



**NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY**  
**2425 North Ctr. St. #169, Hickory NC 28601**  
**[www.newcomersofcv.com](http://www.newcomersofcv.com)**  
**May 2013**

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(Membership) –  
John Bates**

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**Bowling –  
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**Bridge –  
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**Canasta –  
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Schwartz**

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**Coffee & Conversation –  
S. Binning**

**Evening Socials – R.  
Wolgemuth, C. Yokum**



**Greetings Everyone!**

**April began with our new board serving for this fiscal year. At our general meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> the board was approved by the Newcomers!**

**We also approved the budget for this fiscal year. We are ready to go!! Please come to our general meeting each month to enjoy our speakers and all the updates on what is going on in our club.**

**I want to thank the previous board for all their leadership and participation in all our functions. A special thanks to Kathy Rozea for her leadership for the past two years as president of the club. She did a great job!**

**Just a few items for the upcoming month to remember: Our general meeting is May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hickory Airport at 10:00 AM. We are going to have a very exciting speaker at this meeting. Stay tuned for more updates for this meeting!**

**Don't forget to check the Newcomers' calendar for all the listed activities. Adra sends out a weekly update to let everyone know what is going on for the month.**

**Happy Spring Everyone! We know it is coming even though some days we have doubts!**

**Bob Wolgemuth**

**K. Knobloch**

**Items of Interest**  
**Bob Jones**

**Historian –**  
**Kathy Rozea**

**Hospitality –**  
**M. LeGrand & ME Glover**

**Lunch Out –**  
**Marianne Merrill**

**Mah Jongg –**  
**Sonja Bridgwood**

**Members Helping**  
**Members –B. Schwartz**

**Men's Activities –**  
**Vince LeGrand**

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

**Special Events –**  
**C. Sand & V. Pray**

**Webmaster –**  
**Gary Schwartz**

## Happy Birthday to Our Members:

May	June
3 – De Martin 3 – Robert Leimbach 4 – Al Osbahr 11 – Bob Sykes 14 – JoAnn Simon 15 – Keith Campbell 15 – John Dowell 15 – Bill Brown 19 – Sandy Davis 26 – Robyn Wolgemuth 28 – Ric Johnsen 31 – JoAnn Womack	2 – Neil Forrest 8 – Norma Leimbach 11 – Stan Bumgarner 11 – Sharon Mooney 12 – Elizabeth Friend 13 – Kris Bowman 13 – Betty Schwartz 18 – Mary Murgio 18 – June Chalk 20 – Christine McCutcheon 21 – Doak Walker 22 – Laurie Johnsen 24 – Gloria Berg 26 – Bev Forrest 29 – Sue Medes 30 – Carol Earl

*If I've missed your birthday, please share it with me (Barb Beck).*



May 2013						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 1:00 pm Bridge	2 11:45 am Lunch @ Blue Moon	3 10:30 am MahJongg	4
5	6 1:00 pm Bridge	7	8 10:00 am General Meeting	9	10 10:30 am MahJongg	11
12	13 1:00 pm Bridge	14 6:30 pm Shooting	15 1:00 pm Bridge 2:00 Special Event	16 6:00 pm Game Night	17 10:30 am MahJongg	18
19	20 1:00 pm Bridge	21	22	23 11:30 am Canasta & Lunch  12:00 pm Shooting	24 10:30 am MahJongg	25
26 Social Union Square	27	28	29 10:00am Board Meeting Bistro 127	30	31 10:30 am MahJongg  2:00 pm Coffee & Conversation Copper Bean	

### **GENERAL MEETING/WELCOME COFFEE**

We have another very special General Meeting planned for Wednesday, May 8th at 10:00 AM at the ***Crosswinds Café inside the Hickory Airport***. Our speaker will be Melinda Herzog, executive director of the Catawba County Historical Association, who will talk about the polio epidemic in Hickory. In June 1944, the citizens of Hickory built a hospital in 54 hours to save their children from the worst polio outbreak that had ever hit the United States. Melinda will tell us all about the "Miracle of Hickory."

Our charity for this quarter is the Lenoir Soup Kitchen. They were a beneficiary last year and were very appreciative and thrilled to be selected again this year. They particularly would like to receive large tea bags, sugar, cake mix and frosting, canned vegetables and soup (larger cans preferred). We will be collecting at the monthly meeting as usual. You may also send a check made out to the Lenoir Soup Kitchen to John Bates. The group has assured us that they will not keep a list of donors or solicit individuals for donations in the future. For information, please contact John Bates.

### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Our thanks to Adra Kryszczuk who has taken over 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 Adra 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. Next month's meeting will be at Copperbean Coffee in Hickory at 2:00 pm on Friday, May 31. For information contact Sheri Binning.

### **LUNCH CLUB**

Lunch Out for May will be on Thursday the 2nd at 11:45 at the Blue Moon Tavern in Newton. For more information, please contact Marianne Merrill.

### **EVENING SOCIAL**

There is a social planned for Sunday, May 26 in downtown Hickory at the Hickory Wine Shop from 1 pm to 5 pm with a concert following on Union Square from 6 pm to 9 pm. Our own Gary Schwartz will be a performing musician in the "Swinging Under the Stars" presentation. Bring your own picnic supper and chairs and come join the fun. **NO RSVP NECESSARY.** Contact Robyn Wolgemuth or Connie Yokum for further information.

### **CANASTA**

This month's lunch and canasta will be on Thursday, May 23<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at the Hickory Airport. For information on monthly canasta, please contact Carole Reising.

### **NEWCOMERS DAYTIME BOOK CLUB**

The next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, June 26 at 1:30 at the Woman's Resource Center when the group will discuss ***Gone Girl*** by Gillian Flynn. See the synopsis below:

Marriage can be a real killer. One of the most critically acclaimed suspense writers of our time, New York Times bestseller Gillian Flynn takes that statement to its darkest place in this unputdownable masterpiece about a marriage gone terribly, terribly wrong. ***Gone Girl's*** toxic mix of sharp-edged wit and deliciously chilling prose creates a nerve-fraying thriller that confounds you at every turn. On a warm summer morning in Missouri, it is Nick and Amy Dunne's fifth wedding anniversary. Presents are being wrapped and reservations are being made when Nick's clever and beautiful wife disappears from their rented McMansion on the Mississippi River. Husband-of-the-Year Nick isn't doing himself any favors with cringe-worthy daydreams about the slope and shape of his wife's head, but passages from Amy's diary reveal the alpha-girl perfectionist could have put anyone dangerously on edge. Under mounting pressure from the police and the media-as well as Amy's fiercely dotting parents-the town golden boy parades an endless series of lies, deceits, and inappropriate behavior. Nick is oddly evasive, and he's definitely bitter-but is he really a killer?

### **MAHJONGG**

Daytime MahJongg is on Friday mornings @ 10:30 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**

Bridge this month will be held on Monday, May 6, May 13, and May 20 and on Wednesday, May 1 and May 15. There will be no evening bridge on May 27 because of Memorial Day. New members: please contact Gloria Berg ([glomcberg@hotmail.com](mailto:glomcberg@hotmail.com)) for information about bridge.

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

This month's shooting events will be on Tuesday, the 14th at 6:30pm, & Thursday, the 23rd at 12:00pm. For information on these activities, please contact Vince LeGrand. [legravin@gmail.com](mailto:legravin@gmail.com)

## **GAME NIGHT**

The next Game Night will be May 16 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 each month with the cost and menu for dinner. For information, contact Dianne Straley or Cathy Knobloch.

## **MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES**

Mexican Train Dominos will be May 7th, 6:30 pm at Michele LeGrand's. 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 Carol Parker at [carpark41@yahoo.com](mailto:carpark41@yahoo.com).

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

On Wednesday, May 15, we have scheduled a guided tour of the Latta Plantation home in Huntersville. We will be taking reservations from April 1 -30. Please e-mail Candy Sand to see if space might still be available.

## **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. Please remember to put "Items of Interest" in the subject line.

## **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, De Martin and Sonja Bridgwood.

## **"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 Bob Jones. The ads run for twelve months after signup which can be at any time during the year. Thank you.

## **Distribution List, Password Update & Replying to Messages**

It's that time of year. By now you should have received an email that the on-line member directory username and password has been changed. Go to the web site <http://www.newcomersofcv.com> Click the directory button and enter the new words where shown. The directory itself has been updated to show only current members. Kindly remember that the directory is for the private use of members. No commercial or promotional use of this list is allowed.

Allow me to clarify how one replies to a message sent through our distribution list. If you click REPLY in your email program, it sends a message to the originator. If, however, you click REPLY ALL, it goes out to everyone in the group. And too, there are some mail programs that default to reply all. Please check your settings. If in doubt, give me a call. Remember that you are in control of who sees the reply.

Thanks for reading.

Gary Schwartz  
Webmaster

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to our newest members Bonnie and Charlie Bender; and Albert Derocher.



## Scenes from the 2013 Gala



Gala Planning Committee



Line dancing



Dance, dance, dance!



The Swinging Butlers