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NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
New Places, New Faces, New Friends!
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Happy New Year Newcomers!



We are closing the year with lovely days, some much needed rain and no snow. Life is good. And as usual, there is a lot happening both for the board and for the general members. Remember to mark your calendars so you don't miss these activities.

- The Nomination Committee: **We are currently forming the Nomination Committee and need two or three more volunteers. Please help.** Candidates for board positions for the April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 timeframe are assembled in January, presented to the general membership at the February General Meeting, voted on at the March General Meeting, and take office on April 1st.
- The board has arranged for the January General meeting to include a cooking demonstration and light lunch at the Catawba Medical Center (lower level outside of the Belk's). Reservations are a must, so please call or email Miki Valkanoff to make your reservation. The cost is \$4.50 per person and space is limited to 40 people.
- 2013-14 Budgets—the Treasurer is compiling a proposed budget for the new fiscal year for presentation and board approval (by the combined board) at the March 26th Board Meeting. All are welcome to attend. The general membership will vote on the budget at the General Meeting on April 10th.

**Charity Coordinator –
Bates & Glover**

**Coffee &
Conversation –
Sheri Binning**

**Evening Socials –
Adra Kryszczuk**

**Game Night – Glover
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**Items of Interest
Bob Jones**

**Historian –
Connie Yokum**

**Hospitality –
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Glover**

**Lunch Out –
Marianne Merrill**

**Mah Jongg –
Sonja Bridgwood**

**Members Helping
Members –
Betty Schwartz**

**Membership -
Kay Norusis**

**Men's Activities –
Vince LeGrand**

**Mexican Train –
S. Kidd & C. Parker**

**Special Events –
D. Straley & L.
Montgomery**

**Webmaster –
Gary Schwartz**

- 2013 Gala Committee: **We are looking for three or four additional volunteers to help on this fun committee. Please sign up to help as quickly as possible.**
- April is the start of our new Fiscal Year and our membership dues are due by April 1st.

We are also resuming our normal activities in January, so check the calendar to see the when and where. Committee chairs should contact Bob Wolgemuth to get these events back on the NCV web site calendar.

I hope you were able to attend the wonderful Holiday Party. The committee did a wonderful job. Thank you all so much for the organizing and decorating. We had a great time and the "Dirty Santa" gift exchange was as rambunctious as usual.....lots of fun and laughs.

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful year of great memories with Newcomers. Let's make more in 2013. See you all next year and have a safe and cheerful holiday.

"Mike and I wish you a very Happy New Year! May this New Year bring you love, warmth, and wealth. May you succeed in all your many new opportunities."

Kathy Rozea, NCV President



Yummy food and great fun!



Let's make every meeting a party!

January 2013						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 1:00 pm Bridge	3 11:45 am Lunch Bunch @ Olive Garden	4 10:30 am MahJongg	5
6	7 1:00 pm Bridge	8 6:30 pm Shooting	9 10:00 am General Meeting @ CVMC, Valley Hills 7:00 pm Bowling	10	11 10:30 am MahJongg	12
13	14 1:00 pm Bridge	15 6:30 pm Bunco	16 1:00 pm Bridge	17 6:00 pm Game Night	18 10:30 am MahJongg	19
20	21 1:00 pm Bridge	22 10:00 am Board Meeting	23 7:00 pm Bowling	24 11:30 am Lunch & Canasta 12:00 pm Shooting	25 10:30 am MahJongg	26
27	28 6:30 pm Evening Bridge	29	30	31		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

January	February
1 – Floyd Clark	1 – Barb Laufer
5 – Dick Angell	3 – Kay Norusis
5 – Helen Dowell	6 – John (Mike) Rozea
10 – Miki Valkanoff	8 – Gene Rozea
12 – Nancy Campbell	10 – Robert Crawford
19 – Faith Cody	11 – Larry Laufer
21 – Barbara Beck	14 – Evelyn Hogan
21 – Robert Sand	19 – Peg Baldwin
23 – Sue Bumgarner	20 – Steven Berg
23 – Betty Stone	21 – Sheila Cooke
24 – Gary Schwartz	21 – Joyce Walker
24 – Ken MacLeod	22 – Shirley Soto
25 – Daniel Ferry	28 – Beth Keane
27 – Sue Asp	
28 – Bob Connor	
30 – Mary Ellen Glover	
30 – Edie Ashman	
30 – Carolyn Eanes	

(If I've missed your birthday, please share it with me (Betty Schwartz)).

****GENERAL MEETING/WELCOME COFFEE****
****NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR THIS MONTH****

Something new and different is scheduled for January's general meeting. Instead of meeting at the usual airport location, the January meeting will be held at the Catawba Valley Medical "Health First Center" located inside Valley Mall on the lower level next to Belk's Department store. The meeting time remains the same, 10:00 – 12:00 noon. Come a little early at about 9:45 for socializing.

Our business meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m., and immediately following the meeting, Elliot Boston, nutrition chef at Catawba Valley Hospital, will put on a cooking demonstration. He is choosing to prepare a special wrap and soup. After the demonstration, everyone will receive a sample of what he has prepared. If you've never been to one of Elliot's demos, you will be pleasantly surprised.

There is a \$4.50 charge per person attending. We will be collecting this fee at the Center's door. Miki Valkanoff is taking E-mail reservations at mvalkanoff@gmail.com. There is a limit of 40 seats available, so get your reservation to Miki now, and please remember that once you make a reservation you are responsible for the \$4.50 fee unless you call in advance to cancel.

Our charity for the first quarter of 2013 is the Burke United Christian Ministries located in

Morganton. They have a great need for donations for their food pantry, as well as clothing for men, women and children and other supplies. In early January, more details about their specific needs will be communicated.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

Our thanks to Bob Wolgemuth who continues the maintenance of the activities calendar on the web site and distribution of the weekly activities report. The web calendar is always as current as the information provided by the committee chairs. You can see the full details of each activity by clicking on the title. You can also print a weekly or full monthly list of the activities out for future reference. To all committee heads: please ensure that you provide Bob with current information relative to dates, places, and time of your activities. That will ensure that our members have immediate access to the most up to date information.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Once a month, Newcomers meet, usually in the afternoon, to share a beverage and just chat. This month's location is the Vintage Cafe in Hudson. We are changing the day to Friday and will meet on the 25th at 1:00. For information contact Sheri Benning.

LUNCH CLUB

Lunch Out for January will be Thursday the 3rd at 11:45 at the Olive Garden restaurant on 70. For information on "Lunch Out", please contact Marianne Merrill.

EVENING SOCIAL

Dianne Straley and I thank everyone for all of their efforts towards the social events this year culminating in a fantastic holiday party in December. Planning an event can be almost as much fun as attending when you are working with a fun group of people. If a group of you would like to work together on an event, we are happy to provide any guidance you may want or need. Don't forget, you can easily host in a restaurant or at the airport or any other desired venue. The Social Committee will pay the room fee at the airport and can subsidize a small portion of restaurant fees. Talk to someone on the committee! Adra Kryszczuk (chair) or Dianne Straley. Thank you!

BUNCO

Bunco will be held on Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30 p.m. Each participant brings an appetizer to share and \$5 for the kitty which is shared by three winners (your chances of winning are pretty good as there are normally only eight to 12 attendees!). For more information please contact Sandy Davis or Beth Hyman.

CANASTA

This month's lunch and canasta will be on Thursday, January 24th at 11:30 at the Hickory Airport. For information on monthly canasta, please contact Pat Hartung.

NEWCOMERS DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, February 27th at 1:30 at the Woman's Resource Center. The current book selection is "Unbroken" written by Laura Hillenbrand. Unbroken is the remarkable, true story of Louis Zamperini, a young delinquent who, with the help of his older brother, discovered a gift for running. Louis competed in the 1936 Berlin Olympics and then, when war broke out, signed up to serve in the Army Air Corps. Trained as a bombardier on the B-24, Louis crashes while searching for another downed US aircraft. What follows this crash is an incredible story that is gripping and horrifying. Pushed to the absolute limits of what a human can endure, Louis somehow not only survives, but triumphs. See the web site for more details or contact Sue Asp or Betty Schwartz for more information.

MAHJONGG

Daytime MahJongg is on Friday mornings @ 10:30 usually at Bistro 127. Please contact Sonja Bridgwood for more information or if interested in learning how to play. This is a fun, fast-paced game.

BRIDGE

The daytime bridge schedule for January is as follows: Mondays, January 7,14, and 21 at 1:00 pm; Wednesday bridge is January 2 and 16 at 1:00 pm; and evening bridge is Monday January 28th. New members, please contact Gloria Berg.

MEN'S ACTIVITIES **(though not limited to men)**

This month's shooting events will be on Tuesday, the 8th at 6:30pm, and Thursday, the 24th at 12:00 pm. For information on these activities, please contact Vince LeGrand. Bowling is scheduled for Wednesday the 9th and the 23rd at 7:00pm.

GAME NIGHT

The next Game Night is January 17th at the Hickory Airport at 6:00 pm. Come join us, bring a friend, have dinner and play a game of your choice. Since we have to commit to a number for dinner, all no shows will be responsible for paying for their reserved meal. An email will be sent out shortly with the cost and menu for dinner. For information, contact

sharikidd@hotmail.com.

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Due to the New Year holiday, Mexican Train Dominoes will not be held in January. For information, please contact Shari Kidd or Carol Parker.

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

"Members Helping Members" is a support group within our organization. The focus of the committee is to coordinate assistance for members and their immediate families who need help and support due to such things as illness, surgery, hospitalization, death, or other problems. The committee serves as the central contact between families needing assistance and Newcomers. They contact any recommended member to get approval before offering member support and to identify what type of assistance is needed. Once specific assistance is identified and approved by the family, the committee sends out requests to the membership.

Examples of the types of assistance include hospital and home visits; help with errands and grocery shopping; transportation for shopping and doctor visits; providing books and/or reading to someone; preparing meals; sending cards, etc. Monetary donations are excluded.

Members may contact any committee person. The committee currently includes Betty Schwartz (chairperson), Carol Parker, Brenda Macleod, De Martin and Sonja Bridgwood.

ITEMS OF INTEREST & TIDBITS OF INFO

To place an ad, email Bob Jones listing your items with short descriptions and your contact info by noon on Wednesday so that he can distribute the list on Thursday.

"WANTED" - Advertisers for our Website

If you know of any business or service company that would like to link up with our website as a sponsor, please notify Carlos Warner or Bob Jones. The ads run for twelve months after signup which can be at any time during the year. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members Suzie and Monty Matthews.