committee chairs for the next Club year (September 2007-August 2008). They are Sandy and Frank Harrelson, Karen Hyde, Pat Rafferty, Shelley Undercoffer, and Jan White. Thanks!

Picnic Committee: Eight members volunteered to help plan the July picnic. They are Jim Slack (Chairman), Cathy Broach, Suzanne Egyed, Sally Emory, Ray Lynch (new member), Sally Nunnely (new member), Tereasa Scholl (fairly new member), and Shelley Undercoffer. Sally Emory served on last year's committee and can provide helpful insights from that experience. Thank you all!

Arts & Crafts Display at April Meeting: Jane Auciello will exhibit her hand made jewelry and Ukrainian painted eggs.

Newcomers Art Show at Nelson Fine Arts Gallery on Washington Street: Newcomer artists can participate in a show at the Nelson Gallery. The art displayed must be for sale, and the gallery will receive a commission (to be announced later). Frank Harrelson is the liaison between the Club and the gallery. You may email him at newcomers-membership@earthlink.net or call him at 261-1141. Be sure to let him know if you want to exhibit your works in this show.

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

3/19 Title & Author: *Far From the Madding Crowd*

by Thomas Hardy, at Ellen Charske's

April 16, 2007

Title & Author: *Ship of Fools* by Katherine Anne

Porter; Hostess: Pam Wagner

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. 3/21 at Susan Bushnell & John
Murphy's

Canasta

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

Meets 12 Noon, 4th Tuesday of every month

Canasta will be at Sandy Harrelson's on Tuesday, March
27th, at noon.

Dining Out

Contact: Frank Harrelson (261-1141)

fharrelson@earthlink.net. The Dining Out Group enjoyed a
number of good restaurants in February. As always, these
dining experiences provided members with the opportunity
to get to know other members in an informal, small group
setting. The hosts and hostesses of the various groups
reported good food and great comraderie. The next dining
out will be in May. Arrangements will be made in April. Hosts
and Hostesses are needed.

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>. The Fine Dining
Group will be accepting new participants until March 23rd.
At that time the coordinators will organize the groups for the
April/May dining experience. That will be the final fine dining
group for this club year.

Wine Tasting Group

Here are the hosts and schedule for the March-April Wine
Tasting featuring California Russian River Chardonnays.

All parties are filled with 90 members participating.

HARRELSON, Sandy & Frank: Thursday, March 8th

WARD-SLACK, Mary & Bill: Tuesday, March 13th

PATRICK, Nancy & Ron: Thursday, March 15th

MILLS, Nancy & Mike: Tuesday, March 20th

BELDEN, Reed: Friday, March 30th

BUSHNELL-MURPHY, Susan & John: Thursday, April 5th

PLANTE, Anne & Jerry: Friday, April 6th

LERA, Kay & Bob: Tuesday, April 10th

EMORY, Sally & David: Saturday, April 14th

BOLLER, Sue & Bruce: Thursday, April 19th

McKENNA, Aline & John: Wednesday, April 25th

www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm

George Grasse: gandg@hughes.net or (540) 463-4267

Needles & Pins (formerly Sewing)

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. Needles and Pins sewing group will
meet next on Wednesday March 14th at 10am. at Kathy
Gander's. Please call her or email her and let her know if you
are coming. Phone number 377-9556 or email at
kakkinanni@aol.com

Scrabble

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

Group #3 - March 28, 1:00 PM, Frank & Sandy Harrelson's.
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.

Hiking Club

Each Friday, weather permitting. Hikes are about 3 to 6 miles
and are from easy to strenuous. Contact Lucy Thornburgh
bthorn@mindspring.com. Email notices of upcoming hikes
are provided to interested parties

Membership

We welcome Ray Lynch, Sarah & Malcolm Brownlee, and
Sarah "Sally" Nunneley to Newcomers. The Club now has
162 memberships and 293 members. A number of visitors at
the March meeting indicated an interest in joining. The
membership committee thanks Lynne Sullivan for the fine
work she is doing in publicity! 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 - MARCH 7, 2007

The March, 2007 meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was opened by **President Glenda Grasse** with the pledge of allegiance. **Vice President Mary Brooks** welcomed guests and invited additional participants to join the group for lunch at the Horse Center. New members stood and introduced themselves. **Activities Chairman Jane Auciello** gave a report on last month's enjoyable outing to Staunton for brunch and visit to the Black Friars' Playhouse for the comedy, *Brats of Clarence*. Jane informed the group of upcoming scheduled activities. **Frank Harrelson, Membership Committee Chairman** gave the new membership report. **Newsletter Co-Editor, John Sappington** made an announcement emphasizing the need for a new editor the the club's newsletter, needed for next September. **Publicity Chairman, Lynn Sullivan** gave the publicity report. **Pat Iskenderian** and **George Grasse** display ed their considerable talents, Pat through beautiful vintage linens and George through his detailed handpainted military miniatures. Glenda asked for and received numerous committee volunteers for July's picnic at Glen Maury Park. **Frank Harrelson** volunteered to be liaison between the Nelson Street Artists and Newcomers for the art fair.

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB		
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 - FEBRUARY 28, 2007		
		Budget
Beginning Balance	\$4178.32	4,000
INFLOWS		
Dues	3,180.00	3,200
Holiday Party Reservations	2,160.00	
March Luncheon Reservations	185.00	
Total INFLOWS	\$5,525.00	
OUTFLOWS		
Directory	343.10	350
Door Prizes/Moral Gal	136.34	180
Gift/Memorial	50.00	200
Holiday Party Expense	3,437.13	2,000
Holiday Party Expense 2007	250.00	
New Member Coffee		200
Newsletter	86.54	250
Office Supplies	319.69	240
Room Rent	400.00	1,000
Special Events		
Concert		280
Lunch		420
Picnic		400
Web Site	107.40	125
Total OUTFLOWS	\$5,130.20	5,795
ENDING BALANCE	\$4,573.12	1,405

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT MARCH 2007

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GLENDA GRASSE, MARCH 7, 2007

The by-laws review committee met on March 1. Results of the committee's work are published in the March newsletter. I urge you to review all of the by-laws as background information for the revisions that will be voted on at the April 4 meeting. My thanks to the Executive Committee (the officers and immediate past president) and to the volunteers who helped with this important job: Frank Harrelson, Pat Rafferty, Lynne Sullivan and Shelley Undercoffer.

Two important dates to pencil in on your calendar: Wednesday, July 11, is the July general meeting date (first Wednesday is a holiday), and Sunday, December 9, is the holiday party at VMI's Moody Hall.

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. Your help is needed.

At the March meeting, volunteers were solicited for the Picnic Committee (5 or 6) and for the Nominating Committee (3 in addition to the Executive Committee). Thanks to all who volunteered to serve.

See you at the next general meeting on April 4—THINK SPRING!

Glenda Grasse, President
463-4267
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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BY-LAWS, MARCH 2007

Please refer to your copy of the current by-laws (printed in the directory)

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 2—first sentence: delete “meetings and other”.

Section 3—last sentence: delete “September” and substitute “October”.

Section 5—Change “Newsletter” to “Membership”.

ARTICLE 9 – COMMITTEES, Section 2—Add a new Standing Committee called Hospitality (insert between “Historian” and “Membership”).

ARTICLE 10 – COMMITTEE DUTIES

B. Directory Committee—At end of first sentence, add: “Directory Committee shall distribute directories to members not in attendance at the November meeting and to new members joining after November.” (Moved from Membership Committee)

NEW “D. Hospitality Committee shall implement as many New Member Coffees per Club year as are appropriate. The committee will solicit hosts; coordinate dates and arrangements with the hosts, recently enrolled members, and officers; and provide sign-up sheets and name tags for attendees. Specific guidelines regarding reimbursement procedures will be established yearly by the Hospitality Committee, in accordance with the annual budget for New Member Coffees.”

E. (formerly D; rewritten to move New Member Coffee duties to new Hospitality Committee and to remove directory distribution duties) “Membership Committee shall be responsible for maintaining enrollment forms and the membership data base and shall send renewal reminders each August to all current members. Committee chairman shall appoint one person to be responsible for preparing and maintaining name tags for all members.”

G. (formerly F) Publicity Chairman—After first two sentences, add: “Publicity Chairman shall also place informational flyers in public offices where newcomers to the area are likely to visit, such as Chamber of Commerce, Visitors Center and Library. The content of these flyers must be approved by the Executive Committee.”

H. Welcome Committee—Delete the last sentence about name tags. That duty is now under Membership Committee.

ARTICLE 11 – EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS

Section 4—Delete this entire section.

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 Tags: Linda Regel	264-0174
New Member Coffee: Linda Donald	463-2947
Nancy Mills	463-5562
Newsletter: Cindy & John Sappington ...	348-6339
Publicity: Lynne Sullivan	261-2826
Web Site: Dorothy Coker	348-6248
Welcome: Cathy Broach	261-3141
Immediate P. Pres Sandy Harrelson	261-1141