

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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Our next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on **June 10** at LGCC.

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.



President's Message

Dear Newcomers,

I'm not sure if my charm is fading or the Swine Flu has people staying away. I'll go with the flu. We had a small but loyal fan base at the meeting this month and many things were discussed.

Please read the newsletter for information about the Proposed

By Law changes as well as the proposed Slate of Officers. We will be voting on both, on **JUNE 10**, our **NEXT MEETING!** Enjoy the month of May, eventually the sun will come out.

Shelley

Activities

Visit to the New Market Battlefield Reenactment

On **Sunday, May 17**, the Newcomers Club will visit the New Market Battlefield State Historical park to observe the annual scripted reenactment of the 145th Anniversary of **The Battle of New Market** on the actual battlefield. The tide of the battle was turned by historic charge of the VMI Keydets. The reenactment takes place at **1:30 pm**. We plan to leave the Tractor Supply parking lot at **8:30 am** in order to arrive in time for the Camp Church service at **10:30 am**. We shall then gather for a picnic near the battlefield. You may either bring your own picnic lunch or procure hot dogs, hamburgers, barbeque, etc, from vendors. For purposes of group location, Cynthia Tucker will have her cell phone (**928-301-3748**) as will Mike Quarles (**540-460-0230**), particularly if you come later than the church service. The price is **\$10 per adult** and is paid as you enter the gate, an amount which covers the cost of the reenactment, various demonstrations, a living history display at the Bushong farm as well as the Hall of Valor Civil War Museum where you can view the 47 minute film "Field of Lost Shoes" about the battle of New Market and other exhibits about the war in Virginia.

You will need to wear comfortable shoes, and you are encouraged to use sunscreen, wear a hat, and bring a suitable chair or ground cover for observation of the reenactment as well as the picnic. Please call Cynthia Tucker at 463-3344 to sign up so that we will be aware of the size of the group and any transportation needs.

Mary & Mike Quarles

Calendar

See Activities or Interest Groups for details.

May

- 6 General meeting @ 10:00 am**
- 8 Hiking
- 12 Bridge # 2 @ 12:00 pm
- 15 Hiking
- 17 New Market Reenactment**
- 18 Third Mon. Book Group @ 1:30 pm
- 20 Couples Bridge @ 7:00 pm
- 21 Fourth Thur. Book Group @ 1:30 pm
- 22 Hiking
- 26 Canasta @ 12:00 pm
- 27 Fourth Wed. Book Group @ 1:00 pm
- 29 Hiking

June

- 3 National D-Day Memorial @ 9 am**
- 5 Hiking
- 9 Bridge # 2 @ 12:00 pm
- 10 General meeting**
- 12 Hiking
- 15 Third Monday Book Group @ 1:30 pm
- 17 Couples Bridge @ 7:00 pm
- 19 Hiking
- 23 Canasta @ 12:00 pm
- 24 Fourth Wed. Book Group @ 1 pm
- 25 Fourth Thursday Book Group @ 1 pm
- 26 Hiking
- 28 Lime Kiln @ 6:00 pm**

July

- 1 General meeting**
- 11 Newcomers Picnic**

General Meeting - May 6, 2009

Club Officers

President

Shelley Undercoffer

Vice President

Kathy Kvach

Corresponding Secretary

Terrie Scholl

Treasurer

Rosemary Cecil

Past President

Mary Brooks

Committee Chairs

Activities

Mary & Mike Quarles

Directory

Debbie & Alan Maurer

Historian

Carole Elmore

Hospitality

Elaine Nelson

Membership

Jim Slack

Nametags

Nancy Vallance

Newsletter

Jan & Mike White

Publicity

Fred Massey

Web Site

Dorothy Coker

Welcome

Cynthia Tucker

President Shelly Undercoffer called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. After the pledge of allegiance, Vice President Kathy Kvach said there were 27 members and 2 visitors in attendance. Our visitors were John and Jeanette Machette from Phoenix AZ. Secretary Terrie Scholl announced the cards sent and that she had received a response from Dorothy Coker. Rosemary Cecil, Treasurer, reported our balance was \$2691 (see pg. 4 for the report).

The annual picnic was the only old business. Doris Greywald gave the information for this fun social gathering to be held July 11th (see pg. 4). Her committee includes Sally Nunneley, Sandy Harrelson, Joe Skovira, and Donna Garnett.

New Business was the proposed by-law changes and slate of officers/committee chairmen (see below). Shelley asked for nominations from the floor, which there was none. Nominations are President -Kathy Kvach, VP- Terrie Scholl, C. Secretary - Jane Auciello, Treasurer - Rosemary Cecil. The vote to accept these proposed changes and officers will be held at the June general meeting. The new newsletter chairman will be Connie Schmoll and Welcome chair will be Nancy Vallance.

The committee chairmen then gave their reports. Mike Quarles said the Monticello trip and the VA Creeper Bike Ride were both successful activities. See separate articles on the upcoming May and June activities. Jim Slack announced we have 160 members and 275 memberships. Publicity chair Fred Massey said newcomer flyers would be posted at the LGCC and asked for more suggestions for placement of the flyers. Elaine Nelson reported another successful new member coffee with 6 attendees was held at Ron and Nancy Patrick's home. Doris Greywall announced The 4th Wed Book Group is now formed and will start May 27th @ 1:00 pm.

Shelley reminded members the June meeting will be June 10th and that we will have a July meeting on July 1st. A gift certificate to Virginia Born and Bred was won by Sue Whitsett. The meeting was adjourned and 17 members went to lunch in "The Trap".

Proposed By-Laws

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 2

Sentence now reads: **Additional guests are permitted on a space-available basis.**

ARTICLE 4 – MEETINGS, SECTIONS 4& 5

Sections 4 and 5 are combined into Section 4. Section 4 now reads: **The purpose of the general meetings shall be to conduct Club business only. Information about nonprofit organizations and events may be distributed at the general meeting by way of a flyer or poster placed on the Activities table. All information must be approved by the President prior to the day of the meeting. The Welcome Committee Chairman determines appropriate placement of flyers or posters.**

June Outing to Poplar Forest and the D-Day Memorial

Come and join us! On Wednesday, June 3, we will visit the *National D-Day Memorial* and touring *Poplar Forest* – the retreat home of Thomas Jefferson. We will carpool from Stonewall shopping center parking lot, departing at 9:00. We should arrive at the D-Day memorial around 10 when they open the gates. The admission cost is \$5.00 and it has been recommended that we also take the guided tour, which is an additional \$2.00. If you have never been to this Memorial, it's a "must see" and this year marks the 65th anniversary of D-Day.

At noon, our group will depart for an enjoyable lunch at the Olde Liberty Station Restaurant located in Bedford. (I hear they make the best cheesecake in the south.) Afterwards our journey takes us to Popular Forest, a half-hour north of Bedford. Here we will see and learn about Jefferson's design and construction of the Poplar Forest residence, the surrounding ornamental landscape, the plantation community, the modern rescue of the property, and its restoration. We'll be able to view exhibits at the restoration workshop, archaeology laboratory, slave quarter site and of course take a tour of this famous octagonal house. The senior fee (60+, and bring documentation) for this site is \$9.00. Non-seniors cost a dollar more. We should arrive home around about 4:30.

Since both sites entail much outdoor activity, please wear comfortable footwear and bring sunscreen if needed. Our **rain** date will be June 17th.

Please call Bill Docekal at 261-3421 or contact via e-mail wvdd@rockbridge.net to let him know if you will be joining us, or if you need any additional information. Hope to see you for this historical field trip!

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. We are now starting our third round for the May-June 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.

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



Scrabble

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

Scrabble Group #3

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.



Book Groups

Third Monday Book Group

Congratulations on your 10th anniversary!
May 18, 2009 - *The Stone Diaries* by Carol Shields at Sarah Pierce's

Fourth Wednesday Book Group - meets at 1:00 pm
May 27th at Doris Greywall, *The Guernesey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*

Fourth Thursday Book Group - Evelyn Caldwell - 464-5571, (ebcaldwell@embarqmail.com); meets at 1:00 pm, 4th Thurs. - filled for now.

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

June 25th at Nancy Vallance's, *The Fireman's Fair*



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.

May 26 at Marlies Aldridge's
June 23 at Cynthia Tucker'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.

Our Gewürztraminer tasting is complete. Judging by the feedback everyone was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the wine. Many people who would not ordinarily consider drinking Gewürztraminers said they would drink these wines. And when you consider the top winners cost only \$4.99 and \$7.99 they are quite a steal. The authentic German Gewurz ranked consistently below the California and Washington wines.

At my request, Lester threw a mystery "ringer" into the mix. It was a white wine from Italy called *Talia Bianco*. Some of our members liked it but some hated it. A few thought it was a good wine in its own right but did not stand up to the strength of the Gewürztraminers. *Talia Bianco* is described as "a blend of native Sicilian grapes (Catarratto and Grecanico), with notes of honey and almond, ripe peach and mango fruit, luscious and rich." So, in theory, it should have been a good match to taste with Gewürztraminer, but wow did it stand out. However it accomplished the goal of stirring things up a bit.

Here are the results of our tastings;

First place – Crane Lake, 2007 from Calif (160 points)

Second place – Fetzer, 2007 from Calif (174 points)

Third place – Hogue, 2007 from Washington (213 points)

Fourth place – Chateau Ste. Michelle, 2007 from Washington (253 points)

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.

May 20 - Cathy & Bill Broach's

June 17 - Susan Bushnell & John Murphy's

Dining Out



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

The Dining Out Club members turned out in force for the different restaurants selected for April. According to reports we received, everybody had a good time. June will be the next month for these events and we will be recruiting hosts shortly.

You will all be happy to learn that Susan and Ed Bauer will be the new dining out coordinators beginning in September. We feel very fortunate in having them volunteer for this job. It has been our pleasure to work with all of you for the last two years.

Thinking of You



Tuscany Thank you!
Gary Sullivan Get Well...

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.



Everyone had a good time dining out at Matsumoto's.
 (Photo by Ed Bauer)

Treasurer's Report

9/1/2008 through 5/1/2009

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$2,571.53
INCOME		
Dues	3,205.00	
Holiday Party Reservations	2,160.00	
TOTAL Income		\$5,365.00
EXPENSES		
Holiday Party 2008	3,497.58	
Holiday Party 2009	250.00	
Directory	320.25	
Office Supplies	118.58	
Newsletter	144.00	
Rent	420.00	
Gifts and Memorials	25.00	
Luncheon	319.42	
Door Prizes	150.00	
TOTAL Expenses		\$5,244.83
ENDING BALANCE 3/31/2009		\$2,691.70

Rosemary Cecil
 2008-2009 Treasurer



Some of the gang who biked the Virginia Creeper trail on May 5.
 (Photo by Debbie Maurer)

Annual Picnic

The Newcomers Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2009 @2:00 p.m. in Glen Maury Park, pavilion on the hill. The menu is fried chicken, barbeque, potato salad, baked beans and cole slaw. The cost is \$9.00 per person. Reservations and checks need to be received by June 30th. You may sign up at the meeting on May 6 or June 10. You may also send checks to Donna Garnett, P.O. Box 495, Lexington, VA 24550.

Members with last name A-L should bring an appetizer. Members with last name M-Z should bring dessert. Iced tea, lemonade and water will be provided. If you would like something else, please bring your own. Look forward to seeing you there.

Membership

Our newest members:

Jeanette and John Matchette (rhymes with hatchet),
 269 Ott's Mill Rd., Raphine, VA 24472, C: 602-908-1723

June Outing to the Lime Kiln Theater

Come join the Newcomers on Sunday, June 28th at 6:00 pm for a pot-luck picnic at Lexington's own Lime Kiln Theater where, at 7:30 pm, we will attend "Stories from Concord, Virginia" written and performed by Lexington native Peter Neofotis. Check out the website below and contact Susan or Ed Bauer at 463-2018 or eddiebauer@comcast.net to sign up and to get additional information if needed. The Newcomers Club strongly advocates supporting Lexington Live Theater and encourages your attending an evening of good food, camaraderie, and outstanding entertainment.