

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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Our next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on January 7 at LGCC.

Activities

November Outing to Floyd, Va.

Join us on Friday, November 14th for a day (or possibly two) in the artisan community of Floyd, Va. We plan to meet and depart from the Stonewall Plaza in Lexington at 8 AM, arriving at approximately 10 AM to enjoy a cup of coffee or a late breakfast at the Blue Ridge Restaurant (113 E. Main St.). From there, participants may wander around the many shops and sights in downtown Floyd and neighboring area, enjoying local wineries, produce, and SW Virginia culture. Arrangements have been made to meet at the historic Pine Tavern, for those interested, at 4:30 PM for a "down home" country dinner before sauntering on over to the renowned "Jamboree" at the Floyd Country Store, (206 S. Locust St.). After enjoying an evening of music and dancing at the Jamboree, some may choose to stay over night in one of the many hotels or bed & breakfasts in the area. Those wishing to stay overnight are encouraged to call ahead for reservations. Information on lodging and other information about Floyd can be found by calling or e-mailing either Sandy Harrelson (261-1141, fharrelson@earthlink.net) or Darin Docekal (261-3421, wvdd@va.net) or by contacting www.visitfloyd.org or www.floydcountyvirginia.org or by calling the Floyd Chamber of Commerce, 540-745-4407.

December Activity

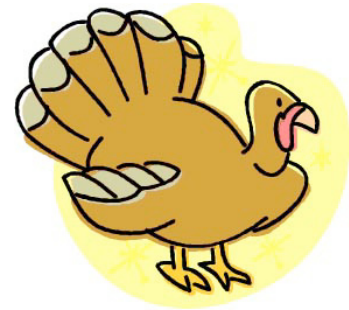
Join us on Wednesday, Dec 3rd at 5 PM for *Lenfest's Music For The Holidays*. This will be preceded with wine & appetizers at two homes of Newcomer members. Tickets and space are VERY limited so, call or e-mail Ed or Susan Bauer for your reservation. 463-2018 / eddiebauer@comcast.net

New Member Coffee



The next **New Member Coffee** will take place at the home of **Bob and Faye Welch, 3 Hamilton Drive**, on **Thursday, November 13, at 10 a.m.** These events are a great way to get to know the area and one another in a relaxed and cordial setting. If you are a new member and do not receive a call from Doris Greywall or Elaine

Nelson, please call Elaine at 463-3406 to RSVP. All new members are encouraged to attend as these gatherings are always fun and informative. The next New Member Coffee will be in late January or early February.



Calendar

See Activities or Interest Groups for details.

November

- 5 General meeting @ 10:00 am
- 7 Hiking
- 11 Bridge #2 @12:00 pm
- 14 Hiking
- 14 Floyd, VA Outing
- 17 Book Club # 2 @ 1:30 pm
- 19 Scrabble @ 1:00 pm
- 18 Canasta @ 12:00 pm
- 20 Book Club #3 @ 1:00 pm
- 21 Hiking

December

- 3 Music for the Holidays
- 5 Hiking
- 7 Holiday Party
- 11 Bridge #2 @12:00 pm
- 12 Hiking
- 16 Canasta @ 12:00 pm
- 17 Couples Bridge @ 7:00 pm
- 17 Book Club #2 @1:30 pm

January

- 7 General meeting @ 10:00 am

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President's Message

Dear Newcomers,



Well the fall is truly upon us and Thanksgiving is not far off. It sounded like the Cass Railroad trip was wonderful and the activities committee is keeping busy planning more great things. It was great to see so many people at our meeting and I want to thank you all for bearing with me as I muddle my way through the meetings. General Announcements will have a 3 minute time allotted per person for the rest of the meetings so that we can fit in all the terrific opportunities you have to present. Let it never be said that Rockbridge County does not have enough to keep everyone busy. We had approximately 20 people for lunch at the LGCC following the meeting and once again I found the food excellent. So that everyone knows the Club automatically adds a surcharge to cover tip. They do that with members as well so they can insure the service remains consistent. We have **No Meeting in DECEMBER**. However, we do have our Holiday Party so read through the newsletter so that you can get signed up. Have a **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Shelley Undercoffer

Newcomers' 2008 Holiday Party – December 7

The Greater Lexington Newcomers' Club will host its annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 7, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 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 Rosemary Cecil, 425 Brownsburg Turnpike, Rockbridge Baths, VA 24473. You may also sign up and pay at our November meeting.



This is the Club's biggest social event of the year. Come and mingle with old friends and make new ones. This is not a dinner. However, heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Each person will receive tickets good for two glasses of wine. The tickets will be inserted behind each individual's name tag. Additional wine may be purchased by the glass (\$2 each). For the first time, we will be serving beer. Additional beverages include coffee, tea and soda. There will be a carving station for beef and turkey. Hot items: Chicken satay, mini egg rolls, meatballs, scallops & bacon, and mini quiches. Cold items: Fruit and cheese platter with crackers, chocolate-dipped strawberries, lemon bars, and mini éclairs. Piano music will enhance the party atmosphere. Sign up today so you can be part of this festive occasion.



General Meeting - November 5, 2008

Shelley Undercoffer called the meeting to order at 10:40 AM. After the pledge of allegiance, Vice President, Kathy Kvach, announced we had 46 members present along with 4 new members. They were Don Brooke, Barbara Purdy, Jim and Paula Zimmerman. After a vote, 20 members agreed to stay for lunch at the LGCC. Terrie Scholl announced the cards that were sent and gave the treasurer's report for Treasurer, Rosemary Cecil who was absent. (See detailed reports on page 5) Shelley congratulated fellow newcomer, Bob Lera, for his election to Lexington City Council. She also reminded members there would be no meeting in December.

Fred Massey gave a brief report on the Holiday Party and said the deadline is Dec. 1. Sandy Harrelson gave a description of the Floyd Outing on Nov. 14. The December activity will be on Dec. 3. Ed Baurer said it would be Lenfest's Music for the Holidays with appetizers prior to the event at one of two homes. He said tickets are very limited. The January activity according to Mike Quarles, activity co-chair, might be a trip to the new Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke.

Membership Chairman, Jim Slack, announced that we have 149 memberships with 30 not renewing this year. Alan and Debbie Mauer, in charge of the directory, asked Jan White to hand out the new Member Directory to those present at the meeting. The first New Member Coffee will be at Faye and Bob Welch's home on Nov. 13th, according to Hospitality Chair, Elaine Nelson. (see page 1 for details) Fine Dining Chair, Connie Schmoll asked all who were interested to sign up for the interest group. She said two groups were dining in the first rotation during Oct./Nov.

Doris Greywall won a gift certificate to Washington Purveyors. After several general announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

General Announcements

PUBLICITY — We have placed our updated flyer with information on the club in various places people new to our area might learn of it (visitor centers, libraries, real estate agents, stores, banks, etc.). Anyone having additional suggested places to put the flyer should contact Fred Massey, Publicity Committee Chair, at fmassey@ntelos.net or 463-6162.

The Member Directory will be mailed to those members not present at the November General Meeting.

Corrections: Connie and Ross Schmoll phone # under Club Interest Groups should be **463-7338**
Suzanne Fitzgerald should be **Susanne** Fitzgerald; Susannestudio@yahoo.com

Garth Newel Concert

Sunday, October 12, was an absolutely beautiful day for a Newcomers' outing to the Garth Newel Music Center near Warm Springs, VA. Following lunch at several local restaurants, 15 Newcomers enjoyed a performance by the Garth Newel Piano Quartet of works by Shostakovich, Brahms, and Faure. After the performance, we were treated to refreshments, conversation with the musicians, and the fall foliage views surrounding Garth Newel. What a great way to spend a fall day here in Virginia!

Cass Roadroad Trip

Early in October, twenty nine Newcomers drove to Cass, West Virginia and enjoyed the train ride to the top of Bald Knob. The open and closed cars were pushed to the top of the steep and curvy track by the very unique Shay, steam locomotive # 6. The weather was perfect and the fall foliage in peak display. There were several stops along the way for historical narratives and picnic lunch at the top of the mountain. More history of logging in the area a century ago and, on the way home many of us stopped for dinner.



Some of the 29 Newcomers waiting for the Cass Train (Photo by Susan Bauer)

Interest Groups

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



Fine Dining Group

Contact Connie and Ross Schmoll 463-7338, rschmoll@comcast.net or refer to the website, www.lexvanewcomers.org/finedining.html

Fine Dining got off to a slow start this year due to some unfortunate circumstances, but never the less we have started. Our October/ November event has eight couples participating. I have a feeling that a lot of people did not realize that each year you have to sign up again; the list from last year does not carry over. At the coffee this week we had several other couples sign up for dinners starting with the February/March schedule. I will continue to take names of people interested until our January Coffee. This is such a wonderful way to participate in an eating event and all the cooking is shared so even the host and hostess can have fun. The host/hostess can decide whether it will be breakfast, lunch or dinner and work up a menu which can be from very casual to a bit fussy. Please consider joining the group. In our new directory under FINE DINING my phone number is incorrect. You can contact me at 463-7338 or e-mail rcschmoll@comcast.net



Book Clubs

Book Club #2 - Norma Combs (463-2745), nacombs@ntelos.net. 3rd Mon at 1:30 pm.

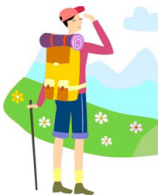
November 17, 2008 - *The Bookseller of Kabul* by Asne

Seierstad at Nora Gaty's

December 3, 2008 12:30pm - Holiday lunch at Marlies

Aldridge's and collection of children's books for Lisa's House

Book Club #3 - Evelyn Caldwell (464-5571), ebcaldwell@embarqmail.com) - filled for now, 4th Thurs. of the month, 1 pm. Nov. 20th at Ron and Nancy Patrick's to discuss books for 2009.



Hiking

Lucy Thornburgh bthorn@mindspring.com

We try to hike most Friday mornings throughout the year, weather permitting.



Sue Whitsitt, Lucy, and Susan Bauer on the Laurel Run trail

Nov 7 Greystone; 2 to 3 miles; plus lunch with Debbie

Nov 14 Apple Orchard Mt to Thunder Ridge; 4 miles

Nov 21 Lake Robertson; 2 to 3 miles

Dec 5 Matts Creek; 4.4 miles

Dec 12 Woods Creek; 3 + miles



Canasta

Contact Margaret Skovira, (348-1093, mskovira@embarqmail.com), Call to join or substitute. Meets 12 noon, 4th Tuesday of every month, 3rd Tuesday in November and December. November 18 at Sandy Harrelson's, December 16 at Carol Greenan's.

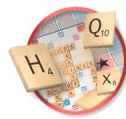


Wine Tasting Group

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.

Our fall parties are in full swing, with 6 parties already held and 3 more to go. The Zinfandels have proven to be a popular choice. And, as always, Lester has chosen some great wineries for us to sample from. If you see him in Kroger he would love to have your feedback - what you liked and what you'd change. Our final party is on November 7. I will email the results to all club members after everything is tabulated.

The Wine Club has had only a few new members join this year. We would love for more Newcomers to join our club and meet our members. It is a lot of fun and a great way to make new friends. We have about 3 tastings a year in members' homes and 1 group activity usually in the summer. Please contact Kate Jenks. I promise you will not have to host your first year!



Scrabble

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

Scrabble #3 - We will meet at the home of Frank & Sandy Harrelson, Buena Vista, Wednesday, November 19th at 1:00 PM. We are always looking for regular players and substitutes. If interested, contact Frank or Sandy at 261-1141 or email at fharrelson@embarqmail.com.

Scrabble #3 will not play in December due to the Holidays and travel commitments.



Dining Out

Contact Lynne & Gary Sullivan, 261-2826, or lynnsullivan@ntelos.net

The next round of dinners will be in Feb., April and June. Please plan to take your turn at hosting a dinner at a restaurant of your choice during one of these months.



Bridge

Bridge #2 - Ellen Charske (463-7971), 2nd Tue of the month at Lexington Golf & Country Club. 12 Noon, Lunch (optional).

Couples Bridge #2 - Cathy Broach (261-3141) - 3rd Wed of the month at 7:00 PM - Substitutes welcome. November - no play, December 17 at Nancy & Ron Patrick's.

Thinking of You



Shirley Dent - Sympathy in memory of Harry
The Bistro - Thank you for gift certificate
Sweet Treats Bakery - Thank you for gift certificate

Members are requested to please keep **Terrie Scholl**, our new corresponding secretary, informed of any member to whom a card should be sent. Terrie can be reached by email at terreaslee@yahoo.com, or 540-348-2402.

Treasurer's Report

10/1/08 through 10/31/08

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$2,571.53
INCOME		
Dues	2,760.00	
Holiday Party Reservations	600.00	
TOTAL Income		\$3,360.00
EXPENSES		
Office Supplies	89.18	
Rent	120.00	
Gifts and Memorials	25.00	
TOTAL Expenses		\$234.18
ENDING BALANCE 10/312008		\$5,697.35

Rosemary Cecil
2008-2009 Treasurer

Membership

About 30 of our memberships (about 50 people) did not renew this year.
Our newest members are

Don Brooke, 165 Koogler Trail, Raphine, VA 24472 280-4033

Barbara Purdy, 453 Lime Kiln Road, Lexington, VA 24450 463-6582

Paulette Rinderknecht, 490 Agners Mill Road, Lexington, VA 24450 202-215-7407

Paula & Jim Zimmerman, 80 Eastfield Road, Rockbridge Baths 24473 348-6999

This brings us to 153 memberships consisting of 267 people.

Two More of Our Committee Chairs...



Dorothy Coker, Web Site



Fred Massey, Publicity

Remember: There is no December meeting, but we hope to see you at the Holiday Party!

