

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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Our next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on April 1 at LGCC.



President's Message

Dear Newcomers,

Well, spring is around the corner and under the snow the crocuses are budding. We had a wonderful lunch provided by Chef Tony and crew after the March meeting. It was good to see so many brave the cold to come out for the meeting and lunch. To those of you who signed up for the committees - Thank You. Those of you who did not get a chance to sign up we still have openings for Picnic and Nominating! I will start to contact everyone about arranging a get together for the various tasks. We'll see the rest of you in April. Enjoy the weekend with temperatures in the 70's. Good time to prep for the Virginia Creeper Trail!

Shelley Undercoffer

Activities

March Outing to Blackfriars Playhouse

The Activities Committee will sponsor a trip to Staunton, VA, on Thursday, March 26th, to attend Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Blackfriars Playhouse. The play begins at 7:30 PM. The cost for seniors (65+) is \$28.00 per person. Adult tickets are \$33.00. Those interested in dining together before the play should plan to meet at the L'Italia restaurant at 23 E. Beverly Street at 6:00 PM.

If you are interested in attending this performance, please send the following information to Peg Leinbach at 316 Dogwood Rise, Lexington, VA 24450:

1. A check made out to Margaret Leinbach for the cost of your ticket(s)
2. Your phone number and email address so we can notify you of any changes
3. Your interest in joining the group for dinner prior to the play.

Please note: All checks must be **received by Tuesday, March 10th**, to enable the ordering of tickets for reserved seats.

Those interested in carpooling will meet in the Peebles parking lot (on the "back" side of the store) at 5:00 PM. Hope to see you there!

Mary & Mike Quarles



Calendar

See Activities or Interest Groups for details.

March

- 4 General meeting @ 10:00 am
- 6 Hiking
- 10 Bridge #2 @12:00 pm
- 13 Hiking
- 16 Third Mon. Book Group @ 1:30 pm
- 18 Couples' Bridge #2 @ 7:00 pm
- 20 Hiking
- 24 Canasta @ 12:00 pm
- 26 **Blackfriars Playhouse**
- 26 Fourth Thur. Book Group @ 1:00 pm
- 27 Hiking

April

- 1 General meeting @ 10:00 am
- 3 Hiking
- 10 Hiking
- 14 Bridge # 2 @ 12:00 pm
- 15 Couples Bridge @ 7:00 pm
- 17 Hiking
- 20 Third Mon. Book Group @ 1:30 pm
- 23 Fourth Thur. Book Group @1:30 pm
- 24 Hiking

General Meeting - March 4, 2009

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Welcome

Cynthia Tucker

The March General Meeting of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club was called to order at 10:40 by President Shelley Undercoffer. After the pledge of allegiance, Vice President Kathy Kvach announced that 43 members were present along with 1 visitor, Jan Plumb, from California. Corresponding Secretary Terrie Scholl reported that three cards had been sent out in February (see page 4).

Since there was no old business, Shelley went on to new business, which concerned the By-law Review, Picnic, and Nominating Committees. She sent sign-up sheets for each committee around the room. Activities Chair Mike Quarles described the February trip to the Transportation Museum. He then called on activity committee member, Peg Leinbach, to give info on the March activity at the Blackfriars Playhouse. (see page 1 for details) Ray Leinbach then described the May 5th activity which will be a bike ride on the Virginia Creeper Trail. Dining Out interest group chair, Lynne Sullivan said she had a sign up sheet for new members and for hosts in April. Fred Massey, Publicity Chairman, reminded members that the June meeting is rescheduled from June 3 to June 10. Shelley announced that the next New Member Coffee would take place in late March or early April. Membership Chair Jim Slack said our newest member, Judith Wycoff, brought our memberships to 159 with 276 people.

Doris Greywall won a gift certificate to Blue Sky Bakery and after general announcements of community events, Shelley adjourned the meeting. The March Luncheon in "The View" was attended by 38 members.

January Outing

On January 21st twenty Newcomers visited the new Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke and enjoyed a tour of the major exhibits led by a most enthusiastic and knowledgeable docent. Among the highlights, we saw great oils by John Singer Sargent, Childe Hassam, and the Eakins family, photos by noted Virginia artists, an interactive photo/optics presentation, and a large and arresting modern art collection of which the docent was able to improve our understanding. Of course we admired the building itself, an architectural marvel, and one not likely to be duplicated anytime soon. The contrast with the museum and its surroundings is amazing. Many of us enjoyed eating either at the outstanding café at the museum or at a nearby Italian restaurant, NICO's, where the food and service were outstanding. More than one Lexingtonian was overheard to express a desire to return to the Taubman for a more leisurely visit.

Membership

Our newest membership is

Judith Wycoff, 1174 Wesley Chapel Rd., Lexington, VA 24450, 261-2152

This brings us to 159 memberships consisting of 276 people.



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 is doing well. Our first round of dinners in the fall had sixteen participants which translates into two parties. The Donalds and Schmolls were hosts. We are now starting our second round for the February-March period and we have grown. Someone must have heard about all the fun and good food! We now have thirty-two members and three couples to sub so we will have four dinner parties this round. Hosts this time will be Kathy and Jim Kvach, Mary Ellena Ward and Jim Slack, Debbie and Alan Mauer, and Nancy and Ron Patrick.

Contact persons are Connie and Ross Schmoll, 463-7338 or email rschmoll@comcast.net.



Book Groups

Third Monday Book Group - Norma Combs (463-2745), nacombs@ntelos.net. 3rd Mon at 1:30 pm.

March 16, 2009 - *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See at Pat Rafferty's.

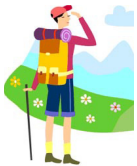
April 20, 2009 - *Blackbird House* by Alice Hoffman at Barbara Anderson's.

Fourth Thursday Book Group - Evelyn Caldwell (464-5571), ebcaldwell@embarqmail.com) - filled for now, 4th Thurs. of the month, 1 pm.

March 26th at Ron Patrick's, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*.

April 23rd at Margaret Skovira's, *Prayer for Owen Meany*.

May 21st at Anita Ramp's, *Jacob's Ladder*.



Hiking

Lucy Thornburgh bthorn@mindspring.com
We try to hike most Friday mornings throughout the year, weather permitting. "New hikers of all levels are welcome."



Canasta

Contact Margaret Skovira, (348-1093, mskovira@embarqmail.com), Call to join or substitute. Meets 12 noon, 4th Tuesday of every month.

March 24 at Shirley Dent's.



Wine Tasting Group

Website: www.histomin.com/wineclub/pgindex.htm
Please contact Kate Jenks at katejenks@comcast.net or 463-4722 with all your comments and suggestions.

We are in the planning stages for our spring tasting. Gewurztraminer was recommended as a nice wine for spring. It's light and fruity and just right for the months ahead. I will be asking for hosts later in February, with the parties spread out through March.

A reminder – Kate had to reconstruct her email Group for the Wine Club. If you did not receive her test message please contact her. Thank you.



Scrabble

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

Scrabble Group #3

Scrabble Group #3 will play not play in March. Persons interested in playing on a regular basis or in being a substitute should contact Frank or Sandy at fharelson@embarqmail.com or call them at 261-1141.



Dining Out

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

April will be the next month when people will meet at various restaurants.

Gary and I are winding up our time as coordinators of this activity so if any of you think that you would like to take over in September, please let Shelley or Kathy know. We will of course will be happy to help out.



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.

March 18 - Nancy & Ron Patrick's

April 15 - Fran & Jim Naylor's

Thinking of You



Cocoa Mill Chocolate - Thank you
Gary Sullivan - Get Well
Connie & Ross Schmoll - 50th Anniversary

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

Treasurer's Report

9/1/2008 through 2/28/2009

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$2,571.53
INCOME		
Dues	3,165.00	
Holiday Party Reservations	2,160.00	
TOTAL Income		\$5,325.00
EXPENSES		
Holiday Party 2008	3,497.58	
Holiday Party 2009	250.00	
Directory	320.25	
Office Supplies	118.58	
Newsletter	144.00	
Rent	300.00	
Gifts and Memorials	25.00	
TOTAL Expenses		\$4,655.41
ENDING BALANCE 2/28/2009		\$3,241.12

Rosemary Cecil
2008-2009 Treasurer

E-mail Changes

Ann Jones - anncj@embarq.com
Lynn Jones - lingon@embarq.com

Announcements

Newcomers March Luncheon

The March Luncheon of Lexington Newcomers was held in "The View" at the Lexington Golf and Country Club, immediately following the regular meeting on March 4. The lovely lunch was enjoyed by 39 members. Thanks go to Ron and Nancy Patrick for working with Chef Tony Bates and arranging this subsidized luncheon.

June Newcomers Meeting Rescheduled

Our monthly meeting for June has been rescheduled from June 3 to June 10. It will be at Lexington Golf & Country Club from 10 - 11:30 a.m. We hope to see you there.

New Book Club

A new book club will be forming. Please call Kathy Kvach, 463-5191, Jandk30@aol.com, if you have not already signed up. Kathy will contact you when she has enough members to get things started.

