

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Greetings to all-

Before I write another thing, I want to let everyone know that **the July meeting at the Country Club is canceled**, and that the picnic on July 11 should be considered this month's meeting as well as the great social event that it is. It was suggested that the new officers should consider changing the by-laws so that this modification will become part of the club's set schedule. The motion to cancel the meeting was voted on by the members present and unanimously passed.

The members also unanimously approved the new slate of officers and standing chairs that were listed in last month's letter. And in telling you of that approval, I would like to add that it has been such a pleasure to serve as the president of Newcomers, especially since the club has been a wonderful way for Jim and me to meet new people and to participate in so many special events and activities. In one of my first letters as president, I remarked how nice it was for me, a person nervous to be in front of a group, to see the smiling faces of friendly people looking back. Thank you for those smiles, and for putting up with my occasional bouts of ineptness in following

"Robert's Rules of Order'. I'm afraid that Robert, if he is no longer with us, has rolled over in his grave a few times, but perhaps he just had a chuckle.

I hope that I'll see all of you at the picnic. If you can stay afterwards for just a bit and help clean up the pavilion, it would be much appreciated. The committee has put lots of time and effort into planning this event, and they deserve a break!

Kathy Kvach

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!!

Wednesday, June 16th, the Greater Lexington Newcomers Club is going to a Rockbridge Rapids baseball game. This is the second year Rockbridge has fielded a team of college players from around the country in the Shenandoah Valley Baseball League. (Rain date is the next night, Thursday, June 17th.)

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. at the ball park, for those who sign-up and pay ahead of time. We will have a fried chicken dinner with coleslaw, macaroni salad, chips, and a drink. The price is \$9.50 per person. This includes a ticket to the ballgame, normally selling for \$5. If you are going to have dinner with us, give your name, as a member of the Newcomers Club, to the person selling tickets, then proceed into the ballpark and

convene near the concession area at the picnic tables. Those wishing to attend the

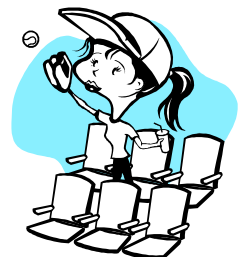
game with their fellow Newcomers, but want to 'pass' on the meal, can simply come to the game, pay their \$5 and seek out a group of Newcomers to sit with. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

The Rapids will recognize the Club prior to the game.

Games are played at the Washington & Lee baseball field. For directions go to www.rockbridgerapids.com, select "Smith Field" for a dropdown menu. Then select "Location/Directions."

To sign-up, contact Ray Leinbach at 463-6318 or leinbach@ntelos.net. (Also contact him if you have questions.) In order to be included in the dinner, you must sign-up and pay by Friday, June 11th.

The Rapids will set aside seats for the group behind home plate, but you may wish to bring your own chair and find a place to sit along the third base line. (You might even catch a foul ball!!)



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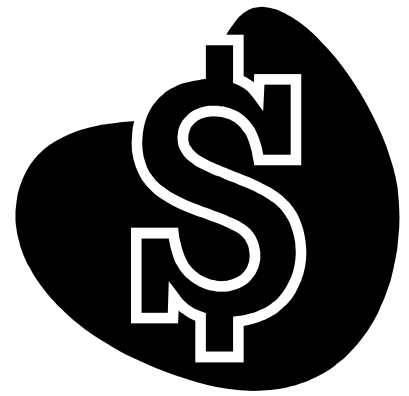
Welcome
Nancy Vallance

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 or 460-0585



**Treasurer's Report
9/1/2009 through 6/2/2010**

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$2,020.61
INCOME		
Dues (136)	\$2780.00	
Holiday Party Reservations	\$2,520.00	
Oktoberfest Reservations	\$2,245.00	
Picnic Reservations	\$140.00	
TOTAL Income		9,705.61
EXPENSES		
Directory	\$260.42	
Gifts & Memorials	\$50.00	
Holiday Party 2009	\$3,327.96	
Holiday Party 2010	\$375.00	
Newsletter	\$41.84	
Office Supplies	\$16.57	
Oktoberfest Expenses	\$2,346.37	
Rent	\$420.00	
Special Events Picnic	\$75.00	
Web – Tiger Tech		
TOTAL Expenses		\$6,913.16
ENDING BALANCE		\$2,792.45

Membership

We now have 141 memberships which consist of 249 members.

Calendar

See Activities or Interest Groups for details.

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Rosemary Cecil

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

The annual Lexington Newcomers Club picnic will be held on Sunday, July 11th, 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 7th.**

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

NEWCOMERS BIKE OUTING

DATE: Tuesday, June 22nd. Our rain date will be June 29th.

WHERE We will ride the Greenbrier River Trail in West Virginia (www.greenbrierrivertrail.com)

LUNCH We will begin the day with a picnic lunch at the West Virginia Welcome Center at mile post 179 on I-64. (This is just inside the WV border going west on the interstate, about one hour from Lexington.) **BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH.**

TIME We will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Welcome Center for lunch and then proceed to the trailhead of the Greenbrier River Trail, just outside Caldwell, about 7 miles from the lunch site.

THE TRAIL is basically flat and runs along the bank of the Greenbrier River. This is a rail-to-trail conversion of the former C & O railroad right of way. It runs from Caldwell to Cass, a distance of 79 miles.

RIDE DISTANCE We will start and end our ride at the trailhead. Therefore, **you choose how far you want to ride!** If you want to ride 150 miles, go all the way to Cass and turn around. If you want to ride for two hours, ride north an hour and turn around and head back to Caldwell. If you want to ride 30 minutes, go north 15 minutes and ... (Well you get the picture.) Most people will want to ride out for an hour or so and then return, for an estimated total distance of 20 miles. Experienced riders will want to do more.

BIKES You should plan to bring your own bike!! So beg, borrow or (whatever) a suitable bicycle. Very thin tires are not recommended, even though the trail is groomed. Helmets and gloves are recommended. Rentals can be obtained in the Caldwell area although the prices are considered exorbitant, about \$35 per bike.

Contact Ray Leinbach at 463-6318 or leinbach@ntelos.net if you plan to join us, or if you have questions. (We want to have an idea who will be joining us so we do not leave the Welcome Center without all our Newcomers!)

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 has concluded a very successful year with a final round of delicious meals in April and May. Hosts were Deb and Alan Maurer, Connie and Ross Schmoll, Dorothy and Tim Coker, and Jan and Mike White. The group will begin again with new hosts in September/October. Everyone who is currently a member will automatically be considered a member next fall unless you e-mail me and state that you wish to withdraw. New members may join at any time by e-mailing me and expressing an interest.

For those of you not familiar with our activities, we meet to share food in the homes of our hosts. The host selects the menu and assigns courses to the various participants. Costs are shared among the group. If you have any interest in cooking, eating, and having an all around good time, consider joining the Fine Dining Club. We'll be away, so see you in September. Until then, bon appétit.



Couples Bridge #2

Cathy Broach (261-3141)
3rd Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 PM
Substitutes welcome
June 16 - Susan Bushnell/John Murphy's
July 21 - Fran & Jim Naylor's



Canasta

Margaret Skovira 348-1093 or
mkskovira@embarqmail.com
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.



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 btorn@mindspring.com



Fourth Thursday Book Club

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

(ebcaldwell@embarqmail.com)

June 24 *Follow the River* at Kathy Kvach's.

July 22: *Afternoons with Emily* at

Margaret Skovira's

Fourth Thursday Book Club B

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.

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

July 19 Book: *Realms of Gold*

Hostess: Karen Hyde), Facilitator: Diane Smith



Dining Out

Those members wishing to be added to our Dining Out group may contact Ed & Susan Bauer 463-2018 eddiebauer@comcast.net.



Wine Tasting Group

Summer is almost upon us, and with it come long, warm evenings tailor made for sipping wine with friends on the porch. On the suggestion of one of our members, Ann Jones, I have planned a wine tasting that I hope you will enjoy...**Sangria and Tapas.**

Hosts will prepare 5 Sangria recipes in pitchers labeled A, B, C, D, & E. Guests will bring a variety of tapas, I have some recipes if anyone is interested or they may choose their own recipes.

The parties are being set up now and will likely all take place in July.

Please contact Kate Jenks at katejenks@comcast.net or 463-4722 with all your comments and suggestions.