

# Greater Lexington Newcomers

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Meetings are held at 10:00 am on the first Wednesday of the month. [April meeting is at the Wingate Hotel](#)

## President's Message



It's March....the month of Easter, Spring and daylight savings time, plus St. Patrick's Day! It's also the month that we have a new location for our meeting -- the Wingate Inn, next door to Ruby Tuesdays. Since this is a new location for us, we will be discussing the probability of continuing our meetings here or looking for another place. We will be soliciting a committee for our July picnic and also members to meet with the Executive committee to select a slate of officers for the 2008-2009 year. Plan to be at the meeting, meet new friends and maybe volunteer for one of these important positions. I'll look forward to seeing you. Mary Brooks



## Activities

On Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> we will attend a performance of Macbeth at the *Blackfriars Playhouse*, <http://www.americanshakespearecenter.com>, in Staunton. Fifteen tickets have been reserved. At this time we have 8 seats left. Tickets are \$30 each, but if we use all of our allotment we will receive a considerable discount. If you wish to go, please call Susan Bauer before Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. 463-2018 Travel / carpool / possible dining options will be developed.

On Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> we will spend a day at The Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WV. <http://www.greenbrier.com> We will carpool from Lexington and there will be a variety of options including a tour of the Bunker, a tour of the beautiful resort and grounds and luncheon. Cost will be \$30 or \$40, plus lunch, depending on you choice of optional tours. All monies must be received by Sue Whitsitt by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Sue for more details (463-6162) [whitsitt@ntelos.net](mailto:whitsitt@ntelos.net)



On Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> we will carpool to Bedford to Jeffersons Poplar Forest and the D-Day Memorial with luncheon. Call Fred Massey for details (463-6162).

Susan & Ed Bauer

## Calendar

*See Activities or Interest Groups for details.*

### Mar

- 5 General meeting @ 10:00 am
- 7 Hiking
- 11 Bridge #2 @ 12:00 pm
- 13 Bridge #1 @ 1:00 pm
- 14 Hiking
- 14 Activity: **Blackfriars Playhouse**
- 17 Book Group #2 @1:30 pm
- 19 Couples Bridge @7:00 pm
- 21 Hiking
- 25 Canasta @12:00 pm
- 26 Scrabble #3 @1:00 pm
- 27 Book Club #3 @1:00 pm
- 28 Hiking

### April

- 2 General Meeting @10:00 am
- 4 Hiking
- 8 Bridge # 2 @12:00 pm
- 10 Bridge # 1 @ 1:00 pm
- 11 Hiking
- 16 Couples Bridge @ 7:00 pm
- 18 Hiking
- 21 Book Group # 2 @ 1:30 pm
- 24 Book club # 3 @ 1:00 pm
- 25 Hiking

## Club Officers

### *President*

Mary Brooks

### *Vice President*

Shelley Undercoffer

### *Corresponding Secretary*

Sandy Harrelson

### *Treasurer*

Margaret Skovira

### *Past President*

Glenda Grass

## Committee Chairs

### *Activities*

Susan and Ed Bauer

### *Directory*

Jan and Mike White

### *Historian*

Carole Elmore

### *Hospitality*

Jane Auciello

Nancy Vallance

### *Membership*

Frank Harrelson

### *Newsletter*

Jan & Mike White

### *Publicity*

Lynne Sullivan

### *Web Site*

Dorothy Coker

### *Welcome*

Cathy Broach

## **Announcements**

**The March general meeting** was called to order by President Mary Brooks. We had 32 members in attendance, and 6 visitors. Mary said the Wingate was a temporary location for the meetings until a permanent location is selected. New business was the appointment of the Christmas Party Committee, Picnic Committee and the Nominating Committee. The Christmas committee will be Kate and Ted Jenks, Glenda and George Grasse, Sue Whitsett and Fred Massey and Denise and Ken Gorsky. On the Picnic Committee will be Kathy and Jim Kvach (chairmen), Jane Auciello, Jim Slack, Nancy Vallance, Mary Quarles, Cynthia Tucker and Cathy Broach. Lynne Sullivan is on the Nominating Committee. Mary will be looking for two more people to volunteer. If you are interested please contact her.

Ed Bauer and Fred Massey talked about the next two activities, which are the play at the Blackfriars and the Greenbriar Tours. Jane Auciello reported the next new member coffee would be held in the Spring and to call her or Nancy Vallance if you are interested in attending. After the other committee reports, the door prize was drawn and won by Betty Simmons. The meeting was adjourned and 31 people went to the Lexington Country Club for lunch.



## **Memberships**

Please welcome the following members who joined in February:

**Anna Samuels**

**Julie Hollingsworth**

**Elaine Norris & Daniel Weeks**

This brings the Newcomers' Club up to 171 memberships and 306 members. 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](mailto:fharrelson@embarqmail.com).

## **Treasurer's Report 9/1/07 through 2/24/08**

BEGINNING BALANCE	<b>\$3,135.44</b>
INCOME	
Dues	3,400.00
Holiday Party	2,235.00
TOTAL Income	\$5,635.00
EXPENSES	
Directory	351.00
Door Prize	109.23
Gifts & Memorials	100.00
Holiday Party Expense	3,578.52
New Member Coffee	127.74
Newsletter	31.20
Office Supplies	59.70
Rent	500.00
Special Events	
Art Show Reception	134.90
TOTAL Expenses	\$4,992.29
ENDING BALANCE 2/24/2008	<b>\$3,778.15</b>

Margaret Skovira

**New interest group?** If there is anyone interested in playing dominos in a new activity group, please call Dot Henderson at 540-377-2741 or e-mail; [grhender@aol.com](mailto:grhender@aol.com). This will be a fun group.

**April Meeting.** We will be meeting at the Wingate Hotel again next month.



## **Thinking of You**



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

**Mary Ellena Ward - Get well after surgery**

**Patte Wood - Get well during recovery from a broken ankle**

**Tom Coker - Get well after surgery**

Members are requested to please keep Sandy informed ([fharrelson@embarqmail.com](mailto:fharrelson@embarqmail.com) or 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.



### 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** - Ellen Charske (463-7971), 2nd Tue of the month at Lexington Golf & Country Club. 12 Noon, Lunch (optional). March 11th hostess is Marlies Aldridge.

**Couples Bridge #2** - Cathy Broach (261-3141) - 3rd Wed of the month at 7:00 PM - Substitutes welcome. 3/19 at Karen Hyde'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.

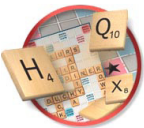
March 17, *The Rule of Four* by Ian Calwell and Dustin Thomason at Ellen Charske's.

April 21, *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards at Carole Elmore's.

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

March 27th at Anita Ramp's: *The Power of One*

April 24th at Margaret Skovira's: *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*



### Scrabble

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

**Scrabble #3** - March 26, 1:00 PM at the home of Frank & Sandy Harrelson. If you are interested in playing or subbing, please call Frank Harrelson at 261-1141 or email him at fharrelson@embarqmail.com.



### Baseball

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



### Canasta

Contact: Shirley Dent (348-1048). Call to join or substitute. Meets 12 noon, 4th Tuesday of every month. March 25th at Gloria Gorlin's.



### Fine Dining Group

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



Fine dining at the home of Barbara Whittle: George Grasse, Linda Textor, Kevin Moffett, Jan White, Susan Moffett, Barbara Whittle, Glenda Grasse, and Bob Textor. (Photo by Mike White)



### Wine Tasting Group

Website: [www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm](http://www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm)  
Contact Kate Jenks at 463-4722 or email her:

katejenks@comcast.net with all your comments and suggestions. Three tastings have already been held

and responses are coming in. Most people have enjoyed the wine. There are two labels which appear to be leading the pack. All the parties will be complete by March 19 and I will email the results to everyone. It has been suggested that we update the Evaluation Sheet. Some suggestions include having a column for Ranking both before and after eating, and deleting the Color column, since most of the wines are very very close. Please contact Kate if you would like to suggest some other changes.



### Dining Out

Contact Lynne & Gary Sullivan, 261-2826 or [lynnemsullivan@wmconnect.com](mailto:lynnemsullivan@wmconnect.com).

The Dining Out Club went to five different restaurants in February. Hosts were Ron and Nancy Patrick, Linda & Harvey Galloway, Elaine & Mark Nelson, Joe & Margaret Skovira and John Murphy & Susan Bushnell. In addition, three more couples volunteered to host but their groups did not fill up. There was some indication that a lunch group would be welcomed by our club but that did not prove to be the case. In total, about 40 people attended which is likely normal for the time of year. Our next month for dining out will be April and we will start searching for hosts immediately. Please give this some consideration and let us know by phone or e-mail whether you will be available in April to host.

