

NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY

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November 2013

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Hi Everyone!

Happy November! It's hard to believe we are entering the holiday season. It seems like we just got through the holidays from 2012.

I have a few reminders for everyone's calendar. Our General meeting is November 13, at 10:00 AM at the Hickory Airport. Our speaker for November is Denny Hearn, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of Catawba.

It will be a great program so please try to attend! We have a good time at these meetings.

Please mark your calendar for our Christmas Party which will be at the Crown Plaza in Hickory on December 8, at 6:00 PM. This will be a wonderful party for everyone. More information will be coming out in November so stay tuned!!

Special thanks to Dianne Straley who organized our Murder Mystery Dinners. Fifty-five of our members attended the dinners at seven homes and had a great time! Make sure to check out the photos on the last page of this newsletter. Thanks also to Kathy and Mike Rozea who planned our BBQ and Bingo night and hosted a large group of people in their home. Our bingo caller Bob Jones kept all the players in line! Poker and canasta also were big hits that evening.

We are looking for at least four (4) volunteers to serve on the nominating committee for this year. This is a committee that makes some phone calls, asking members to serve on the board and chair some activities for fiscal year of April 2014 through March of 2015. It is a small job which usually lasts only for a couple of months. Please email or call any of our board members if you would like to serve on this committee! We really need your help.

Have a great Thanksgiving and enjoy your turkey!!

Bob Wolgemuth

**Game Night – D. Straley,
C. 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**

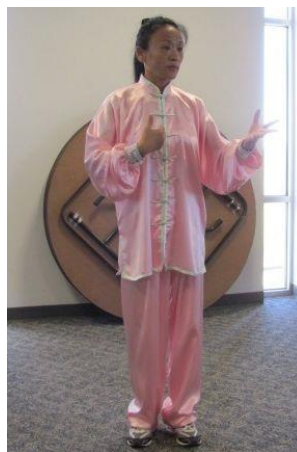
**Webmaster –
Gary Schwartz**

Happy Birthday to Our Members:

November	December
3 – Dick Martin 6 – Bob Kidd 7 - Pat Connor 9 – Karen Catel 10 – Jeannette Masterson 11 – Phil Norusis 19 – Eric Cody 27 – Kathy Rozea	4 – Michael Garvett 5- Michael Kane 9 – Betty Ann Williams 10 – Carol Parker 15—Albert Derocher 15 - Pam Wagoner 17 – Nancy Davis 21 – Kathy Durand 21 – Joe Paussa 23 – Barbara Jackson 24--Sharon Hughes 25 – Joseph Mooney 29 – Joyce Dennis 31 – Karen Schafer

Please email Barb Beck at ahbbjb@aol.com if your birthday is not listed.

Tai Chi demonstration at the October General Meeting



November 2013						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 10:30 am MahJongg	2
3	4 10:00 am Busy Hands 1:00 pm Bridge	5 6:30 Mexican Train Dominoes	6 1:00 pm Bridge	7 11:45 am Lunch at Texas Roadhouse	8 10:30 am MahJongg	9
10	11 1:00 pm Bridge	12 6:30 pm Rummikub 6:30 pm Shooting	13 10:00 am General Meeting 7:00 pm Bowling	14 11:30 pm Canasta	15 10:30 am MahJongg	16
17	18 10:00 am Busy Hands 1:00 pm Bridge	19	20 1:00 pm Bridge	21 6:00 pm Game Night	22 10:30 am MahJongg 2:00pm Coffee & Conversation	23
24	25 6:30 pm Bridge	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29 10:30 am MahJongg	30

GENERAL MEETING/WELCOME COFFEE

Danny Hearn, head of the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce, will speak about the local economy at the **Nov. 13 General Meeting**. He will talk about the decline in the furniture and textile industries and the growth in data centers, fiber optics, & call centers. He is also knowledgeable about government incentives and how companies decide where to relocate. The meeting starts at **10 a.m. at the Hickory Regional Airport**.

The 4th quarter charity is the Alexander County Domestic Violence Center in Lenoir. Their needs include paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, toothpaste & toothbrushes, hair brushes, shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent, dish detergent and also **\$10 Wal-Mart gift cards**. They are also setting up a new area to distribute clothing in good condition for women and children. Needed items can be brought to the general meeting. Thank you for your support in helping this charity.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

A report highlighting activities, tied directly to the calendar on the Newcomer web site, is emailed by Adra Kryszczuk each week. The calendar is as current as the information that has been provided to Adra by committee chairs. You can see the full details of each activity by going to this link: http://www.newcomersofcv.com/calendar_agenda_view.html. You can also print out a weekly or full monthly list of the activities for future reference.

To all committee heads: please provide Adra with current information relative to dates, places and time of your activities. This will ensure that our members have immediate access to the most up-to-date information.

EVENING SOCIALS

November -none

December 8-Holiday party Crown Plaza Newton Room in Piedmont Bldg. 6:00 pm

January OPEN

February 22--Gala chaired by Kay Norusis

March-out to eat at a local restaurant

If you have any suggestions for January, please let Connie Yokum cyokum@charter.net or Robyn Wolgemuth wolgemuth@embarqmail.com know. We appreciate it.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Once a month, Newcomers meet, usually in the afternoon, to share a beverage and just chat. Watch your email for news on the **November 22** gathering. For more information, contact Sheri Binning. ronald.binning@gmail.com

LUNCH CLUB

The November lunch club meeting will be at the **Texas Roadhouse Restaurant** on Lenoir Rhyne Blvd. at 11:45 am on **Thursday, November 7**. Email Marianne Merrill with any questions. merrill_marianne@yahoo.com

CANASTA

Each month we (Carole Reising, Carol Parker, and Betty Schwartz) have enjoyed having canasta players at our learning/talking table. It has been a lot of fun. The ladies continue to move on to the regular canasta group. People can play at the learning/talking table as many times as they would like. We welcome anyone wanting to learn to play canasta or just refreshing their canasta skills to play at our special table. The new tablecloths have arrived and were used by all at the October monthly canasta! The afternoon of lunch and canasta at the Hickory Airport is a fun way to get to know other Newcomers. Come and join us each month.

Due to the holidays, canasta will be held on **November 14** and **December 12** which are the second Thursdays of the two months. In January, canasta will be back to the fourth Thursday of the month. For more information or questions on canasta, please contact Carole Reising at creising@embarqmail.com

NEWCOMERS BOOK CLUB

It's book selection time! If you would like to assist in the selection process, please contact Sue Asp. If you have suggestions of books to be included, please submit them to Sue and include a short synopsis as well as the book title and the author. The new selections will be announced at our December meeting which will be a **holiday potluck lunch with a movie on December 4th**. For more information contact Betty Schwartz betty69@gmail.com or Sue Asp twoasps@gmail.com.

GAME NIGHT

The next Game Night will be **November 21 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.

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 dates for November:

Monday, November 4

Wednesday, November 6

Monday, November 11

Monday, November 18

Wednesday, November 20

Monday, November 25 Evening Bridge @6:30 p.m.

New members: please contact Gloria Berg (glomcberg@hotmail.com) for information about bridge.

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

Join us on Tuesday, **November 12 at 6:30 pm** for a shooting session.

The Newcomers Bowling League started on Wednesday, October 2. Contact Vince LeGrand for information on shooting or bowling. legravin@gmail.com

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

The next Mexican train will be held on **Tuesday, November 5**, at 6:30 p.m.

Please bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage as well as \$2.00 for the kitty. RSVP by Monday, Nov. 4, to Carol Parker carpark41@yahoo.com

Place: Shari Kidd's home at 5495 Gunpowder Drive, Hickory, NC 28601

RUMMIKUB

Rummikub will be held at the home of Bev Forrest on **Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 pm**. Please let Bev know by Friday, November 8 if you will be able to attend so she can make the necessary arrangements. Call her at 828-294-1557 or email her at bnforrest@embarqmail.com

BUSY HANDS

This handwork group will meet **November 4** and **November 18** at 10:00 am at Habitat for Humanity. Bring any handwork including knitting, crocheting, tatting, embroidery, scrapbooking, beading, etc. Any kind of handwork you can carry with you! Coffee will be provided and everyone is welcome. Contact Collette Wronek at sewalot38@hotmail.com or 704-530-1767.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Information must be submitted by noon on Wednesday of each week. As always, I want to hear from you if you run across any interesting things. **If you aren't familiar with "Items of Interest", go to our web site for guidelines for submission rules. The web site is: newcomersofcv.com**

Once at this site, you will need to click on "**Resources**", & then click on "**Items of Interest**".

Please feel free to browse our website, and see what we have to offer!! If you select our "**Sponsors**" page, you will see those businesses that offer us support. You can then access their web sites by clicking on their individual icon. **If you respond to any of these business ads, PLEASE mention that you saw their ad on our website.** This is how we get advertisers to continue to support us for the future. Thanks, Bob Jones itsmerbj@charter.net

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

The focus of this support group within Newcomers is to coordinate assistance for members and their immediate families who need help due to illness, surgery, hospitalization, death, or other problems. The committee contacts any recommended member to get approval before offering member support and to identify the type of assistance needed. Once specific assistance is identified and approved by the family, the committee sends out requests to the membership.

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

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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 cost \$35 and run for twelve months after signup which can be at any time during the year. Thank you.

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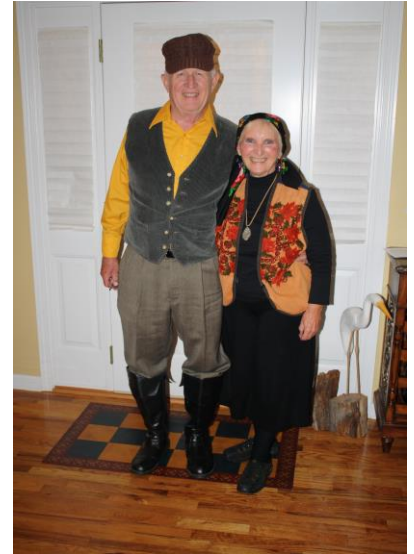
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Let them know you saw their ad on the Newcomers' web site.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to newest members Mary & Don Cooper and Naomi & Tom East.

Murder Mystery Characters



Watch for more murder mystery pictures next month