

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello to all,

There was a Newcomers meeting today-- March 3--and if you were there, it was great to see you and if you weren't there, we wish you could have joined us.

As usual, we heard from the different committees and found out what's been going on and what is coming up. The only new business of the day was the unanimous approval of an increase in the family membership fee from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per year starting in September.

About thirty members were in attendance, and more than half enjoyed a pleasant lunch at The Trap downstairs after the meeting. The meeting is of course always a helpful way to keep informed of club business, but the social half our before the meeting and the lunch afterward seems to me to be what the Newcomers' meetings are all about. In addition to good conversation and laughter, the menu, food, and service all rival, I think, any restaurant in town. At my table alone there were rave reviews for a wonderful crab cake dish, great potato-leek soup, and a very interesting version of a Caesar salad. Can you tell that I'm trying to entice you to come to the meetings?! If so, you're right--please come and join us at the April meeting and for a pleasant lunch afterward. It's time well spent.

Happy Spring! Kathy

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.

Tour Appomattox Court House National Historic Park

The Activities Committee invites all interested to join us on 23 March for a guided tour of Appomattox Court House National Historic Park on this, the 145th anniversary year of General Robert E. Lee's surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia to Lieutenant General Ulysses Grant, Commanding General of the Armies of the United States.

The day will start at 10 AM in the Stonewall Square (old K-Mart) parking lot. We will drive to Appomattox, Virginia, where we will have lunch in The Babcock House. This 1884 house is now a Bed and Breakfast Inn and, according to local sources, has the best restaurant in

Appomattox. The lunch menu consists of sandwiches, salads, and specials.

After lunch we will take the short drive to Appomattox Court House National Historic Park for a guided walking tour of the spot where the nation reunited on 9 April 1865. A National Park Service Guide will take us to the several historic structures within the village of Appomattox Court House and the reconstructed McLean House where the surrender took place, explaining the events and significance of this site.

We will finish our visit with a self-guided tour of the visitor center, which is in the reconstructed court house and houses an easy to follow map of how the two armies ended up in this small Virginia crossroads. The village retains its pastoral setting, looking much as it does in the extant photos taken following the surrender.

Calendar

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

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HOSPITALITY

The next New Member coffee will be held on Thursday, April 15 at 10 a.m. at the home of Mary Brooks, 80 George William Lane in Lexington.

New members will receive a telephone or e-mail invitation to attend. If you have never been to a New Member coffee, please feel free to join us.

These events are a wonderful way to meet other club members in a more intimate setting, and are always a lot of fun.

Contact Elaine Nelson, Hospitality Chair, for more information at 463-3406.

Thinking of You

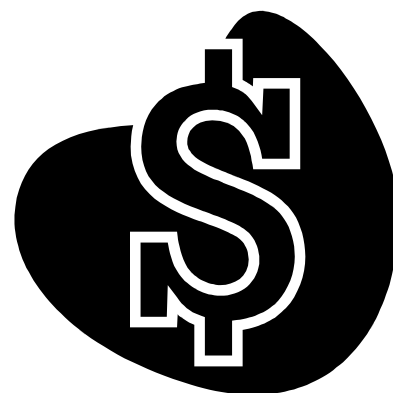
Members are requested to please keep Jane Auciello, our corresponding secretary, informed of any member to whom a card should be sent.



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



**Treasurer's Report
9/1/2009 through 3/3/2010**

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

(Not included in the ending balance is \$60 paid out for rent)

Rosemary Cecil

Interest Groups

Interest group participants must be members of Newcomers.

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



Fine Dining Group

One Fine Dining Group celebrated Chinese New Years at the Patrick's.

The five course dinner plus appetizer were all prepared on site by teams made up of attendees. No husband-wife teams.



The dinner was delicious, the kitchen a mess but what a great fun!

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



Canasta

Margaret Skovira 348-1093 or
miskovira@embarqmail.com



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 fhharrelson@embarqmail.com.



Fourth Thursday Book Club

Meets at 1:00 p. m., and is filled for now.
Evelyn Caldwell: 463-9775

ebcaldwell@embarqmail.com

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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.

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



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

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

Our spring wine tasting will be French whites. Jerry Plante and Lester have picked 6 intriguing wines for us to try. If you have not hosted in a year please consider hosting. The parties will take place during March and April.

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

