

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year to you and yours!

It was wonderful to see such a large turnout at our January meeting. I hope that even more of you will attend our February 3rd meeting because, as always, it's a great way to catch up with friends and meet some new ones. (It was also quite pleasant to look out at the beautiful view of the snow-covered golf course and it's frozen pond and then to turn back to the warmth of a good conversation!) Thanks to Steve Paige, the manager at the country club, who opened the club to us even though it was officially closed for the first week in January.

In addition to hearing the reports about the many activities that our club offers, there was an item of business brought up that I would like to briefly mention in the newsletter. Because so many of you enjoy our special events--the Christmas party, the summer picnic, and the Fall Oktoberfest--and because Newcomers helps to subsidize the ever-growing cost of these events--I proposed a dues increase of \$5.00 per single person and \$10.00 per couple. I've been told by veteran members that the dues have remained the same since the club began many years ago, so perhaps now is the time to put a little extra money into our bank account. Even with that small additional cost to you, I think that your membership will still be the best deal in town! We'll vote on this matter in February and, if approved by the membership who are in attendance that day, it will go into effect for the 2010-11 year.

Wishing you a year full of good health, peace, and happiness,

Kathy Kvach

MONTICELLO ARCHITECTURE TOUR

On 21 January we have arranged for a special Architecture Tour of Monticello. This tour includes the normal main floor house tour, an extra bedroom on the main floor not normally included, and a trip up Thomas Jefferson's famous winding stairway to the third floor for a rare look at the dome room before taking the winding stairway back down. While the second floor is not on the tour (these are offices), you will pause there going up and down, and so you'll get a chance to peer into these rooms as well.

Tour size is limited to 18, so make your reservations early, and cost is \$27 per person for the tour. Please keep in mind the stairways are very steep, narrow, winding, and are in no way handicap accessible, just as Thomas Jefferson designed them. There is no alternative to these stairways.

We will meet in the Peebles Department Store parking lot at 0830 to allow us to arrive the required 45 minutes ahead of our 1100 tour. Following the tour of Monticello, those interested may join us for lunch at Michie's Tavern before starting back for Lexington. Call Ken Jewett at 261-3318 by 13 January to make your reservations.

FEBRUARY TRIP TO BLACKFRIARS PLAYERHOUSE

The Activities Committee is sponsoring a trip to the Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton to see *The Alchemist* by Ben Johnson on Thursday, February 4th at 7:30 PM. (Note: It is important to be seated by 7:30 because reserved seats are not held after the play begins.) We will have reservations in an area of the theater that has padded seating and cushioned

backs. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. Prior to the play we will be having dinner at the Mill Street Grill at 5:00 PM.

Those interested in attending should contact Peg Leinbach at 463-6318 or leinbach@ntelos.net. Ticket money should be sent to Peg Leinbach at 316 Dogwood Rise, Lexington, VA 24450 by January 18th.

If more than 15 members sign up we will receive a 20% discount. When you sign up, please indicate if you wish to car pool and if you will be joining the group for dinner. Car poolers will meet in the Lowe's parking lot at 4:00 PM

Calendar

See *Activities* or *Interest Groups* for details.

January

- 12 BBF (formerly Bridge 2)
- 21 Architecture Tour of Monticello
- 26 Canasta
- 27 Scrabble #3
- 27 Couples Bridge #2
- 28 Fourth Thursday Book Club
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February

- 3 General Meeting
- 4 Deadline at **NOON** for Newsletter submissions
- 4 Blackfriars Playhouse
- 25 Fourth Thursday Book Club
- No Couples Bridge

Club Officers

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Photo Exhibit

Frank Harrelson, a longtime member of New Comers has an exhibit of 23 photos on display at the Bistro on Main in Lexington. The exhibit includes a number of scenes taken in Rockbridge County as well as beach and seashore photos, and wildlife. Frank would be pleased for Newcomers to stop in and see his photos, which are expected to be on exhibition at least until March.



Treasurer's Report 9/1/2009 through 1/6/2010

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2,020.61
INCOME	
Dues (122)	\$2,440.00
Holiday Party	
Reservations	\$2,520.00
Oktoberfest	
Reservations	\$2,245.00
Picnic	
Reservations	\$0.00
TOTAL Income	\$9,445.61
EXPENSES	
Directory	\$223.82
Gifts & Memorials	\$25.00
Holiday Party 2009	\$3,395.36
Holiday Party 2010	
Newsletter	\$10.89
Office Supplies	16.57
Oktoberfest	
Expenses	\$2,346.37
Rent	\$180.00
Special Events	
Picnic	
Web – Tiger Tech	
TOTAL Expenses	\$6,138.61
ENDING BALANCE	\$3,307.00

Rosemary Cecil



Membership

As of January 6, 2010, we have 136 memberships consisting of 239 members.

We had four memberships join since the November meeting:

Shirley & Joseph Cornish, 20 Trot Lane
#B, Lexington, VA, 24450,
503-753-3880

Judy & Bob Glick,
9 High Meadow Dr,
Lexington, VA, 24450, 463-4344

Elizabeth & Keith Maurer,
P.O. Box 185,
Raphine, VA, 24472, 377-9095

Rebecca & William Wells,
158 Cherry Ridge Lane,
Lexington, VA, 24450, 463-406

Submitted by Jim Slack

Thinking of You

A Thinking of you card was sent to Marlies Aldridge after a fall. 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 club is looking for new members and will have another round of dining during January and February.

To join the Fine Dining Group sign up during a regular meeting or e-mail Ron Patrick at nbpatrick@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 will play at the Country Club at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, January 27 (4th Wednesday). We anticipate playing three tables of three persons each. Lunch

and refreshments may be ordered on a cash basis. We welcome new players and persons who can substitute. If you are interested, please contact Frank Harrelson, 261-1141, or email at fharrelson@embarqmail.com.

Fourth Thursday Book Club

Meets at 1:00 p. m., and is filled for now.

Evelyn Caldwell: 463-9775

(ebcaldwell@embarqmail.com)

Jan. 28th at Cynthia Tucker's: various Agatha Christie mysteries; leader Evelyn Caldwell

Feb. 25th at Nora Gaty's: *Catch-22*; leader Ron Patrick

Fourth Thursday Book Club B

Doris Greywall 463-7998 The next meeting will be Jan.28th at the home of Kay Lera. Our selection for this month is *Pope Joan* by Donna Woolfolk Cross. The next several months' reads are *The Lacuna* (Barbara Kingsolver), *Dancing at the Rascal Fair* (Ivan Doig), and *Driftless* (David Rhodes). We currently have nine members and are searching for several more. If you are interested in joining please contact Doris Greywall.



Canasta

Margaret Skovira 348-1093 or
mkskovira@embarqmail.com
January 26 at Cynthia Tucker's

Couples Bridge #2

Cathy Broach (261-3141)
3rd Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 PM -
Substitutes welcome.
January 27 - Cathy & Bill Broach's
February - No Play



Barbara's Bridge Friends (BBF),

(formerly Bridge 2), will meet this month on 12 Jan at the Country Club for lunch and bridge, with Marlies Aldridge hosting. Ellen Charske, 463-7971 or ellen1@ntelos.net

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

Fifty two members have signed up for the varied six luncheon and dinner venues planned for January. Thanks to those who have agreed to host.



Interested members may contact Susan or Ed Bauer (463-2018) for more information. eddiebauer@comcast.net

Wine Tasting Group

Happy New Year Wine Club members. Our first wine tasting will be in March, with planning beginning in February. Hopefully our driveways will be cleared of snow by then! JoAnn Toner will be assisting me this year, with the goal of becoming the new coordinator next year. Thank you JoAnn.



Please note: I have a new computer and have sent out a test message to verify that my Wine Club Group is accurate. If you did not receive my test message and would like to be in the Wine Club please call or email me. If you are a new Newcomer and would like to join the wine club please also contact me. This is a fun club and we would love to welcome new members As always, please contact Kate Jenks at katejenks@comcast.net or 463-4722 with all your comments and suggestions.