

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Newcomers,

What a wonderful turnout for our first meeting of the year! It looks like it will be an exciting time with lots of members and lots of good ideas. Speaking of good ideas, don't forget to share yours with me. Please email your thoughts on how our time together could be even better. Your ideas will be brought before the Officers and an Executive Board for discussion; and, if deemed feasible, brought before the membership for consideration. My email address is tereasalee@yahoo.com. Please pay special attention to the "misspelling" of my name.

Also, look over our budget for the coming year and come to the next meeting for the vote. Whether the dues are \$20 or \$25 for the year, it is, in my opinion, a very good deal considering everything we have to offer.

I hope you all are looking forward to the **Oktoberfest** on September 12th. It will be a delightful time for all. Enjoy!

Terrie

Join us at the Natural Bridge Safari Park Tuesday September 28

"Born Free, as free as the wind blows. As free as the grass grow. Born free to follow your heart." How can we ever forget that hit song and the images of the African native wild animals roaming the savanna grasslands? Now we'll be able to see, touch and feed some of these animals in a much more natural setting right here in our own backyard at Natural Bridge Safari Park.

The Activity Committee invites you to join us on a safari wagon ride at Safari Park. This slow moving open wagon will invite a close encounter of many animals you might have previously only been able to see from a distance - in a zoo setting. With your bucket of feed, you'll be able to experience having huge bull elks or a bison only inches away. And watch out for the long tongue of the giraffes and greedy paws of other animals as they welcome you to their home. We will meet at the park at 10:00, and board a schedule wagon ride at 10:30. The ride will last one hour. You are then invited to tour the ten-acre walk-thru area and see the World of Birds Free-Flight

Aviary or view the other animal exhibits. Afterwards please join us for lunch at Macado's (do they serve buffalo burgers?).

Note: In order to reserve the wagon ride we need a minimum of 15 people. If this number is not met, we will go through the park like most visitors, using our own cars.

Cost: If we have more than 15 people we can get a discount rate of \$14 per person, which includes a bucket of feed. If we have less than 15 people, the cost will be \$18, also including a bucket of feed.

Date: Tuesday, September 28. Be at the Park by 10:00 a.m.

Contact: To reserve your seat on the wagon, please contact Bill Docekal at 261-3421 (will be out of town from 9/16 to 9/25) so call Ken Jewett at 261-3318.

Directions: Take I-81 south to Exit 180-B. At bottom of exit ramp, go straight across US 11 toward KOA campground and follow Safari signs. Takes about 25 minutes from Lexington.

Hope to see you there, and make sure to wear your Safari hat.



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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

We had a new membership join at the July Newcomers Picnic:
Mary and Sky Conklin
P.O. Box 96
Rockbridge Baths VA 24473
Phone 540-348-6914

Blackfriars Playhouse

The Activities Committee is happy to announce an evening at the Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton to attend Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" on Friday evening, October 29th, at 7:30 PM.

Those who would like to eat dinner at the Mill Street Grill before the play will meet at the restaurant at 5:30 PM to allow ample time for a leisurely dinner.

For the play we will have comfortable (backs and cushions on the seats)

reserved seats. Tickets are \$34.00 per person.

Those interested in car pooling should gather in the Lowe's parking lot at 4:30 PM.

If you wish to sign up, please call Peg Leinbach (463-6318) and send her a check for your ticket(s) **BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8TH**. **Please Note: Tickets are NON-REFUNDABLE.** She will also need to know if you are planning to join us for dinner (for reservations) and if you plan to car pool. If you should get her answering machine, please be sure to leave your name and phone number so she can stay in touch with you. You can also email her at: leinbach@ntelos.net.

We hope you will join us for an entertaining evening at the theatre!

Calendar

*See Activities or Interest
Groups for details.*

September

12 Oktoberfest
15 Couples Bridge
23 Canasta
28 Safari Park

October

6 General Meeting

Interest Groups

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

Fine Dining Group

Greetings to all our fellow gourmands:



The calendar says that tomorrow is the 1st of September and that means it's time to kick off another great season of Fine Dining. I will not be in Lexington in time for the September meeting of the club, so new members will have to wait to enroll until October. But you lucky folks are carry-overs from last year. We have sixteen active members (possibly eighteen, pending an email reply), which very neatly divides into four groups of four. Even those of us with limited math skills can see that we need four hosts for the first round of dining, which is September/October. Please consider being a host. It is great fun and you will be off the hook for the rest of the year. If you can serve as hosts, please email as soon as possible, nbpatrick@embarqmail.com, so that I can set up our groups. Hope everyone enjoyed the hot summer and returns to our fall activities in good health.

Bon Appétit, Ron Patrick

Couples Bridge #2

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



September 15 - Fran & Jim Naylor's
October 13 - Susan Bushnell/John Murphy's

Canasta

4th Tuesday at 12:45 Donna Garnett463-5853
dgarnett42@yahoo.com

Hiking Group



The hiking group hikes every Friday. If you wish to receive the weekly e-mail on the details of the hike that week send an e-mail to Lucy Thornburgh at bthorn@mindspring.com. If you have not hiked in 2010 you need to sign up again to receive the information.



Dining out

Groups of 6-10 members get together at local & regional restaurants for luncheon or dinner. During September we will be soliciting hosts for the October round. For more information or to join the group, please call: Susan & Ed Bauer @463-2018 or eddiebauer@comcast.net

Notes from the Editor

- I did not receive write-ups from all of our interest groups so this section is short this month. Please have your information to me prior to the next meeting on October 6 or at the latest noon on October 7. I truly appreciate your cooperation.
- I am sending the Proposed Budget to you in a separate email. My computer skills would not allow me attach it without sending the newsletter into complete disarray.

Thanks, Connie