

# Greater Lexington Newcomers

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy Spring to you, pollen- filled that it is!

We had nice turnout for our May meeting despite it being another beautiful day in which to be out in gardens, on the golf course, or sipping tea on the patio. Much was accomplished, and I'd like to recap the main points of the meeting for those of you who weren't there.

The Executive Committee suggested that changes in two items to the current by-laws be considered by the membership, voted on, and if passed, amended at the June meeting. The current by-laws state that a member cannot be considered for any officer's position without having been a member for two years. This year's Executive Committee, believing that new members add a great deal to the club in enthusiasm and ideas, would like to change the timeframe to one year. The other by-law item that will be voted on next month is the rule that an officer or chairperson of a committee can only serve for one year. We would like to amend that statement to read that if there is no one to fill a position and the current office holder is willing to continue serving for another year, then that person would be allowed to do so. In order for both changes to occur, there must be a two-thirds vote cast by the members present at our June meeting.

A nominating committee, consisting of the Executive Committee and four members-at-large, developed and then presented a new slate of officers and chairpersons for 2010-2011. There was a call for further nominations from the floor, but none were given.

There will be a vote for approval of the nominees at the June meeting. Those nominees are as follows:

### Officers

President, Terrie Scholl  
Vice President, Mike Quarles  
Treasurer, Rosemary Cecil  
Corresponding Secretary, Jane Auciello

### Standing Chairs

Activities, Ken Jewett  
Directory, Debbie and Alan Maurer  
Historian, Joan Carson  
Hospitality, Mary Quarles  
Membership, Bill Docekal  
Name tags, Cathy Broach  
Newsletter, Connie Schmoll  
Web Site, Dorothy Coker  
Welcome, Marnie Wheeler

I hope that you'll join the Newcomers for our June meeting at 10:00 at the Country Club. We'll get some business accomplished, chitchat with friends, and, if you choose, enjoy a lunch at The Trap downstairs with fellow members.

Kathy Kvach

## VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS TUESDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

Join the Newcomers in May as we visit the recently reopened fine arts museum in Richmond with its impressive new wing designed to enhance the visual impact of the various collections on display. We will see a collection of Matisse, Picasso, and other Paris artists of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century, a large display of

German expressionism, and the work of a late 19<sup>th</sup> /early 20<sup>th</sup> century Japanese woodblock artist whose printed work survives even though his blocks were destroyed in the 1923 Tokyo earthquake, to describe several of the temporary exhibits. The standing exhibits include American and European painting, sculpture, and functional items of particular design excellence of the last three hundred years, Native American art, and a rather large collection of Faberge artifacts and the famous eggs. And of course the new wing is considered a major attraction of its own.

We will leave the Food Lion parking lot at 9:30 am, May 25<sup>th</sup>, and drive to Richmond where we will have lunch at the Strawberry Street Café, one of the many local neighborhood restaurants in the Fan section of the city. We plan to arrive at the museum at about 1:00 pm returning later that day. It would be a good idea if individuals establish a rough idea of a desired return time since not everyone will want to spend the entire afternoon at the museum. Perhaps an estimated stay time of two, three, or four hours would provide a sufficient choice of museum visit duration. In any event, we will make an attempt to organize the car pools to fit schedule needs on Tuesday morning before we leave.

Admission to the museum is free although there is a \$3 parking fee in the new garage facility. Please call Mike Quarles @ 463.5290 after May 13<sup>th</sup> or email him anytime at [quarlestwo@earthlink.net](mailto:quarlestwo@earthlink.net) to sign up for the outing.

**Club Officers**

*President*  
Kathy Kvach

*Vice President*  
Terrie Scholl

*Corresponding Secretary*  
Jane Auciello

*Treasurer*  
Rosemary Cecil

**Committee Chairs**

*Activities*  
Mary and Mike Quarles

*Directory*  
Debbie and Alan Maurer

*Historian*  
Carole Elmore

*Hospitality*  
Elaine Nelson

*Membership*  
Jim Slack

*Nametags*  
Shelley Undercoffer

*Newsletter*  
Connie Schmoll

*Publicity*  
Fred Massey

*Web Site*  
Dorothy Coker

*Welcome*  
Nancy Vallance



**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](mailto:hnojauciel@gmail.com) or 460-0585  
The following cards were sent out in April.  
Tom Silk on the death of his wife Carol.  
Connie Schmoll on the death of her sister.  
Joe Koury for his recent hospital stay.

**Membership**

We now (5/5/2010) have 141 memberships consisting of 249 members.

We had one membership join between the April and May meetings:

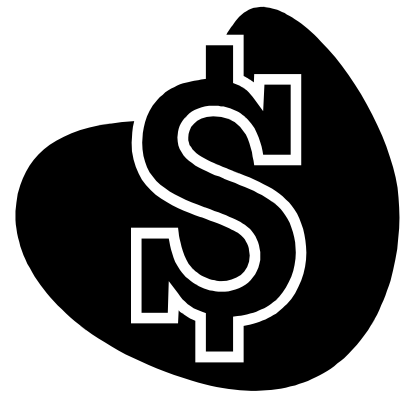
Heather and Mike Meads  
103 Kygers Hill Rd.  
Lexington, VA 24450  
463-9715

**Thank You**

A huge thank you from Connie Schmoll to Gary and Lynn Sullivan and all others who helped get the Newsletter out in my absence.

**Note to Membership**

Dear Members,  
Sorry the nametags did not make it to the meeting on 5 May. I had good intentions, however, the water mitigation team showed up at 9:40 and did not leave until after 11:00. Thank you for understanding and I apologize for any inconvenience.  
Shelley Undercoffer



**Treasurer's Report  
9/1/2009 through 5/1/2010**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$2,020.61</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Dues (136)	\$2770.00	
Holiday Party Reservations	\$2,520.00	
Oktoberfest Reservations	\$2,245.00	
Picnic Reservations	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL Income</b>		<b>9,555.61</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Directory	\$260.42	
Gifts & Memorials	\$25.00	
Holiday Party 2009	\$3,327.96	
Holiday Party 2010	\$375.00	
Newsletter	\$41.84	
Office Supplies	\$16.57	
Oktoberfest Expenses	\$2,346.37	
Rent	\$360.00	
Special Events Picnic		
Web – Tiger Tech	\$75.00	
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>		<b>\$6,828.16</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$2,727.45</b>

Rosemary Cecil

**THE NATIONAL RADIO ASTRONOMY  
OBSERVATORY (NARO)  
Green Bank, West Virginia**



**GREATER LEXINGTON NEWCOMERS  
2010 ANNUAL PICNIC  
SUNDAY, JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2:00 TO 5:00 PM**

The annual Lexington Newcomers Club picnic will be held on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 till 5:00 pm at the Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista. We will again be using the double decker pavilion near the top of the hill. The cost will be \$10 per person and an appetizer or dessert to share. Kenney's of Lexington will provide the food. The menu is fried chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw and baked beans. We will also have iced tea, sodas and water. We will have a social hour and serve dinner at 3:00. You may sign up and pay at the meeting or send a check made out to The Greater Lexington Newcomers Club to Donna Garnett, P.O. Box 495, Lexington, VA 24450. We will need to receive names and money by Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

If your last name ends with A – H please bring a dessert, I – Z an appetizer.

We need several helpers for the following jobs (please add your phone # as well as your name).

- 1.) 1:00 – set up signs from BV Food Lion to the park
- 2.) 1:00 – buy ice (Food Lion) and ice down sodas.
- 3.) 2:00 – dessert table, receive the desserts, place them on the table, and monitor the table during serving time.
- 4.) 2:00 – appetizer table, receive the appetizers, place them on the table, and monitor the table during the social time.
- 5.) 2:00 – name tag table, set the boxes out and help people find their own. Collect tags at the end.
- 6.) 4:30 to 5:00 – clean up, 4 or 5 people to wipe the tablecloths, make sure garbage and decorations are picked up, bottles and cans to recycle.
- 7.) 4:30 to 5:00 – if there is left over food we need someone to take the food to the needy.

If you can help with any of these jobs please sign here or contact me, Doris Greywall, 540-463-7998, [dorisgreywall@hughes.net](mailto:dorisgreywall@hughes.net)



## Interest Groups

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



### Fine Dining Group

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](mailto:nbpatrick@embarqmail.com). Bon appétit.



### Fourth Thursday Book Club

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

[ebcaldwell@embarqmail.com](mailto:ebcaldwell@embarqmail.com)

May 27 *The Help* at Nancy Vallance's  
June 24 *Follow the River* at Kathy Kvach's.

### Fourth Thursday Book Club B

Any questions call Doris at 540-463-7998.  
*The Thief Taker* at Liz and Keith Maurer's



### Couples Bridge #2

Cathy Broach (261-3141)  
3rd Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 PM  
- Substitutes welcome.

May 19 - Cathy & Bill Broach's  
June 16 - Susan Bushnell/John Murphy's

### Third Monday Book Club

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



### Canasta

Margaret Skovira 348-1093 or  
[mskovira@embarqmail.com](mailto:mskovira@embarqmail.com)  
May 25 at Sandy Harrelson's  
June 22 at Margaret Skovira's



### 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](mailto:fharelson@embarqmail.com).



April 19<sup>th</sup> 2010

### 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](mailto:bthorn@mindspring.com)

May 17. Hostess- Ellen Charske, Facilitator- Joan Carson,  
Book: *Julie & Julia*

June 21- Hostess: Diane Smith, Facilitator: Norma Combs.  
Book: *A Lesson Before Dying*



Brown Mountain Trail





### Dining Out

During April, 39 members enjoyed 5 get togethers in Lexington, Staunton and Bedford. Those members wishing to be added to our Dining Out group may contact Ed & Susan Bauer 463-2018 [eddiebauer@comcast.net](mailto:eddiebauer@comcast.net).



### Wine Tasting Group WINE TASTING GROUP

Our French White Wine tasting is complete. We had nine parties with 65 members participating.

The clear winner was wine “F”, Coteaux Du Languedoc, *Picpoul De Pinet Blanc*, 2008. This wine is made in the south of France on the Mediterranean Sea. Picpoul’s Marine vineyards, on the edge of the Thau Lagoon, are among the oldest on the Mediterranean. Grown for centuries, the white Piquepoul grape inclines to ripen late, so the warm, humid sea breezes help it mature in good conditions. Lester mentioned that this wine is the house wine of several good restaurants in northern Virginia. For us here in Lexington it is a steal at \$6.99 a bottle.

I wish to personally thank Jerry for all his help this time around. He worked with Lester to choose our wines and he purchased the Chateaufeuf-Du-Pape Blanc in Richmond and brought it here for us. This tasting would not have taken place without his efforts.

Here are the complete results from our March tasting;

- First place – Coteaux Du Languedoc, *Picpoul De Pinet Blanc* (179 points)
- Second place – Louis Jadot, Macon-Villages (203 points)
- Third place – Cotes Du Luberon, La Vielle Ferme (216 points)
- Fourth place – Guy Saget, Sancerre (248 points)
- Fifth place – Clos Saint Michel, Chateaufeuf-Du-Pape (250 points)
- Sixth place – Domaine De Nizas, Le Mas (262 points)

Happy Spring to all.

As always, please contact Kate Jenks at [katejenks@comcast.net](mailto:katejenks@comcast.net) or 463-4722 with all your comments and suggestions

### Photography:

Many thanks for the photographs.

The National Radio Astronomy Observatory : Mary Ellena Ward

Hiking: *Brown Mountain Trail*; Ed Bauer

Dining Out: Ed Bauer

Third Monday Book Club: *April 19<sup>th</sup> 2010* N.S.Combs

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