

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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Meetings are held at 10:00 am on the first Wednesday of the month. March meeting is at the Wingate Hotel



President's Message

Hello everyone, and an early Happy Valentine's Day to each of you. I know many of you are beating the winter doldrums with wine tastings, dining out and all of the many Newcomer functions. A special thanks goes out to Nancy and Ron

Patrick for hosting a very successful coffee in January. There were 16 new members in attendance along with our committee chairpersons Nancy Valance and Jane Auciello. What a nice way to get to know the new people in our area. I hope they will all become involved quickly.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our March meeting at the Wingate Inn, next door to Ruby Tuesday's.

Mary Brooks



Calendar

See *Activities* or *Interest Groups* for details.

Feb

6 General meeting @ 10:00 am

8 Hiking

12 Bridge #2 @ 12:00 pm

14 Bridge #1 @ 1:00 pm

15 Hiking

18 Book Group #2 @ 1:30 pm

20 Couples Bridge @ 7:00 pm

22 Activity: P. Buckley Moss

Museum & Artisans Center

22 Hiking

26 Canasta @ 12:00 pm

28 Book Club #3 @ 1:00 pm

29 Hiking

Mar

5 General Meeting @ 10:00 am

7 Hiking

11 Bridge # 2 @ 12:00 pm

13 Bridge # 1 @ 1:00 pm

14 Activity: Blackfriars

Playhouse

14 Hiking

17 Book Group # 2 @ 1:30 pm

19 Couples Bridge @ 7:00 pm

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27 Book club # 3 @ 1:00 pm

28 Hiking

Activities

On Friday, **February 22** we will carpool to Waynesboro to visit the **P. Buckley Moss Museum** (<http://pbuckleymoss.com/>) and the **Artisans Center of Virginia** (<http://artisanscenterofvirginia.org/>). We will have lunch in between the two museums at The Purple Foot. We will meet in the rear parking lot of Peebles, by the recycling center, at 9:00 A.M. to carpool. Call Jim Slack or Mary Ellena Ward at 463-5071 to let them know you plan to attend or with questions.

On Friday, **March 14** we will attend a performance of Macbeth at the **Blackfriars Playhouse** in Staunton. (You can see their website at <http://www.americanshakespearecenter.com>.) Fifteen tickets have been reserved. Please send a check for \$30/ticket to Susan Bauer, 48 Woodridge Lane, Lexington before **March 1** to hold your seat. If all 15 are used we will each receive a 25% discount. Travel/carpool/possible dining options will be developed early in March. Questions? Call 463-2018.

Susan and Ed Bauer

Announcements

The February general meeting was called to order by Vice President Shelley Undercoffer. She reported that this would be the last meeting held at the Horse Center due to a monthly rate increase. In attendance were 24 members and 6 visitors. Lane Norris and Anne Samuels joined the club. Shelley reported that after careful review of the By-laws, no changes were made.

Activity committee member Jim Slack reported that 8 members enjoyed the O. Winston Link Museum in Roanoke last month. He said the next activity will be at the Black Friar's on March 14th. Sue Whittsett invited everyone to the May 1st activity which will be a Bunker Tour at the Greenbriar. It will also include a tour of the grounds, hotel and lunch. The cost will be \$30.00. Jane Auciello thanked Nancy Vallance for her work on the New Member coffee which was attended by 24 members. The door prize was won by Ron Patrick. After the meeting, nine members enjoyed lunch at The Joyful Spirit.

The March 5th general meeting will be at the Wingate Hotel on Rt. 11 at 10:00 AM.



In January the activity group enjoyed museums and lunch in Roanoke. (Photo by Ed Bauer)

New Member Coffee

Our first New Member Coffee for this year was held at the home of Ron and Nancy Patrick. We gathered at the Patrick's lovely historic home in Lexington on January 20. The refreshments were a wonderful assortment of appetizers and desserts. This was a perfect opportunity to meet some of our fellow newcomers. It was a great way to make new friends and network about our new hometown. WE ARE PLANNING ANOTHER COFFEE FOR LATE SPRING. IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT JANE AUCIELLO OR NANCY VALLANCE.

Memberships

We have 3 new memberships::

Darin & William Docekal
Susan & Kevin Moffett
Marcy & Bob Molinaro

This brings the Newcomers' Club up to 168 memberships. We have officially broken the 300 member mark at 302. Please remember to contact Frank Harrelson with any changes in address, telephone number or email. You may reach him at (540) 261-1141 or email him at fharrelson@embarqmail.com.

Club Officers

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Mary Brooks

Vice President
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Corresponding Secretary
Sandy Harrelson

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Activities
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Dorothy Coker

Welcome
Cathy Broach



Thinking of You



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

Carole Jean Figlo - Sympathy on the death of her mother

Bill Broach - Get Well after fall

Anneliese Lehnert & family - Sympathy on the death of Bill

Members are requested to please keep Sandy informed either by email at fharrelson@embarqmail.com or by calling her at 261-1141 of any member to which a card should be sent.

Interest Groups

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



Dining Out

Contact Lynne & Gary Sullivan, 261-2826 or lynnemsullivan@wmconnect.com.

The Dining Out Club has scheduled several restaurants for February. Many thanks to all of you who offered to host this month. A good number of people have signed up for a restaurant which is great considering the cold weather and number of people on vacation. The next scheduled month is April when we will again be looking for hosts.



Hiking

If you are interested in hiking and not on the e-mail list contact Lucy Thornburgh (434-922-7544). We try to hike on most Friday mornings throughout the year, weather permitting.



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. 2/20 at Carole Elmore's



Book Clubs

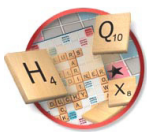
Book Club #2 - Norma Combs (463-2745, nacombs@ntelos.net) - filled for now. 3rd Mon of the month at 1:30 PM. Feb 18th, *The City of Falling Angels* by John Berendt at Barbara Anderson's.

March 17, *The Rule of Four* by Ian Calwell and Dustin Thomason at Ellen Charske's.

Book Club #3 - Evelyn Caldwell (464-5571, ebcaldwell@embarqmail.com) - open. 4th Thurs. of the month @ 1:00 pm

Feb. 28 at Nora Gaty's to discuss "The Memory Keeper's Daughter".

March 27th at Anita Ramp's to discuss "The Power of One".



Scrabble

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

Scrabble #3 Group will not meet in February. Play will resume in March..



Canasta

Contact: Shirley Dent (348-1048). Call to join or substitute. Meets 12 noon, 4th Tuesday of every month. February 26th, at Carol Greenan's.



Baseball

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



Fine Dining Group

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

Fine Dining is under way for 2008. for the Feb/March round, we have 39 participants divided into 5 different dining groups. Hosts and guests have agreed upon a convenient date for their dining experience and preparations are underway. The next fine dining experience for 2008 will be during the months of April/May. New members may sign up by March 15th if they wish to join this *Fine Dining Club*. Contact Linda or Bob Textor as noted above.



Wine Tasting Group

Website: www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm

Contact Kate Jenks at 463-4722 or email her: katejenks@comcast.net with all your comments and suggestions. The first wine tasting for 2008 is in the planning stages. Hosts have volunteered and the

dates for their parties have been selected. Members should have received an email with these dates. Kate is gathering their responses and setting up the parties. We will be sampling Sauvignon Blancs from around the world. We have not sampled Sauvignon Blancs since 2001 and there have been some nice new additions to the market since then.

Treasurer's Report 9/1/07 through 1/31/08

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$3,135.44
INCOME	
Dues	3,340.00
Holiday Party res.	2,235.00
TOTAL Income	\$5,575.00
EXPENSES	
Directory	351.00
Door Prize	73.31
Gifts & Memorials	75.00
Holiday Party Expense	3702.52
Newsletter	31.20
Office Supplies	59.70
Rent	400.00
Special Events	
Art Show Reception	134.90
TOTAL Expenses	\$4,827.63
ENDING BALANCE 1/31/2008	\$3,882.81

Margaret Skovira