

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As residents of Rockbridge County or one of its towns, we have a good thing going. We live in a community of natural beauty, intellectual opportunities derived from our two universities, a pace of life that is comfortable relative to our highly urban communities to the north and east, and a population that is amiable, talented, and supportive of its local neighbors. We also have a good thing going in our association with the Newcomers Club, because we are able to introduce the joys and opportunities of our region to our newest members while enjoying a rich and active social network. But we must understand that to keep up the momentum--i.e., keep the good thing going--we have to do our part to support our Club. Many of our committees and all of our social events need the fresh ideas and expertise of our newest members so that Club experiences continue to be entertaining, rewarding, and affordable.

So I encourage each of you to get involved with some aspect of Club operations, events, or committees. Right now, for example, there is a need for a small number of members to help plan our two biggest events of the year, the July 4th Picnic, and the Christmas Party. If you like creating a rewarding social experience or simply like to party (like our President, who is doing that right now in the Caribbean, may she return safely and none the worse for wear), you are just the person needed to help ensure the success of these events. Please contact me at 463-5290 or via email (quarlestwo@earthlink.net) to get involved.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting or at one of our many activities.

Cheers. Mike Quarles

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BRIEFING ON NEW EMS BILLING PROGRAM

At our Feb. 2 Club meeting, Mr. Robert Foresman, Rockbridge County Emergency Management Coordinator, gave a short informational briefing to our members about the county's new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Revenue Recovery program. Under this new program, the county will bill a user fee to Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance companies for emergency medical

services and ambulance transport provided to people in Rockbridge County (including Lexington and Buena Vista).

Among the points stressed by Mr. Foresman were that EMS services always will be provided to those needing them, regardless of insurance or ability to pay, and that cost to county residents will be zero since the bill will be sent to the resident's insurer, including Medicaid and Medicare, if the resident has insurance. Mr. Foresman said most insurance plans offer, as a benefit, emergency transportation and medical service.

Revenue recovered under this new program, sometimes called a "soft billing" program, will be used to help our volunteer rescue and fire squads balance their budgets and fill staffing gaps, since they do not receive from local governments enough funds to cover all of their services.

For further information and brochures describing the new program, interested persons may contact: Robert Foresman, Emergency Management Coordinator, 150 South Main Street, Lexington, VA 24450, phone (540) 463-2532, email: robert_foresman@co.rockbridge.va.us, or check the county website at www.co.rockbridge.va.us.

Ms. Donna Broussard, of Heritage Hall Healthcare and Rehabilitation Centers, who is working with Mr. Foresman and local rescue squads to implement a Senior Emergency Medical Information Project, also gave a brief presentation and distributed informational materials at the Feb. 2 meeting. She may be contacted at (540) 339-5155 or by email at itsdonnagail@aol.com.

Fred Massey, Publicity Chair

**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR OF
THOMAS JEFFERSON'S MONTICELLO
FEBRUARY 23**

Join the Activities Committee as we take a behind the scenes tour of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. We'll start our tour going above stairs to view the second and third floors, to include Jefferson's breathtaking dome room. This is the first year the second floor has been opened for tours, although we were able to tour

the third floor last year. We then take the tour of the first floor, which includes the recently repainted dining room and Jefferson's bedroom, where he died exactly 50 years after the Declaration of Independence, 4 July 1826. Everyone so enjoyed last year's tour that we decided to offer it again this year.

We'll leave from the Lowe's parking lot (carpooling available) at 8:30 am on 23 February to be at Monticello before 10 am. Our tour starts at 10:30 am and we must be there a half hour early. Our normal house tour immediately follows at 11:30 am. We'll conclude the visit with a stop by Michie's Tavern for a late lunch before starting back to Lexington.

The tickets are \$37 per person and we have reservations for 8. If there is more interest we can increase our reservations, but you will need to sign up before 14 February so we can work with Monticello for any additional tickets. The maximum number they will accept on the tour is 15. Please pay Ken Jewett as he had to pay for the tickets in advance. To sign up, call Ken at 261-3318 or email jewettkw@aol.com.

A note of caution: This tour is not handicapped accessible, requiring us to ascend and descend 75 steep, narrow steps. Also, bags and backpacks larger than 11 x 15 x 4 are prohibited.

Come join us for a great tour of Monticello.

**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
HIGHLAND MAPLE FESTIVAL
MARCH 12**

Take a step back in time to Highland County, "Virginia's Switzerland." Travel back roads and mountain byways to the annual Highland Maple Festival. Held on the 2nd and 3rd weekends of March, the Maple Festival has been an annual event in Highland County Virginia, since 1958. Each year, thousands of visitors are drawn to this unspoiled, rural region of Virginia to celebrate the "opening" of the trees and observe the process of maple syrup-making. Sugar camp tours provide a unique and educational experience that portrays a rapidly vanishing way of American life.

We will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, 12 March, at the Lowe's Parking lot for our trip to

Monterey, VA where we'll spend the day looking over the arts and crafts that will be available for purchase, enjoying the afternoon music highlights, learning about maple sugar production, and generally consuming all products made of or with maple sugar/syrup.



Trip to Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library

**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK TOUR IN
LYNCHBURG APRIL 19**



Our April activity is to visit Lynchburg during the Historic Garden Week in Virginia. The tour is on Tuesday, April 19, 10:00a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will plan on leaving from the Food Lion, Lexington parking lot at 8:45 a. m. It will take about 1 hour to drive to Lynchburg. We will tour three properties in the morning: 4717 JOHN SCOTT DRIVE, 4769 JOHN SCOTT DRIVE and 805 OLD TRENTS FERRY ROAD. We have lunch reservations at Isabella's in the Boonsboro shopping center for 1:00. After lunch we will continue our tour at 412 MILL LANE ROAD and 1172 BATEAU DRIVE. You can get more detailed information on each property at www.vagardenweek.org/schedule-lynchburg.php or by picking up the Garden Club of Virginia tour book at the visitor center. The cost of an advance ticket is \$20.00; please send a check made out to Greater Lexington Newcomers, to Doris Greywall, 1180 Forest Grove Road, Lexington, 24450 by March 31. Any questions

call Doris at 540-463-7998 or dorisgreywall@hughes.net. This is an all-day activity, it is requested that you wear flat-heeled shoes and no cameras allowed. If time allows there are other points of interest to visit.



FROM THE HISTORIAN:

The Newcomer's photo album looks very empty, please help me fill it. Send your photos to my home address since my printer is not working. Your help is greatly appreciated. Joan Carson



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 this month we have 125 memberships, which represent 225 members. One new member joined this month. Please add her information to your directory.

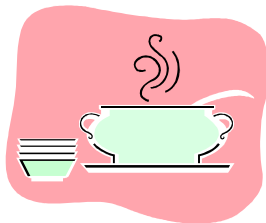
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Interest Groups

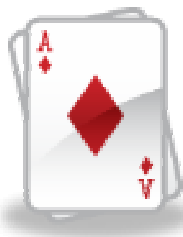
Interest group participants must be members of Newcomers. To join an interest group, call or email the contact person

Fine Dining Group



How does a menu consisting of Thai pork satay with peanut dipping sauce, Thai red curry squash soup, Thai chicken in lettuce cups with fresh cucumber salad, and Thai coconut flan sound? Know where you can get it? That's right, not at a local Thai restaurant. But on the night of February 27 eight lucky Fine Dining Club participants will be enjoying those delicious dishes at the home of Pat and Bill Anthony.

Other hosts in January/February include Aaron and Kate Masey, Jan and Mike White, Calvin and Janet Hale, and Jim and Kathy Kvach. The menus will be equally intriguing. In all, 39 club members will be participating. Want to join the fun? Just contact Ron Patrick at nbpatrick@embarqmail.com or call 463-7928. We'll get you started in the next round of cooking, eating and merriment.



Couples Bridge #2

Cathy Broach (261-3141)
3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.
Substitutes are welcome.
February 16 - Fran and Jim Naylor's
March 16 - Nancy & Ron Patrick's

Barbara's Bridge Buddies

Ellen Charske 463-7971

Canasta

Canasta meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Anyone interested in joining or being a sub, please contact Donna Garnett at dgarnett42@yahoo.com or call 540-784-9322



Book Club A

Evelyn Caldwell: ebcaldwell@embarqmail.com
or 463-9775

Book Club B

Doris Greywall 463-2745
dorisgreywall@hughes.net

Scrabble #3

The scrabble #3 group will play the fourth Wednesday (February 23rd). We will play at the Country Club at 1:00 PM, downstairs dining area. If you are planning to eat at the Club, you may want to arrive early. Please mention Mike Quarles when ordering. Contact Frank Harrelson at 261-1141 if you wish to sub or play on a regular basis, or email him at fharelson@embarqmail.com.

The Hiking Group



The Newcomers Hiking group will continue to hike on Fridays in Lucy Thornburgh's absence over the winter months. Anyone wishing to be added to the email notification list should contact Don Brooke at donbrooke@gmail.com or Debbie Maurer at mountaintoppers@hughes.net. Email notification is usually sent out each Wednesday for the Friday hike.

Dining Out

Fifty two members enjoyed one of the 6 Dining Out venues in January. The next round will be in April. Consider being a host / hostess. Contact Susan & Ed Bauer to learn more, join the mailing group, or offer suggestions at eddiebauer@comcast.net or call 540-463-2018



Dining Out at the Bistro on Main Street

WINE TASTING



Many of our members will be on vacations in February, March and early April. While it is hard to accommodate everyone I am trying to set the tasting up so most everyone can participate. I will be asking for hosts soon but

scheduling the tasting parties to be in March through mid-April. And, as has been happening lately, there is usually a party that forms up at the end for everyone who was on the waiting list and/or out of town. Paul Miller and Norm Rollenhagen are working with me on this tasting. Thank you Paul and Norm.

If you would like to join the wine club, please contact Kate Jenks at katejenks@comcast.net or 463-4722.

Greater Lexington Newcomers Club Treasurer's Report 1/5/2011



9/1/2010 through 1/5/2011

BEGINNING BALANCE **\$2,097.21**

INCOME

Dues	\$ 2,595.00
Holiday Party Reservations	\$ 2,480.00
Oktoberfest Reservations	\$ 1,375.00
Picnic Reservations	
TOTAL Income	\$8,547.21

EXPENSES

Directory	
Gifts & Memorials	
Holiday Party 2010 (\$375*)	\$3,701.81
Holiday Party 2011	
Newsletter	\$ 16.20
Office Supplies	\$ 130.46
Oktoberfest expenses (\$100*)	\$1,589.26
Rent	\$ 180.00
New Member Coffee	\$ 75.00
NewSpecial Events	
Picnic	
Web – Tiger Tech	

TOTAL Expenses **\$5,752.73**

ENDING BALANCE **\$2,794.48**

* = paid deposits in last year funds

Rosemary Cecil 2010-2011 Treasurer

Calendar

February	16 Couples Bridge
	23 Monticello Tour
	22 Canasta
	23 Scrabble
March	2 Newcomers General Meeting
	3 Newsletter info due by NOON
	12 Highland Maple Festival
	16 Couples Bridge
	22 Canasta
	23 Scrabble