

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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The revised budget will sent to you by e-mail and we will vote on it at the November 4th General Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings-

Newcomers had its first meeting of the year, and it was also my first as the new president. Given that I'm not very comfortable with public speaking, it turned out to be a pleasant experience---but I shouldn't have been surprised. Newcomers, I think for all of us, is always first and foremost about being with friendly, nice people, and when I stood at the head table that's who I saw looking back at me, the faces of nice, friendly people. It wasn't bad at all! It also helps to have had some great role models in our past presidents. Thanks to them and to everyone who smiled back at me. You're appreciated.

If you weren't at the meeting, I stated then that I hope that all of you will feel free to set me straight if I forget or neglect to do something that a president ought to do and that you'll share your ideas and concerns with me or any of the other officers. I also hope that you'll attend many of the **first- Wednesday- of -the- month meetings**, not so much for the business part of it (although as business meetings go, they're not long-- and you'll learn about wonderful upcoming events and activities-- but for the opportunities to see old friends and meet some new ones. There is the social half- hour that occurs before the business meeting-- a great time to have a cup of coffee or tea, to catch up, to share a laugh, to find out what people have been doing-- and the lunch at the Country Club afterward that is open to all who wish to attend. The atmosphere at the downstairs dining area is informal and comfortable, the menu is varied and the food it great.

If you feel like you don't know many people in Lexington yet, then come to the meetings both for the social times that it offers but also to find out how you can become involved in the many activities and interest groups. I guarantee that you'll be welcomed. And if you're not exactly a new Newcomer anymore, then come to keep up your connections to a great club. You've been missed if you haven't been attending.

It will be wonderful to see you if you can make it to any of our meetings. Please try to come!

Kathy Kvach

Calendar

See Activities or Interest Groups for details.

October

18 *Third Monday Book Group*
1:30 pm

21 *No Couples Bridge*

22 *Fourth Thursday Book Group*
1:00 pm

25 *Garth Newel Music Venue*

26 *Biking*

27 *Canasta* 1:00 pm

28 *Fourth Wednesday Book Group*
1:00 pm

November

4 *General Meeting* 10:00 am

12 *Fourth Thursday Book Group*
1:00 pm

16 *Third Monday Book Group*
1:30 pm

18 *Couples Bridge* 7:00 pm

28 *Scrabble Group #3* 1:00 pm

December

6 *Holiday Party* 3-5:30

BIKE THE VIRGINIA CREEPER TRAIL AND EAT IN ONE OF THE MOST HISTORIC RESTAURANTS IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

On Monday October 26th, we will meet at Stonewall Jackson Square (site of the Food Lion) for carpoolers and interested others at 2:00 pm and depart for Abingdon Virginia, arriving at approximately 5:00 pm. Allowing time for a stroll around Abingdon, we will meet at The Tavern Restaurant (222 E Main Street) at 7:00 pm for a terrific meal in a restaurant that leans heavily towards German but has "continental" fare as well.

The next day we will depart for Damascus, location of the Bike Station, to load and rent bikes, if desired, and be shuttled by the kind bike rental folk to the beginning of the Virginia Creeper trail, White Top Mountain. The distance back to Damascus is 17 miles and is all down hill or flat, with the downhill part greatly dominating, as the total drop in elevation between White Top and Damascus is 1650 feet. If you desire, you can follow the trail all the way to Abingdon, another 17 mile stint, but this leg of the trail involves some uphill segments and a lot of flat stretches although, overall, the trail is downhill. The cost of rental for the Damascus run (including a helmet, shuttle service, and water) is \$21 per rider while those preferring to use their own bikes will pay \$11. The use of padded gloves and a good windbreaker is strongly recommended. There is a restaurant about ten miles down trail for those who would like to stop for rest and refreshments. If you prefer, you can carry your own food in a backpack.

For further information on motels and restaurants, and to sign up, please contact Ray Leinbach at 463.6318 or leinbach@ntelos.net. Sign up deadline is Friday, 23 October.



Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee, which puts on New Member Coffee events, is looking for folks to serve on the committee. I also need hosts. All that is required of committee members is that you have a telephone and are willing to contact new members for the event. We provide the list to you. You can attend the coffee if you like.

If you are willing to host a New Member Coffee, you get to pick the date and time, and decide the food you want to serve. The club has a budget for food and drink at these events, so you will be reimbursed. At least one committee member will be there to assist you in welcoming our new members.

Last year, we had 2 New Member Coffees that were very well received and enjoyed by our new members. Please contact Elaine Nelson, 463-3406, if you are willing to help out with this fun committee.

GARTH NEWEL MUSIC VENUE PRECEDED BY BRUNCH

On October 25th, we will meet at the Peebles Dept Store parking lot @ 11:50 (car poolers and interested others) and proceed to the Old Gristmill Restaurant in Warm Springs for brunch, ordered individually off the menu. Plan to meet at 1:00 pm at the Gristmill if you drive directly from home or church.

Following brunch we will attend a chamber concert by the resident piano quartet at Garth Newel, starting at 3:00. We will plan to arrive a few minutes early to permit enjoying the view and talking with Garth Newel regulars and staff. Cost for the concert is \$22, but if we have ten or more, a discount of \$4 is offered. The concert will end about 5:00 pm, thus permitting a drive home in daylight or engaging in additional activities or sightseeing in the area (e.g., the Homestead resort) as individually desired.

Please call Mike or Mary Quarles (463.5290) to sign up for this activity and receive additional information as needed. Sign-up deadline is Saturday 17 October.



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Membership

If you have not yet paid your member dues for 2009-10, they are now past due and you will likely not be included in the 2009-10 Member Directory. To remain a member of the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club, please send in your dues now. Checks for \$20.00 payable to Greater Lexington Newcomers Club may be mailed to Jim Slack, Membership Chair, at 305 New Cameron Drive, Lexington, VA 24450

We now (10/8/2009) have 124 members compared to 161 at the end of the past year; so that's 70 percent of our membership have already renewed, plus our new members.

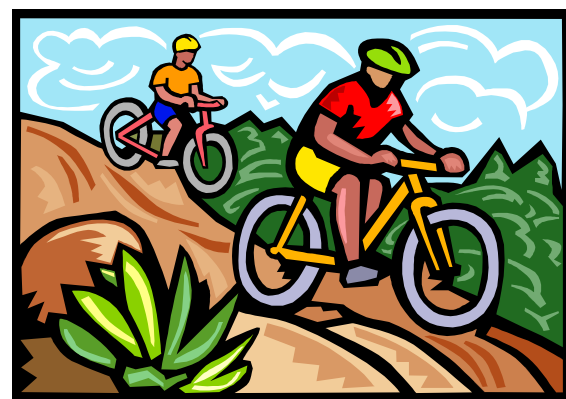
We had new members join at the Newcomers Oktoberfest:

Judy and Steve Koenig,
345 Kilravock Ln., Lexington, VA
24450, Phone 462-2966.

Plus we added two memberships at the October meeting:

Diane and David Hopkins,
3795 Maury River Rd., Rockbridge
Baths, VA 24473, Phone 348-6946

Julie and David Goodrich,
3773 Turkey Hill Rd., Rockbridge
Baths, VA 24473, Phone 348-6545



**Treasurer's Report
9/1/2009 through 10/1/2009**

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$2,020.61
INCOME		
Dues (100)	\$2,000.00	
Holiday Party	\$0.00	
Reservations		
Oktoberfest	\$2,245.00	
Reservations		
Picnic Reservations	\$0.00	
TOTAL Income		\$6,265.61
EXPENSES		
Directory		
Gifts & Memorials	25.00	
Holiday Party 2009		
Holiday Party 2010		
Newsletter		
Office Supplies	16.57	
Oktoberfest expenses	\$2,346.37	
Rent	60.00	
Special Events		
Picnic		
Web – Tiger Tech		
TOTAL Expenses		\$2,447.94
ENDING BALANCE		\$3,817.67

Rosemary Cecil

Thinking of You

This past month I sent thank you notes to the 9 stores/restaurants that supplied the door prizes for our



monthly meetings. Sympathy cards were sent on the death of 2 of our members, Barbara Anderson and Judy Halseth, and to Allen Maurer on the death of his father. It has been a sad month.

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

Interest Groups

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



Fine Dining Group

Ron and Nancy Patrick are the coordinators for the Fine Dining Group. For information about what the Fine Dining experience is go to www.lexvanewcomers.org/finedining.html

Fine Dining meets three times a year. The groups have been formed for the October/November round of dinners. The next round will be February/March. Contact persons are Ron and Nancy, 463-7928 or email nbpatrick@embarqmail.com



Scrabble

Scrabble #1 - is ending. Sarah Pierce has moved to Bridgewater and won't be renewing her membership this year.

Scrabble Group #3 Will play Wednesday, October 28, 1:00 PM at the home Dorothy and Tom Coker on Ligonberry Lane in Rockbridge Baths. We are always looking for persons who want to play on a regular basis as well as persons wishing to be substitutes. If you are interested, call Frank or Sandy Harrelson at 261-1141 or write to us at



Book Groups

Third Monday Book Group - meets at 1:30 pm
Fourth Wednesday Book Group - meets at 1:00 pm

Fourth Thursday Book Club: Evelyn Caldwell (464-5571)--filled for now. Meets 1:00 PM, Fourth Thursday.
Oct. 22nd, at Suzanne King's: *Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Society*.
Nov. 12th, at Evelyn Caldwell's: select books for 2010
Dec. 10th, at restaurant (tbd): *Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*.



Canasta

Contact Margaret Skovira, (348-1093, mskovira@embarqmail.com), Call to join or substitute. Canasta normally meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, the third Tuesday in November and December, at 12:45.
October 27 at Shirley Dent's
November 17 at Donna Garnett's
December 15 at Aline McKenna's



Wine Tasting

Thanks to everyone for making our Oktoberfest such a success. Ninety people attended the event. I think we got the only sunny day between weeks of cloudy skies. But good food, good drink and good friends make a nice day regardless of the

weather. Special thanks to Fred Massey, Sue Whitsitt, Ed and Sue Bauer, Rosemary Cecil and Ted Jenks. I couldn't have done it without them.

Our fall wine tasting parties have been scheduled. We will be tasting Chianti, a nice choice for this time of year. We will hold the parties between Wednesday, October 21 and Wednesday, November 18. This allows us to be done a week before Thanksgiving.

As always, please contact Kate Jenks at katejenks@comcast.net or 463-4722 with all your comments and suggestions.



Bridge

Bridge 2 has decided to rename the group in memory of Barbara

Anderson, one of their founders. They are now the BBF (Barbara's Bridge Friends) and meet as before at noon in the Trap at the Country Club for those who want lunch and start play (usually) upstairs at 1:00.

Couples Bridge #2 Cathy Broach (261-3141) 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00, Substitutes welcome

October No Play
November 18 Nancy & Ron Patrick's
December 16 Fran & Jim Naylor's



Dining Out

Newcomers are enjoying six different restaurant venues for the October round. There are still a few openings for later in the month. Please contact Susan & Ed Bauer (463-2018) or eddiebauer@comcast.net for more information to become a group member.