



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY

2425 North Ctr. St. #169, Hickory NC 28601

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March 2013

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Greetings Everyone,



March, the month we begin to see more daylight on the clock, but perhaps not in our schedules. Set those clocks forward 1 hour on March 10th. We are approaching the end of our fiscal year, already. March comes with a full schedule for all of our members. Remember to mark your calendars so you don't miss these

activities.

The March General Meeting, Wednesday the 13th is at a special time. A Breakfast Meeting, sponsored by the board for our members, is planned for the March General Meeting. Breakfast starts at 9:30a.m.; our meeting will start at its normal time of 10:15a.m.. The breakfast is free to the membership, but you have to make a reservation my March 7th. Please email Kay Norusis at knorusis@charter.net. Thanks to Kay Norusis and Betty Schwartz for planning this event.

Even if you can't come for the breakfast, our meeting will start as usual at 10:15a.m. There's a lot planned:

ELECTIONS!! We want to remember that we get one vote per membership.

ANNUAL SURVEY!! We ask for your feedback for "Compliments, Comments, and Complaints". Forms will be distributed to the tables for individual and/or group discussion. Your participation is key to our success.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS!! The Nomination Committee will make the official announcement of our 2013/14 Officers and Directors.

ANNUAL DUES!! Annual Membership fees are due by April 1st. Checks can be paid at the General Meeting, given to any board member at events, or mailed directly to our mailbox at: Newcomers of CV, 2425 N. Center Street, Box 169, Hickory, NC 28601. (Remember, we have a private mailbox—not a PO Box at the Post Office.) Renewing members do not have to fill out the application form unless you have changes to you

Bates & Glover
Coffee & Conversation
– 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

information.

The April General Meeting will seem dull after such an eventful March. But, do not fear, we have several more things coming. The new “Board” officially takes office on April 1st. The Annual Budget will be presented for review/approval at the meeting. This meeting will be followed by an afternoon of “GAMES”, hosted by Dianne Straley. Looks like all our activities will be represented—and perhaps a few more.

Don’t forget to make plans to attend our festive “Annual Gala” on April 6th. The committee is working hard planning this event so you can have a fun filled evening with eating, dancing, and socializing. Send your check, made payable to NCV, to Connie Yokum.

Thanks to Gary, Betty, Miki, and Dennis for hosting a great dinner function at DiVinci’s Italian Restaurant. The food and company was terrific. They even brought a Chocolate Cake for dessert. Smaller tables gave everyone a chance to sit and talk with someone one-on-one. Thanks for a great evening and all of your planning and work.

Lots of calendar events coming in March—Daylight Savings Time (3/10), St. Patrick’s Day (3/17), First Day of Spring (3/20), and Easter (3/31) and related holidays. March also hosts Girl Scout Week, National Women’s History Month, and the beginning of the Sea Turtles nesting period in Florida.

“Some people go to priests; others to poetry; I to my friends.”
Virginia Woolf

Happy St. Patrick’s Day to everyone.

Kathy Rozea, NCV President



March 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 11:45 am Lunch	8 10:30 am MahJongg	9
10	11 1:00 pm Bridge	12 6:30 pm Shooting	13 9:30 General Meeting with breakfast & elections	14	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	23
24	25 6:30 pm Evening Bridge	26	27 2:00 pm Coffee & Conversation	28 12:00 Shooting 6:30 pm Board Meeting	29	30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

March	April
Larry Parker	2 – Carmen Barnett
Judy Fahrenholz	2 – Karen Skulina
4 – Fred Abernethy	10 – Margie Dickie
6 – Helen Reed	10 – Don Baldwin
6 – Candy Sand	11 – Robert Sykes
7 – Harriet Bates	15 – Bob Jones
10 – Corwin Kippenhan	15 – Tom Woodyard
11 – Shirley Strickland	16 – Marianne Merrill
12 – Monty Matthews	17 – Dianne Straley
13 – Doris Wallace	18 – Joe Durand
19 – Cathy Knobloch	20 – Lesli Garvett
20 – Roberta Kaye	27 – Susan Perkins
20 – Larry Mosher	30 – Bert Perkins
20 – Juliana Levin	
29 – Joanne Shuford	

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

GENERAL MEETING/WELCOME COFFEE

There is a very special General Meeting planned for March on Wednesday, March 13th at the ***Crosswinds Café inside the Hickory Airport.*** The board is treating all members to a breakfast starting at 9:30 am. Following the breakfast, we will vote on our officers and directors for the coming year. The slate presented by the nominating committee is as follows: President, Bob Wolgemuth; Vice President, John Bates; Treasurer, Vince LeGrand; Secretary, Barb Beck; Past President, Kathy Rozea; Publicity, Lynne Montgomery; Programs, Kay Norusis sharing with Dianne Straley; Activities, Adra Kryszczuk; Ad-Hoc, Bob Jones. There will be an opportunity for nominations from the floor and write-in votes per our bylaws.

In lieu of a program, members will be given the opportunity to participate in a survey/feedback session which will allow them to provide suggestions for next year.

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 Newcomers 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:
Newcomers of Catawba Valley
2425 N. Center Street
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 March function will be held Wednesday, March 27th at 2:00 at a location to be determined. For information contact Sheri Benning.

LUNCH CLUB

Lunch Out for March will be Thursday the 7th at 11:45 at Root and Vine in Morganton. For information on "Lunch Out", please contact Marianne Merrill.

EVENING SOCIAL

Twenty-nine Newcomers convened at DaVinci's on Sunday, Feb. 24th for a wonderful evening. There was delicious food (which we didn't have to cook!), warm ambiance, great service, and fun socializing. Stay tuned for future events. In the meantime, for information on Evening Socials and how they work, contact Adra Kryszczuk.

BUNCO

Bunco will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m. Each participant brings an appetizer to share and \$5 for the kitty which is shared by three winners. For more information please contact Sandy Davis or Beth Hyman.

CANASTA

Canasta for March is being cancelled due to the Easter holiday. For information on monthly canasta, please contact Pat Hartung.

NEWCOMERS DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, April 24th at 1:30 at the Woman's Resource Center. The current book selection is "Pearl of China" written by Anchee Min. In the small southern China town of Chin-kiang, in the last days of the nineteenth century, two young girls bump heads and become thick as thieves. Willow is the only child of a destitute family. Pearl is the headstrong daughter of Christian missionaries-and will grow up to become Pearl S. Buck, Nobel Prize-winning writer and activist. This unlikely pair becomes lifelong friends, confiding their beliefs and dreams, experiencing love and motherhood, and eventually facing civil war and exile. *Pearl of China* brings new color to the remarkable life of Pearl S. Buck, illuminated by the sweep of history and an intimate, unforgettable friendship.

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 March is as follows: Mondays, March 4, 11, 18 at 1:00 pm; Wednesday bridge is March 6 and 20 at 1:00 pm; and evening bridge is Monday March 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 March 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@embarqmail.com or Cathy Knobloch.

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Mexican Train Dominos will be March 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.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members Joe and Hedy Paussa, Christine and Kevin McCutchen, and Sheena Williams.