

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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Meetings are held at 10:00 am on the first Wednesday of the month at the Horse Center on Rt. 39



Dining Out



Books



Canasta



Wine



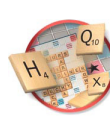
Bridge



Coffee



Hiking



Scrabble



Fine Dining



Baseball

MEMBERSHIP

The deadline for membership dues was September 30. Ninety-two percent of last year's membership have renewed for 2007/2008. If you have not paid and wish to remain a member, you may still send your \$20 dues to Frank Harrelson at 2631 Edgewood Road, Buena Vista, VA 24416. However, work on the new Membership Directory is beginning, and there is no guarantee that you will be listed in the directory. We will do our best, but the directory has to be completed and printed in time for the November meeting.

October Activity

On Saturday, October 13th, we will be carpooling to Monterey, VA for Highland County's Hands & Harvest Fall Foliage Festival. Festivities will include a Farmers Market, Arts & Crafts, Clogging exhibitions, sweater and giant used books sale. There will be a lamb tasting and plenty of BBQ, chicken and other food at a variety of locations. The fall colors should be at their peak.

Driving time is about an hour. We will meet at 8:30 am behind Peebles. Leaders are Pat and Kathy Patterson. Please call them at 463-5552 to let them know that you plan to attend, or should you have any questions.



Our September trip to the Frontier Culture Museum and luncheon at the Depot in Staunton was enjoyed by 9 Newcomers and Guests.

Susan and Ed Bauer



Calendar

See Activities or Interest Groups for details.

Oct 3 General meeting @ 10:00 am

9 Bridge #2 @ 12 pm

5 Hiking @ 9:30 am

11 Bridge #1 @ 1:00 pm

12 Hiking @ 9:30 am

13 Activity: Hands & Harvest Festival, Highland County

15 Book club #2 @ 1:30 pm

17 Couples Bridge #2 @ 7:00 pm

18 Scrabble #1 @ 1:00 pm

19 Hiking @ 9:30 am

23 Canasta @ 12:00 noon

24 Scrabble #3 @ 1:00pm

25 Book club #3 @ 1:00 pm

26 Hiking @ 9:30 am

Nov 2 Hiking

7 General meeting @ 10:00 am

8 Bridge #1

9 Hiking

13 Bridge #2 @ 12 pm

16 Hiking

19 Book Club #2 @ 1:30 pm

27 Canasta @ 12 pm

28 Couples Bridge #2 @ 7:00 pm

30 Hiking

Dec 9 Holiday Party 3-5pm



President's Message

To all Lexington Newcomers:

Happy Fall Everyone, and a big thank you to each of you who have attended the events for the month of September. We had over 50 members and guests at our first meeting and at least that many for the Art Reception at the Nelson Art Gallery on September 14. Rain didn't dampen the spirits of those in attendance as we enjoyed the wonderful talents of fifteen of our Newcomers.

I hope we can make this a yearly event and perhaps involve many others in our group next time.

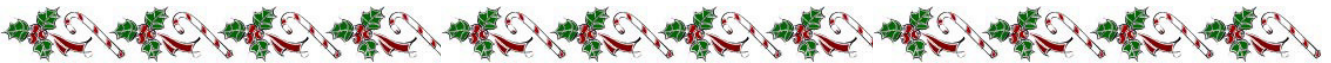
Frank Harrelson is doing a wonderful job, collecting dues for this year. They are due NOW! The 2007-2008 Directories will be available at the November meeting.

Enjoy the beautiful Fall, take advantage of all the wonderful opportunities around the area this month and don't forget the fun things that Newcomers has to offer. What a great time to go hiking or take a day trip to Highland County for the Hands and Harvest Festival on October 13th. Aren't we privileged to live in such a beautiful part of the country!

Miscellaneous Announcements

The October general meeting was attended by 36 member and 5 guests. It was nice to see so many men in attendance. Four new members signed up today. Frank Harrelson reported on the Art Show and reception last month. This was very well received and he said it has been suggested that we hold the show again next year. The budget for 2007-2008 was voted on and approved by the membership. The door prize was won by Kathy Patterson. After the interest group reports, the meeting was adjourned for lunch at the Patisserie in Lexington.

The first new member coffee will be held in early November. If you have joined recently, you will receive an email invitation. If you have been a member for less than a year and have still not attended a coffee, please send an e-mail to either Jane Auciello or Nancy Vallance and we will get back to you with the details. These coffee events are a good way to meet some of your fellow Newcomers in a smaller and informal setting.



Newcomers' 2007 Holiday Party - December 9

The Greater Lexington Newcomers' Club will host its annual Holiday Party on Sunday December 9 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Moody Hall Banquet Room on the VMI campus. Cost is \$15 per person or \$30 a couple. Payment must be received no later than December 1. Please make checks payable to Greater Lexington Newcomers' Club and mail to Margaret Skovira, 85 Kennedy Wades Mill Loop, Raphine, VA 24472. You may also sign up and pay at our next meeting.

This is our big social event of the season. Come and mingle with old friends and make some new. Please note this is not a dinner, but heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. There will be a carving station with roast beef and smoked turkey, rolls and condiments. Also offered will be a variety of baked appetizers, dips and a with a fresh vegetable platter.



Interest Groups

Interest group participants must be members of Newcomers. To join an interest group, call the contact person.



Book Clubs

Book Club #2 - Norma Combs (463-2745, nacombs@ntelos.net) - filled for now. 3rd Mon of the month at 1:30 PM. Oct. 15th at the home of Cathy Broach (*Anil's Ghost* by Michael Ondaatje). Nov. 19th, at the home of Nora Gaty (*The Innocent Man* by John Grisham)

Book Club #3 - Evelyn Caldwell (464-5571, ebcaldwell@embarqmail.com) - open. 4th Thur of the month 1 p.m. Oct. 25th at Suzanne King's (*Dogs of Babel* by Carolyn Parkhurst). Nov date to be announced; meet to discuss books for 2008.



Bridge

Bridge #1 - Faye Welch (463-5320) - call to substitute. 2nd Thurs of the month at 1 PM.

Bridge #2 - Marlies Aldridge (464-3080), 2nd Tue of the month at Lexington Golf & Country Club. 12 Noon Lunch, 1 PM game. Seeking new members for friendly games.

Couples Bridge #2 - Cathy Broach (261-3141) - 3rd Wed of the month at 7:00 PM - Substitutes welcome. 10/17 at Cathy & Bill Broach's. 11/28 at Susan Bushnell & John Murphy's.



Fine Dining Group

Contact Linda or Bob Textor (348-1919), ltextor@hughes.net, or refer to the website www.lexvanewcomers.org/finedining.html.

The October/November fine dining groups are currently being organized. New members may continue to sign up (and will be included in the next round which is Feb/March) 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.** If you would like more information about this group, please contact us.



Hiking

The hiking group will hike each Friday in Oct. Oct. 5, Guy's Run or Laurel Run in Goshen. An easy to moderate hike about 3.5 to 4 miles. Oct. 12, North Mountain Trail. 4 to 5 miles along the ridge. Oct. 19 Torry Ridge Trail. 2 miles from the parkway out to views of Sherando Lake and back. Oct. 26, Moore's Creek Dam or Lexington Reservoir. About 2 miles each way to and from the lake. All of these moderate hikes should provide views and fall colors. If you are interested in hiking and not on the e-mail list contact Lucy Thornburgh.



Baseball Club

Contact: Jerry Plante (463-4032). Call to get on the email list. We attend Salem Avalanche games.



Dining Out

Contact Lynne & Gary Sullivan, 261-2826 (lynnemsullivan@wmconnect.com) The Dining Out Group is kicking off it's new season with several groups going to various restaurants in our area. If you missed out on this opportunity, there will be more dining out excursions in February, April and June. If you are not a member of this group and would like to be, you can sign up at the general meeting or contact Lynne and Gary by phone or e-mail.



Lynne & Gary



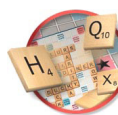
Canasta

Contact: Shirley Dent (348-1048). Call to join or substitute. Meets 12 noon, 4th Tuesday of every month.

Wine Tasting Group



www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm
Contact Kate Jenks at 463-4722 or email her: katejenks@comcast.net. We are more than half way through our fall Shiraz/Merlot tasting parties. Thanks to all of you who have written telling me how much you enjoyed the wine. These wines seem to be appreciated for their value as well. I have two couples who are on the waiting list for this tasting. If you are a host and can accommodate 2 more people please let me know. If you are a guest who cannot make it to your scheduled party please let me know so that I can contact these couples. Thank you. If you have questions or comments please contact her.



Scrabble

Group #1 - Ellen Charske (463-7971), 3rd or 4th Thursday at 1 PM.
Group #3 - Scrabble Group #3 will play at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, October 24 at the home of Frank & Sandy Harrelson in Buena Vista, VA. If you are interested in playing regularly or in subbing, please contact Frank or Sandy at 261-1141



Get Well/Sympathy

The following cards were sent by our Corresponding Secretary, Sandy Harrelson:

Tom Coker - Get Well after surgery

Carol Greenan -Get Well after surgery

Catherine Lowe - Sympathy to the Thompson family, relatives of Catherine Lowe

Newcomer Members should notify Sandy Harrelson at 261-1141, or by email eharrelson@gmail.com, if you know of a member who could be cheered up or consoled with a card, illness of any member, or a death within the Newcomer member family.

NEWCOMERS CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT – Mary Brooks
 VICE PRESIDENT – Shelley Undercoffer
 C. SECRETARY – Sandy Harrelson
 TREASURER – Margaret Skovira
 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – Glenda Grasse

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 DIRECTORY – Jan and Mike White
 HISTORIAN – Carole Elmore
 HOSPITALITY – Jane Auciello / Nancy Vallance
 MEMBERSHIP – Frank Harrelson
 NAME TAGS – Linda Regel
 NEWSLETTER – Jan and Mike White
 PUBLICITY – Lynne Sullivan
 WEB SITE - Dorothy Coker
 WELCOME – Cathy Broach

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Treasurer's Report, Sept 2007

9/1/2007 through 9/30/2007

BEGINNING BALANCE	3,135.44
INFLOWS	
Dues	2,640.00
<u>TOTAL INFLOWS</u>	2,640.00
OUTFLOWS	
Door Prize	13.74
Gifts & Memorials	25.00
Holiday Party Expense	250.00
Newsletter	18.00
Office Supplies	38.00
Rent	100.00
Special Events	
Art Show Reception	134.90
<u>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</u>	579.64
ENDING BALANCE	5,195.80

Margaret Skovira, Treasurer



Club officers hard at work during last month's meeting: Shelley Undercoffer, Mary Brooks, Sandy Harrelson, and Margaret Skovira