

Greater Lexington Newcomers

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Our March meeting was a busy one. We covered topics pertaining to business and to pleasure.

We will review the business issues first. The upcoming proposed By-Laws revisions will be voted on next month and are as follows:

Article 3, Section 3 currently reads, "New members joining after March 15 pay one-half the annual dues rate." This would be amended to read, "New members joining at or after the March meeting will pay one-half the annual dues rate."

Article 4, Section 4 currently reads, "The purpose of the general meetings shall be to conduct Club business only. This would be amended to read, "The purpose of the general meetings shall be to conduct Club business and can allow for the occasional speaker on a topic of interest to the majority of the membership. The Executive Council would be responsible for authorizing appropriate speakers and topics. As noted elsewhere in the By-Laws, speakers may not represent charitable, political or business interests."

Article 6, Section 3 currently reads, "The elected term of all officers shall be for one year, with the Vice-President rising to the office of President the succeeding year. This would be amended to read, "The elected term of all officers shall be for one year, beginning September 1st and ending August 31st, with the Vice-President rising to the office of President the succeeding year."

Article 7, Section 2 currently reads, "Each officer must be a member in good standing and must have been a Club member for a minimum of two (2) years." This would be amended to read, "Each officer must be a member in good standing and must have been a Club member for a minimum of one (1) year."

Article 7, Section 4 currently reads, "No officer shall be eligible to be elected to the same office for more than two (2) consecutive years." This would be amended to read, "No officer shall be eligible to be elected to the same office for more than three (3) consecutive years."

Article 12, Section 2 currently reads, "At the September general meeting, the Executive Committee shall present a budget for the year, which shall be voted upon by the membership. This will be amended to read, "At the September general meeting, the Executive Committee shall

present a budget for the year, which shall be voted upon by the membership at the October general meeting. The budget will be published in the September newsletter."

Please make plans to attend the April meeting and vote.

We now have our Picnic Committee, Holiday Party Committee Nominating Committee and three (count them!) three volunteers for Welcome Chairman! Thanks to all who are willing to give a little of their time to make our Club work.

Be sure and checkout our Interest Groups. I understand Scrabble is looking for interested folks and we have new opportunity for a Yoga group due to the generous offer of Helen Moore.

Take care and see you soon.
Terrie Scholl

**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR OF
THOMAS JEFFERSON'S MONTICELLO,
REVISITED**



Join the Activities Committee as we take a second opportunity for 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 16 March 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 you will need to sign up before 8 March so we can work with Monticello for tickets. The maximum number they will accept on the tour is 15. Please pay Ken Jewett as he has 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 return 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.

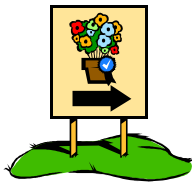
Each year, thousands of visitors are drawn to this unspoiled, rural region of Virginia to celebrate the "opening" of the trees and observe the process of maple syrup-making. Sugar camp tours provide a unique and educational experience that portrays a rapidly vanishing way of American life.

We will meet at 8:30 am on Saturday, 12 March, at the Lowe's Parking lot for our trip to Monterey, VA. We'll start at the Maple Museum tracing the history of maple syrup making from the Native Americans to the latest, modern techniques. From there we'll continue

into Monterey 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.

Come join us for a great early spring day in Virginia's Switzerland.

**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:

Thank you to Cynthia Tucker for sending a photograph for the album. I'm wondering if the

photo album has lost its charm. Is it too old fashioned? We have the newsletter and the website, so perhaps the album is no longer needed. Please email me with your comments. Thanks, 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 now, 3/2/11, have 126 memberships representing 227 members.

We like to welcome:

Thomas (Thom) and Lorna (Lornie) Gill
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Lexington, VA 24450
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540-319-7901 Lornie cell phone
thomgill3@gmail.com
lorniegill@yahoo.com

Corrections/additions to directory:

Jan and Mike Lowry
Jan – jan.lowry@hotmail.com
Mike – gemikelowry@yahoo.com

Bill Docekal – Membership Chair

**Greater Lexington Newcomers Club
Treasurer's Report 3/2/2011**



9/1/2010 through 3/2/2011

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2,097.21
INCOME	
Dues	\$ 2,620.00
Holiday Party Reservations	\$ 2,480.00
Oktoberfest Reservations	\$ 1,375.00
Picnic Reservations	
TOTAL Income	\$8,572.21
EXPENSES	
Directory	
Gifts & Memorials	
Holiday Party 2010 (\$375*)	\$3,701.81
Holiday Party 2011	
Newsletter	\$ 16.20
Office Supplies	\$ 152.09
Oktoberfest expenses (\$100*)	\$1,589.26
Rent	\$ 300.00
New Member Coffee	\$ 75.00
NewSpecial Events	
Picnic	
Web – Tiger Tech	
TOTAL Expenses	\$5,834.36
ENDING BALANCE	\$2,737.85

* = paid deposits in last year funds

Rosemary Cecil 2010-2011 Treasurer

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 foodies. January and February saw fine Fine-Dining groups gather for sumptuous repasts. Hosts were Jan and Mike White, Aaron and Kate Masey,



Calvin and Janet Hale, Pat and Bill Anthony, and Jim and Kathy Kvach.

At the gracious home of the Anthonys, the gathering enjoyed a delicious Thai meal that brought calls for someone to open a Thai restaurant in Lexington. Care to join a petition campaign? Skip and Copper Perry provided a mouth-watering satay complete with a spicy peanut sauce. Ron and Nancy Patrick continued the fun with a Thai red curry squash soup featuring buttercup squash, coconut milk, lemon grass, lime zest and juice, lots of ginger, and other spices. Our hosts prepared a zesty grilled chicken with a refreshing cucumber and cilantro salad. Dessert, expertly whipped up by Paula and Jim Zimmerman, was a flan topped with toasted coconut.

We'll catch our collective breath in March and then return to the kitchen (and dining room!) in April and May. Five new hosts will then open their homes for our culinary enjoyment. If this sounds like something you would enjoy. let us know at nbpatrik@embarqmail.com or 463-7928. Until then, bon appétit.



Couples Bridge #2

Cathy Broach (261-3141)
3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.
Substitutes are welcome.
March 16 - Nancy & Ron Patrick's
April 20 - Cathy & Bill Broach'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



Fourth Thursday Book Club

The Club will meet on March 24 at Jane Auciello's. The selected reading is The Way We Live Now. Evelyn Caldwell: 463-9775 or ebcaldwell@embarqmail.com.

Book Club B

Doris Greywall 463-2745
dorisgreywall@hughes.net

Scrabble #3

Carolyn Rapoza has taken over the coordinator's position for Scrabble Group #3. At the present time, she does not have email access. Her telephone number is 540-463-6998. Please give her a call. She told me that she would give you the information each month at the Newcomer's meeting.

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



The next round will be in April. Please 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

Wine Tasting Group

Eight wine tasting parties have been scheduled for March and April. Sixty six members will be attending these parties. Chuck Smith of



Washington Street Purveyors will be providing Viognier from around the world for our tasting pleasure. After almost disappearing in the 1960s, Viognier is making a comeback. Depending on how it is processed, Viognier can be compared to Chardonnay or Gewürztraminer! I think we are in for a few surprises this round.

The Newcomer's club and newsletter are always looking for pictures of us enjoying ourselves at our events. If you have a moment please take a photo of your wine tasting party so we can share it with the rest of the club. Thanks.

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

CALENDAR

March	12 Highland Maple Festival
	16 Trip to Monticello
	16 Couples Bridge
	22 Canasta
April	6 General Meeting
	7 Newsletter info by Noon
	19 Garden Week Lynchburg
	20 Couples Bridge
	24 Fourth Thursday Book Club
	26 Canasta