

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello!

I surely hope that none of you went to the Country Club for our February meeting. The meeting was canceled because of, obviously, the snow...so much snow. I wished that I had included the information in the previous newsletter that if the Rockbridge Area School system is closed, then our meetings will be canceled. Hopefully, this information will not be pertinent for the rest of this year, but then this has not been our typical Rockbridge County winter. I want to add that Steve, the manager at the club (which was closed for non-weather reasons for the entire week), was again willing to open the doors for us, had set up the chairs, and was ready to start the coffee percolating.

Since we didn't have a meeting, there isn't much current news to share with you, except for this following item. In March, we will be voting on whether or not to raise the dues by \$5.00 per family membership-- with the cost going from \$20.00 to \$25.00--and with a membership referring to both a single person or a couple. It's a small amount that will add up to give our club just a little more financial padding. And as I mentioned in the January newsletter, in the long history of the club the cost of the dues has never been raised. Inflation has certainly taken its toll.

Despite the weather, Newcomer Club activities have been going on--book clubs having stimulating discussions, game clubs having interesting competitions, a group attending a Blackfriars' Theater production enjoying a first rate production, fine dining groups gathering for delicious meals and good conversation. We Newcomers don't let much stop us, unless it's a whole lot of snow!

Hope to see you--and maybe a few crocus or early daffodils-- in March.

Kathy Kvach

MONTICELLO ARCHITECTURE TOUR

In spite of being postponed due to freezing rain, the 28 January trip to Monticello was a resounding success.

Seven people went had a fabulous tour that included the now restored dome room.

Our superb guide teaches second year architecture at UVA so was able to address the details you don't normally get on a standard tour.



For those who remember the Wedgwood blue dining room, it is now repainted Jefferson's original chrome yellow.

A bountiful lunch at Michie's Tavern followed the tour and capped a great visit.

MARCH TRIP TO BLACK DOG SALVAGE

The Activities Committee is coordinating a day trip to Black Dog Salvage in Roanoke on Wednesday, March 17th....a fun way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Black Dog Salvage, with its huge selection of architectural salvage items and unclassifiable "junque" covering 40,000 sq. ft., is definitely a one-of-a-kind browsing experience.

Those interested in carpooling should meet in the old K Mart parking lot at 9:00 AM. We will have directions to Black

Dog Salvage available and we plan to arrive there about 10:00 AM.

After a morning of digging and browsing (wear comfortable shoes), those who are interested can drive to downtown Roanoke for lunch on an ad hoc basis at one of several excellent restaurants in the market place area. Further, there is opportunity for continued browsing and shopping to your heart's content, as well as a visit to the Taubman Art Museum.

This is clearly an unstructured outing so participants can plan their day to match their own preferences. If you have questions, and to sign up, please contact Peg Leinbach at 463-6318.

For more information about Black Dog Salvage visit their website: www.blackdogsalvage.com.

Calendar

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

February

15 Third Monday Book Club
23 Canasta
25 Fourth Thursday Book Club B
No Couples Bridge

March

3 General Meeting
4 Deadline at **NOON** for
Newsletter submissions
15 Third Monday Book Club
17 Couples Bridge #2

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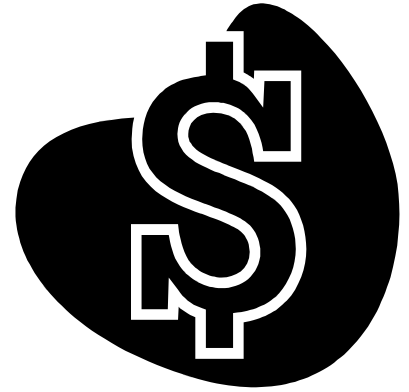
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Photo Exhibit

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 2/6/2010**

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| BEGINNING BALANCE | | \$2,020.61 |
| INCOME | | |
| Dues (122) | \$2720.00 | |
| Holiday Party Reservations | \$2,520.00 | |
| Oktoberfest Reservations | \$2,245.00 | |
| Picnic Reservations | \$0.00 | |
| TOTAL Income | | 9,505.61 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Directory | \$223.82 | |
| Gifts & Memorials | \$25.00 | |
| Holiday Party 2009 | \$3,577.96 | |
| Holiday Party 2010 | | |
| Newsletter | \$10.89 | |
| Office Supplies | \$53.17 | |
| Oktoberfest Expenses | \$2,346.37 | |
| Rent | \$240.00 | |
| Special Events | | |
| Picnic | | |
| Web – Tiger Tech | | |
| TOTAL Expenses | | \$6,477.21 |
| ENDING BALANCE | | \$2,968.40 |

Thinking of You



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

Membership

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



Rosemary Cecil

Interest Groups - Page One

*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 going full steam ahead for January/February. Four couples are hosting dinners with eight people participating at each house: Kathy and Jim Kvach, Cathy and Bill Broach, Linda and Stan Donald, and Nancy and Ron Patrick. Two of the participating couples are new to the group, Pat and Bill Anthony and Diana and David Hopkins. We know they'll enjoy themselves and be ready for future events.

Two of our mid-winter dinners will have unusual twists. The Broaches will be chasing away the blahs with a Valentine's Day affair. Can't wait to hear about that one. The Patricks will celebrate the Chinese New Year with a banquet prepared on the spot. We hope everyone will have a few chuckles with the food preparation.

Our membership continues to grow and we encourage any of you in the club who have a bent for cooking (it doesn't have to be gourmet) to join us for the spring session.

Sign up at a regular meeting on e-mail Ron Patrick at nbpatrick@embarqmail.com. Bon appétit.



Couples Bridge #2

Cathy Broach (261-3141)
3rd Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 PM
- Substitutes welcome.
March 17 - Nancy & Ron Patrick's

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

Canasta

Margaret Skovira 348-1093 or
mskovira@embarqmail.com

February 23 at Marlies Aldridge's home



Fourth Thursday Book Club

Meets at 1:00 p. m., and is filled for now.
Evelyn Caldwell: 463-9775
(ebcaldwell@embarqmail.com)

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

Fourth Thursday Book Club B

Doris Greywall 463-7998 We will meet on Thursday, February 25 at 1:30 at the home of Mike Quarles. The book selection is *The Lacuna* by Barbara Kingslover. Doris is this month's moderator. The selection for March is *Dancing at the Rascal Fair* by Ivan Doig. Any questions call Doris at 540-463-7998.

Third Monday Book Club

Joan Carson, 463-6994 or 460-3754 jcarson0149@yahoo.com
Meets 1:30 and is filled for now.

Feb. 15th hostess: J. Carson, Facilitator: Sally Emory book:
Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society.

March 15th hostess and facilitator: Pat Rafferty, book: *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*



Dining Out

During January, 48 members enjoyed 6 dining venues for either dinner or luncheons. The next round is scheduled for April. We are always looking for hosts and new restaurants. For more info, please call: Susan & Ed Bauer @463-2018 or eddiebauer@comcast.net

Wine Tasting Group

We have certainly had a lot of snow this winter. I am hopeful that by March our driveways will be clear. With that in mind I am in the process of choosing a wine or wines for our March tasting. Jerry Plante has offered to help with the wine selection for this event. As most of you know Jerry is very knowledgeable about wines and I am thrilled to have his input. In a few weeks I will be asking for hosts and then getting the parties scheduled.

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



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Scrabble Group



Scrabble Group #3 We welcome new players and persons who can substitute. If you are interested, please contact Frank Harrelson, 261-1141, or email at fharelson@embarqmail.com.

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