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NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
New Places, New Faces, New Friends!
2425 North Ctr. St. #169, Hickory NC 28601
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February 2013

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Greetings Everyone,
(Writing this from the beach, so excuse any odd things.)

Where did January go? It's already February and we have lots of things to do over the next three months. Just as a reminder, the annual dues are payable before April 1st. Dues remain at \$25. You can pay at the February or March meeting or by mailing a check to: 2425 North Center Street, Box 169, Hickory, NC 28601.

Here is what's up!

February: The General Meeting is Wednesday, February 13th at 10a.m. at the Hickory Airport. Mary George is speaking on Catawba County's "Carolina Thread Trail", a program weaving communities together with hiking trails. Mary is the project coordinator for this area. All the Newcomer walkers, hikers and bikers, future and current, should be excited to hear about the current trails. The Nominating Committee will call for additional nominations for the slate of nominees and then present the slate of new officers and directors. The vote will take place at the March General Meeting.

March: The outgoing board is planning a "Breakfast" General Meeting for the membership that starts at 9a.m. on Wednesday, March 13 at the Hickory Airport. There is no charge for this breakfast. We will hold the General Meeting and the 2013 Elections after breakfast. Breakfast will include casseroles, fruits, drinks, and sweet rolls. We will also be conducting our annual "Member Response Survey", which is intended for the member to give feedback--what you want, what's missing, suggestions, and other compliments or complaints. We did not plan a speaker for this general meeting.

April: The first order of business is to introduce the Newcomer's 2013 Officers and Directors and the Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs of the activities. The President will present the budget, open discussions and call for a motion for the members to approve the 2013 Budget. After the regular General Meeting there will be a "GAME DAY". Everyone is invited to play their favorite game for the afternoon--Canasta, Bridge, Mexican Train,

Coffee & Conversation

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Sheri Binning**Evening Socials –****Adra Kryszczuk****Game Night – Glover****& Knobloch****Items of Interest****Bob Jones****Historian –****Connie Yokum****Hospitality –****M. LeGrand & ME****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**

MahJongg, etc. Contact Dianne Straley if you have any questions.

The 2013 Gala is April 6th at the Catawba Country Club. Save the date--it should be a fun event as always. Look for more information coming soon.

There are currently some Chair/Co-Chair positions open--Canasta, Bunco and Evening Socials. We are looking for someone or a group of "someones" to Chair or Co/Chair each of these positions. Please contact one of the members of the Norminating Committee: Adra Kryszczuk, Betty Schwartz, Kay Norusis, Kathy Rozea.

February is filled with COOL Holidays--Groundhog Day (2/2), the Superbowl (2/3), Mardi Gras (2/12), VALENTINES DAY (2/14), and Presidents' Day (2/18) just to name some of the most popular ones. Have a wonderful month, have a super Valentines Day, and enjoy the "Game" even though the Patriots are not playing.

"Friendship is not a big thing. It's a million little things."
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Kathy Rozea, President

February 2013						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 10:30 am MahJongg 1:00 pm Coffee and Conversation @ Vintage Café & Bakery, Hudson	2
3	4 1:00 pm Bridge	5 6:30 pm Mexican Train	6 1:00 pm Bridge 7:00 pm Bowling	7	8 10:30 am MahJongg	9
10	11 1:00 pm Bridge	12 6:30 pm Shooting	13 10:00 General Meeting	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15 10:30 am MahJongg	16
17	18 1:00 pm Bridge	19 6:30 pm Bunco	20 1:00 pm Bridge 7:00 pm Bowling	21 6:00 pm Game Night	22 10:30 am MahJongg 12:30 pm Coffee & Conversation @ Krishalls in Lenoir	23
24	25 6:30 pm Evening Bridge	26 10:00 am Board Meeting	27 1:30 pm Book Club	28 11:30 am Lunch & Canasta 12:00 Shooting		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

February	March
1 – Barb Laufer	Larry Parker
3 – Kay Norusis	Judy Fahrenholz
6 – John (Mike) Rozea	4 – Fred Abernethy
8 – Gene Rozea	6 – Helen Reed
10 – Robert Crawford	6 – Candy Sand
11 – Larry Laufer	7 – Harriet Bates
14 – Evelyn Hogan	10 – Corwin Kippenhan
19 – Peg Baldwin	11 – Shirley Strickland
20 – Steven Berg	12 – Monty Matthews
21 – Sheila Cooke	13 – Doris Wallace
21 – Joyce Walker	19 – Cathy Knobloch
22 – Shirley Soto	20 – Roberta Kaye
28 – Beth Keane	20 – Larry Mosher
	20 – Juliana Levin
	29 – Joanne Shuford

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

GENERAL MEETING/WELCOME COFFEE

The General Meeting for February will be held on Wednesday, February 13th at 10:00 am at the **Crosswinds Café inside the Hickory Airport**. The official address is 3101 9th Ave. Dr., NW.

The program for February will be given by Mary George, who is the coordinator for the Catawba County office of the Carolina Thread Trail. She will use a power point show to talk about how they are trying to weave communities together by trails throughout the fourteen counties in the Piedmont. This program will be especially interesting to all who enjoy outdoor time.

Our charity for this quarter is the Burke United Christian Ministries located in Morganton. Some of the items most needed are canned goods of any kind; dry goods such as beans, rice, cereals, etc.; men's, women's and children's clothing, in usable condition; towels, toiletries. I spoke to Tonya and she said they can use anything and everything and wanted me to thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ellen Glover.

RENEWAL TIME

It's that time of year again to think about renewing your Newcomes of Catawba Valley membership. I'm pleased to tell you that the dues are remaining the same for this next year - \$25.00. Even though you have until March 30th to renew, you might want to go ahead and get that "bucket list" item out of the way. You can either bring your dues with you to a meeting or event and give them to any officer, or you can mail it to the following address:

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Box #169
Hickory, NC 28601

If you mail your \$25.00, you MUST put both the street address and the box number on your envelope. Hoping all of you decide to renew your membership and will tell your friends and neighbors about the Club!! If you have any questions about the renewal process, contact Kay Norusis, Membership Chair.

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 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. The January function was canceled due to weather and will be held Friday, Feb. 1st at the Vintage Cafe in Hudson at 1:00. February's coffee will be on Feb. 22nd at Krishall's Tearoom in Lenoir at 12:30. For information contact Sheri Benning.

LUNCH CLUB

Lunch Out for February will be Thursday the 7th at 11:45 at Youssef's. 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! Stay tuned for possible activities in February and March as well as the Gala which is scheduled for April 6th. Adra Kryszczuk (chair) or Dianne Straley.

BUNCO

Bunco will be held on Tuesday, February 19th 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, February 28th 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 February is as follows: Mondays, February 4, 11, 18 at 1:00 pm; Wednesday bridge is February 6 and 20 at 1:00 pm; and evening bridge is Monday February 25th. New members, please contact Gloria Berg.

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

This month's shooting events will be on Tuesday, the 12th at 6:30pm, and Thursday, the 28th at 12:00 pm. Bowling is scheduled for Wednesday the 6th and the 20th at 7:00pm. For information on these activities, please contact Vince LeGrand.

GAME NIGHT

The next Game Night is February 21st 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 Mary Ellen Glover at 396-7182, ronandme@embargo.com or Cathy Knobloch.

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Mexican Train Dominos will be on Feb. 5, 6:30 pm at Shari Kidd's home. This is a fun game for ALL ~ male & female, beginner or experienced player, young and old. Please bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage as well as \$2.00 for the kitty. 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 sign-up which can be at any time during the year. Thank you.