

NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY

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December 2013

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Happy Holidays!

I hope everyone is looking forward to the upcoming holidays! It is a great time of the year for all of us.

I have a few items for everyone to remember. Our General meeting is December 11, at 10:00 AM at the Hickory Airport. Our speaker is **Albert Keiser, Local Historian**. He should be very interesting and have loads of information for all of us.

For those who signed up for the Christmas Party, do not forget the date of December 8, at the Crowne Plaza in Hickory at 6:00 PM!

Did you know that Newcomers makes two donations of food each month to the Hickory Soup Kitchen? All food left from the monthly Canasta lunch and our monthly Game Night are refrigerated and taken to the Soup Kitchen the following morning.

Just a quick note; we are looking for 4 volunteers to serve on a nominating committee for this year. This committee makes phone calls asking members to serve on the board and chair some activities for the fiscal year of April 2014 through March of 2015. It is a small job which only lasts a couple of months. Please email or call any of the board members if you would like to serve on this committee! It takes very little of your time and would help us for our upcoming year.

Have a wonderful Christmas (or Hanukkah) and a great New Year!

Bob Wolgemuth

Happy Birthday to Our Members:

**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**

December	January
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 Pausa 23 – Barbara Jackson 24--Sharon Hughes 25 – Joseph Mooney 29 – Joyce Dennis 31 – Karen Schafer	1 – Floyd Clark 1- Lee Wagoner 5 – Bonnie Bender 7 – Hedy Pausa 8—Don Cooper 10 – Miki Valkanoff 16 – Kevin McCutcheon 18 – Sandra Thompson 19 – Faith Cody 21 – Barbara Beck 21 – Robert Sand 23 – Sue Bumgarner 23 – Betty Stone 24 – Gary Schwartz 25 – Daniel Ferry 27 – Sue Asp 28 – Bob Connor 28 – Audrey Hammond 30 – Mary Ellen Glover 30 – Edie Ashman 30 - Carolyn Eanes

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



December 2013

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 Busy Hands	3 Mexican Train Dominoes	4 10:00am Board Meeting 12:00pm Book Club 7:00pm Bowling	5 11:45 am Lunch	6 10:30 am MahJongg	7
8 6:00 pm Holiday Party Crowne Plaza	9	10 6:30 pm Rummikub 6:30 pm Shooting	11 10:00 am General Meeting	12 11:30 pm Canasta	13 10:30 am MahJongg	14
15	16 Busy Hands	17	18 7:00 pm Bowling	19 6:00 pm Game Night	20 10:30 am MahJongg	21
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GENERAL MEETING/WELCOME COFFEE

Our next **General Meeting** will be on **December 11** at **10:00 am** at Crosswinds Café inside the Hickory Airport. Our speaker will be **Albert Keiser**, a wonderfully talented **story-teller/historian**. He will make the history of Hickory come alive with his colorful stories. You will hear about the 19th century banker who built his house on a hill overlooking downtown so he could spot any of his workers who arrived late. You'll hear about prostitutes and speak-easies. He'll tell you about the near-collapse of the once very profitable Bank of Granite that Albert says should be known as the Bank of Cardboard. Please join us!

QUARTERLY CHARITY

I received the Wish List for a family of six who are residents at the Alexander County Domestic Violence Center in Lenoir. Whatever you are able to donate would be appreciated. It would be helpful if you were able to wrap them and mark on the package whom it is for.

Mom–Age 30–Hoop earrings, clothes, Walmart gift card. Clothing size is Shirt 1X, shoe size 10.5

Girl– Age 15- mp3 player and clothes. Her clothing size is 2x shirt, 18-20 pant, shoe size 11

Girl– Age 9 – make-up, dolls, dress up. Clothing size is Medium shirt, 10-12 pant, shoe size 3.5

Boy– Age 8 – cars, learning toys, Spiderman, Iron man, new lunch box. His size is Medium to Large shirt, 7-8 pant, shoe size 2.5

Boy–Age 6–guitar, learning toys, music, numbers. His size is Medium shirt, 6-7 pant, shoe size 1.5

Boy – Age 5 – Spiderman toys, trucks, learning toys, movies, music. His size is Medium shirt, 6-7 pant, shoe size 1

The gifts are needed at the Center by December 13th. Our General meeting is December 11th. Canasta is at the airport on December 12th. You could bring these items to either of these events and I will collect them and deliver them on the 13th. Thanks, Mary Ellen Glover

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

My thanks to everyone for keeping me up-to-date on the items to be added to our club activities calendar on the web site. The web calendar is always as current as the information provided. 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 continue to provide me with current information relative to dates, places and time of your activities. This ensures that our members have immediate access to the most current information. Thank you so much! I welcome your comments and suggestions for improvement. Adra Kryszczuk - adraellen@yahoo.com

EVENING SOCIALS

December 8–Holiday party Crowne Plaza: Piedmont Park Restaurant 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 **December** gathering. For more information, contact Sheri Binning. ronald.binning@gmail.com

LUNCH CLUB

The November lunch club meeting will be at the **Granite Falls Brewery** at 11:45 am on **Thursday, December 5**. Email Marianne Merrill with any questions. merrill_marianne@yahoo.com

CANASTA

We have enjoyed having canasta players at our learning/talking table. 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 afternoon of lunch and canasta at the Hickory Airport is a fun way to get to know other Newcomers, so come and join us each month. Due to the holidays, canasta will be held on **December 12**, the second Thursday of the month. In January, canasta will move back to our regular fourth Thursday of the month. For more information or questions on canasta, please contact Carole Reising at creising@embarqmail.com

NEWCOMERS BOOK CLUB

Book selections for 2014 will be announced at our December meeting which will be a **holiday potluck lunch with a movie on December 4th at noon at the home of Sue Asp**. For more information contact Betty Schwartz bettysch69@gmail.com or Sue Asp twoasps@gmail.com.

GAME NIGHT

The next Game Night will be **December 19 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.

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

December bridge players will meet for the holiday party to be held at the home of **Kathy Durand** at 1:00 pm on **Wednesday, December 18**. Please contact Kathy at **828-495-9349** for more information. New members: please contact Gloria Berg (glomcberg@hotmail.com) for details about bridge.

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

Join us on Tuesday, **December 10 at 6:30 pm** for a shooting session at the Springs Road Gun Club. The Newcomers Bowling League started on Wednesday, October 2. Contact Vince LeGrand for information on shooting or bowling. legravin@gmail.com or 828-466-8218

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

The next Mexican Train will be held on **Tuesday, December 3**, 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, Dec. 2, to Shari Kidd sharikidd@hotmail.com Place: Shari Kidd's home at 5495 Gunpowder Drive, Hickory, NC 28601

RUMMIKUB

Rummikub usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the evening. Watch your email for specifics or contact Michele LeGrand exermom@gmail.com

BUSY HANDS

This handwork group will meet **December 2** and **December 16** 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. In January, this group will start meeting on the first and third Fridays of the month at 1:00-3:00 pm.

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.** Click on "**Resources**", & then 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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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to newest members John & Donna Major and William & Marjorie Chu.

More Murder Mystery Characters

