

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings,

Well, with Halloween just past, many of the people who set up store displays have already headed full-steam into all the December festivities---forget about Thanksgiving! It is true, however, that by the time you're reading this newsletter, we will have had our November meeting and heard the details about our fabulous holiday party on December 6 at Moody Hall on the VMI campus. It's never too early to think about and anticipate such a wonderful event. Make your reservations now if you plan on attending. And it isn't too early to thank all those people who are busily planning it.

Speaking of thanking people, thanks to Connie Schmoll for getting our newsletter together. Writing the newsletter is certainly one of the more involved and time-consuming jobs within our organization--and it looks great.

My husband Jim and I are continually reminded how extremely fortunate we are to have been new comers to Lexington three years ago. We took a Fall drive through Rockbridge County today and were, as usual, awestruck by the beauty of the area. The brilliant yellows and oranges of the leaves, the mountains, the clear-running rivers and streams, not to mention the roads with little traffic--the day and everything in it seemed just about perfect. And that's not even taking into consideration the seemed just about perfect. And that's not even taking into consideration the interesting and friendly people who live here, the huge number of community events that are open to the public, the charming downtown area. Guess that I'm thinking about all this so that I don't mentally jump from Halloween into the December holidays. I don't want to forget Thanksgiving.

Kathy Kvach

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The annual holiday party is our most-anticipated social event of the year. The planning committee has put together a mouth-watering array of palate-pleasers. Please note that this is not a sit-down dinner, but heavy hors-d'oeuvres will be served. They include vegetable egg rolls, chicken satay, meatballs, mini quiches, smoked salmon, scallops wrapped in bacon, a turkey carving station, and fruit and vegetable trays. Desserts include lemon squares, mini éclairs, and the always popular chocolate dipped strawberries. Beer, wine, soft drinks, bottled water, coffee, tea, and hot cider round out the menu. Each person will receive tickets good for two glasses of beer or wine. Additional beer and wine may be purchased by the glass.

VMI's Moody Hall is the most elegant party venue in the Lexington area and is always beautifully decorated by VMI's staff for the Christmas season. Once again, musical entertainment will be provided by noted pianist William McCorkle. You can sing along with favorite carols as the entertainment program draws to a close. So, put on your holiday finery and join all your Newcomer friends at the best holiday party ever!

Don't wait. Get your reservation in the mail no later than FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27!

Send checks -- payable to Greater Lexington Newcomers' Club -- to treasurer Rosemary Cecil, 425 Brownsburg Turnpike, Rockbridge Baths VA 24473.

Date: Sunday, December 6, 2009

Time: 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Place: Moody Hall at VMI

Cost: \$20 single, \$40 couple.

Many thanks to the Planning Committee for their diligence and attention to detail: Kate & Ted Jenks, Denise & Ken Gorsky, Sue Whitsitt & Fred Massey, and Glenda & George Grasse.

Calendar

See Activities or Interest Groups for details.

November

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Holiday Party

No Refunds after this date

No Scrabble this month

December

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No General Meeting this month

Happy Holidays!

Club Officers

President

Kathy Kvach

Vice President

Terrie Scholl

Corresponding Secretary

Jane Auciello

Treasurer

Rosemary Cecil

Committee Chairs

Activities

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Frontier Culture Museum

Join the Newcomers for a visit to the Frontier Culture Museum near Staunton on Thursday November 12th. We will first visit the Dining Room in Staunton for lunch before continuing on to the museum. The itinerary is as follows:

- 11:30 Meet at the Peebles Department Store lot (For those car pooling)
12:20 Assemble at the Dining Room Restaurant (29 North Augusta St., downtown)
1:45 Depart restaurant, arrive at Museum
4:00 Depart Museum for home

The Museum includes a short introductory film, a collection of farm structures including actual homes from 17 and/or 18 century England, Ireland, and Germany as well as the USA. There are docents on hand at each site to provide insight on the daily life and customs of the original occupants. This museum is highly regarded by both historians and visitors because it presents an authentic and entertaining representation of frontier life in the Shenandoah Valley as lived by first generation emigrants. For a more complete description of the museum's attractions you might want to visit:

www.frontierculturemuseum.org

Since the visit can include walking segments totaling a mile, good walking shoes are suggested; however, a shuttle is available for those preferring to ride. The cost of entry is \$10, but seniors get a discount of fifty cents.

Please sign up by November 10th by calling Don Brooke at 540 324-7394 or by email to donbrooke@gmail.com.

Membership

As of October 31st, 2009, we have 128 memberships consisting of 226 members.

The new member directory has gone to press and we have two new members who were not included. Please add them to your new directory:

Julie and David Goodrich

3773 Turkey Hill Rd. Rockbridge Baths, VA 24473 Phone 348-6545

Diane and David Hopkins

3795 Maury River Rd. Rockbridge Baths, VA 24473 Phone 348-6946



Treasurer's Report 9/1/2009 through 11/4/2009

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$2,020.61
INCOME		
Dues (122)	\$2,440.00	
Holiday Party		
Reservations	\$0.00	
Oktoberfest		
Reservations	\$2,245.00	
Picnic		
Reservations	\$0.00	
TOTAL Income		\$6,705.61
EXPENSES		
Directory		
Gifts & Memorials	\$25.00	
Holiday Party 2009	\$275.00	
Holiday Party 2010		
Newsletter		
Office Supplies	16.57	
Oktoberfest		
Expenses	\$2,346.37	
Rent	\$120.00	
Special Events		
Picnic		
Web – Tiger Tech		
TOTAL Expenses		\$2,782.94
ENDING BALANCE		\$3,922.67

Rosemary Cecil

Thinking of You

It was reported that no cards were sent out this month. Members are requested to please keep Jane Auciello, our

corresponding secretary, informed of any member to whom a card should be sent.

Jane can be reached by email at hnojauciel@gmail.com or 460-0585



Interest Groups

Interest group participants must be members of Newcomers.

To join an interest group, call or email the contact person.



Fine Dining Group

The Fine Dining Group is up and running. During October and November we had three groups hosted by the Textors, the Grasses, and the Patricks. The club is looking for new members and will have another round of dining during January and February.

To join sign up during a regular meeting or e-mail Ron Patrick at nbpatrik@embarqmail.com. The purpose of the club is to get together in the hosts' homes for meals that have been prepared as a joint effort. The host sets the menu and assigns each participating couple or individual one course to prepare. The costs are shared. Share your culinary skills with us and join Fine Dining now.



Scrabble

Scrabble Group #3 Due to conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Scrabble #3 group will not play in the months of November and December. Due to travel conflicts in January, it has not been decided if the group will play then. In October, we had 8 persons playing so there were two tables. If you are interested in subbing or playing on a regular basis, please contact Frank Harrelson, 261-1141, or email at fharelson@embarqmail.com.

Fourth Thursday Book Club

Evelyn Caldwell 464-5571

Please note the change to our schedule. Nov. 12th we will meet at The Livery for lunch at 1 pm to discuss books for next year. Dec. 10th we will meet at Evelyn Caldwell's at 1 pm to discuss Kavalier & Clay.

Fourth Thursday Book Club B

Doris Greywall 463-7998

Fourth Wednesday afternoon book club has changed to the Fourth Thursday afternoon book club. In November we will meet on Thursday the 19th because of Thanksgiving. The meeting will be at the home of Lynn Sullivan at 1:30 pm. The November selection is *A Princess Found* by Sarah Culberson. We are still open to new members, anyone interested can contact Doris Greywall.



Canasta

Margaret Skovira 348-1093 or mkskovira@embarqmail.com
November 17 at Donna Garnett's
December 15 at Aileen McKenna's



Couples Bridge #2

Cathy Broach (261-3141)
3rd Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 PM -
Substitutes welcome.
November 18 - Nancy & Ron Patrick's
December 16 - Fran & Jim Naylor's



Hiking Group

We hike every Friday. Many hikes are on the AT and most are about 4 miles long. For information on the hikes contact Lucy Thornburgh at bthorn@mindspring.com



Dining Out

The November round of Dining out was successfully completed with 6 hosts, 6 great restaurant experiences with 48 diners. During December, we will be looking for hosts and restaurants for the January round. Thanks to all the hosts who make this program successful. Susan & Ed Bauer 463-2018 eddiebauer@comcast.net



Wine Tasting Group

Our Chianti tasting parties are progressing along. Three parties have been held, and there are six more to go. The last party will be held on November 14. I will email all Wine Club members the results after the last party. Early results show there might be a clear winner in bunch but, who knows, another bottle might come from the behind take the ribbon.

Lester really enjoyed putting this tasting together for us and he would like to know our opinions on the wine. So, if you are in Kroger, please take a moment to share your thoughts with him. The next tasting parties will not be held until at least February 2010. Happy Holidays to everyone and I hope to see you at the Christmas party December 6.

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