

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.

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 8:30 a.m. No fee to go on trip, just pay your carpool driver. This is an all day activity. Please sign up by April 1, contact Jane Auciello via telephone as her computer is down.

May

19: Battle of New Market Reenactment of civil War Battle (Saturday). Fee of \$10 and pay your carpool driver. We will carpool from Peebles parking lot leaving at 9:00 a.m., all day activity. Cut off date to sign up is 5/1/07. Contact Jane Auciello to sign up.

Calendar

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!

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.

New Newsletter Editor(s) needed. The June newsletter will be the last edited by John and Cindy. Please consider volunteering for this position.

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 to get onj 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

4/16/07 - Title & Author: Ship of Fools by
Katherine Anne Porter; Hostess: Pam Wagner

5/21/07 - Trip to Green Valley Book Fair & lunch in the
area before meeting at home of Sarah Pierce to discuss
No Graves as Yet: A Novel of WWI by Anne Perry

Book Club #3 - Evelyn Caldwell (464-5571) - open 4th
Thurs. of the month at 1 p.m. (ebcaldwell@earthlink.net)

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. 4/18 at Carole Elmore's

Dining Out

The Dining Out Group has enjoyed a number of good
restaurants. 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.
Contact: Frank Harrelson (261-1141)
fharrelson@earthlink.net.

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 April/May
dining groups are being organized now. This will be the final
fine dining event for this club year. All members should have
received an email/mailling regarding the group that they have
been assigned to. If you have not received at least an initial
contact from your host/hostess by now, please let us know.
Otherwise, thanks for helping to make this special interest
group a success. As always, if you have any
recommendations for improving it for next year, let us know.

Canasta

Contact: Shirley Dent (348-1048). Call to join or substitute.
Meets 12 Noon, 4th Tuesday of every month
April Canasta is at Margaret Skovira's

Wine Tasting Group

Five Russian River Chardonnay wine tastings have been
completed.

Remaining hosts are:

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)

The Needles & Pins sewing group has been disbanded for
the time being.

Scrabble

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

Group #3 - Scrabble #3 will not meet in April. Play will
resume in May. Please contact Frank Harrelson at 261-1141
or fharrelson@earthlink.net if you would like to play.

Hiking Club

Each Friday, weather permitting. Hikes are about 3 to 6 miles
and are from easy to strenuous. In April we plan to hike
Crabtree Falls Trail, at the AT from James River to Matts
Creek shelter, House Mt. and one other hike. All hikes are 3-
6 miles and vary in difficulty. Contact Lucy Thornburgh
bthom@mindspring.com. Email notices of upcoming hikes
are provided to interested parties

Membership

Presently, the Club has 165 memberships and a total of 297
members. Please welcome Dannie Peters, Karen & Alan
Patterson, and Kathleen & Pat Patterson who joined at the
April meeting. Membership is comfortably growing as new
residents to the area find out about all the wonderful things
that the Newcomers Club has to offer. If you know a person
new to the area, be sure to invite them to a meeting. 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 - APRIL 4, 2007

The April, 2007 meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was opened by **President Glenda Grasse** with the pledge of allegiance. An announcement was made to inform members that we lost one of our members, **Nancy Moore**. **Vice President Mary Brooks** welcomed the 40 members in attendance as well as 40 visitors. Three of the guests joined our club and were introduced. All were invited for lunch at the "Just a Nibble" restaurant in Buena Vista. **Activities Chairman Jane Auciello** gave a report on old and new business, in March a group went to the Museum of the Confederacy, lunch and a tour of the White House of the Confederacy. Jane reported on the upcoming trip on 4/17 to the Green Front Furniture Gallery, to plan to eat lunch there and to expect the trip to take all day as it is a 2 hour drive there and back. On May 19th there is a trip to the **Battle of New Market**, a full dress battle reproduction, fee is \$10. **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 for the club's newsletter, needed for next September. **Frank Harrelson** reported that the **Dining Out** group now has 105 members and will be going out again in May. **Linda Textor, Fine Dining Chairperson** reported that the April/May schedule was now being organized. **Correspondence Secretary, Barbara Rollenhagen** asked for people to bring in hobbies and crafts to future meetings. **Jane Auciello** had a beautiful display of her Ukrainian painted eggs and jewelry and explained the process after the meeting was adjourned. The Nomination Committee will meet April 13th, 1:30 p.m. at **Mary Brooks'** house. The Needles and Pins sewing group has been disbanded for now due to lack of interest. The by-laws revisions were voted on and passed as written.

GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB			
FINANCIAL STATEMENT: SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 - APRIL 4, 2007			
			Budget
Beginning Balance	\$4178.32		4,000
INFLOWS			
Dues	3,220.00		3,200
Holiday Party Reservations	2,160.00		
March Luncheon Reservations	205.00		
Total INFLOWS	\$5,585.00		
OUTFLOWS			
Directory	343.10		350
Door Prizes/Moral Gal	136.34		180
Gift/Memorial	50.00		200
Holiday Party Expense	3,437.13	(1,277.13 net)	2,000
Holiday Party Expense 2007	250.00		
New Member Coffee			200
Newsletter	98.96		250
Office Supplies	319.69		240
Room Rent	500.00		1,000
Special Events			
Concert			280
Lunch	407.78		420
Picnic			400
Web Site	107.40		125
Total OUTFLOWS	\$5,650.40		5,795
ENDING BALANCE	\$4,112.92		1,405

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT APRIL 2007

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GLENDA GRASSE, APRIL 4, 2007

Please note these important dates on your calendar. Wednesday, July 11, is the July general meeting date (first Wednesday is a holiday). Sunday, July 8, is the picnic at Glen Maury Park. Sunday, December 9, is the holiday party at VMI's Moody Hall.

The Nominating Committee will meet the second week of April to compile a slate of officers and standing committee chairmen for next year. Fortunately, several people have agreed to serve again. They include: Margaret Skovira (Treasurer), Frank Harrelson (Membership), Lynne Sullivan (Publicity), and Cathy Broach (Welcome).

Mary Brooks, this year's Vice President, will be President next year. We need a volunteer to serve as Vice President (this person will automatically succeed to the presidency the following year), and we need a new Corresponding Secretary. Also, we are looking for someone to chair the following standing committees: Activities, Directory, Historian, Hospitality (New Member Coffees), and Newsletter.

Please give serious consideration to answering the call for service. Newer Club members, getting involved is a great way to get better acquainted with your fellow members. We are looking for a few good women and men who are willing to help, and the Nominating Committee needs to hear from you immediately. Contact me by phone (463-4267) or e-mail (gandg@hughes.net) to volunteer yourself or a friend. The slate will be presented at the May meeting, and members will vote at the June meeting.

The proposed by-laws changes were approved at the April 4 meeting. They will take effect on September 1, 2007. The revised by-laws will be included in the new directory that gets published in October and distributed at the November meeting.

See you at the next general meeting on May 2.

Glenda Grasse, President
463-4267
gandg@hughes.net

NEW MEMBERS: APRIL

Karen & Alan Austin
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570-3332
alankarenaustin@hotmail.com

Kathleen & Pat Patterson
102 Adair Hill Road
Rockbridge Baths, 24473
463-5552
ppat@netscape.net

Dannie Peters
912 Shenendoah Road
Lexington, 24450
463-5512
danselle@comcast.net

The following get-well, sympathy and new baby cards were sent out by our Correspondence Secretary, Barbara Rollenhagen

Get Well

Carol Greenan
Ava Hughes
Helen Hopkins
Lynne Sullivan

Sympathy

Ted Moore on the
death of wife Nancy

New Baby

Tina Lowery

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