

NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY**2425 North Ctr. St. #169, Hickory NC 28601****www.newcomersofcv.com****January 2014****Officers****President –
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Wolgemuth, C. Yokum**

Greetings!

It is hard to believe that we are in 2014 already! I feel like 2013 went by in a flash.

Our Newcomers Club had a successful year in 2013 with many socials, outings, games, and finished the year up with a wonderful Christmas Party at the Crowne Plaza! A big thanks goes out to Connie and Robyn for their hard work in putting the party together. I also want to thank everyone for all their hard work on all our activities in 2013!

The board approved donations to the following charities for the holiday season:

Alexander County Domestic Violence Center; Lenoir Soup Kitchen; Newton Corner Table Soup Kitchen; and South Mountain Children's Home.

The club donated \$300.00 to each of these charities. We could not do any of these donations without all of your support. Thanks to the Bateses and Glovers for their hard work on charities this year. THANK YOU ALL!!

Our next general meeting is January 8, 2014 at the Hickory Airport at 10:00 AM. Please try to attend and begin the New Year with a big bang!

Happy New Year!
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:

January	February
1 – Floyd Clark 1- Lee Wagoner 5 – Bonnie Bender 7 – Hedy Paussa 8—Don Cooper 10 – Miki Valkanoff 16 – Kevin McCutcheon 18 – Sandra Thompson 19 – Faith Cody 21 – Barb 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	1 – Barb Laufer 3 – Kay Norusis 6 – Mike Rozea 8 – Gene Rozea 10 – Robert Crawford 11 – Larry Laufer 14 – Evelyn Hogan 19 – Peg Baldwin 20 – Steven Berg 21 – Sheila Cooke 21 – Joyce Walker 28 – Beth Keane

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

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

January 2014

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
				2	3 10:30 am MahJongg 1:00 pm Busy Hands	4
5	6 1:00 pm Bridge	7 Mexican Train Dominoes	8 10:00 am General Meeting 7:00 pm Bowling	9 11:45 am Lunch	10 10:30 am MahJongg	11
12	13 1:00 pm Bridge	14 6:30 pm Rummikub 6:30 pm Shooting	15 1:00 pm Bridge	16 6:00 pm Game Night	17 10:30 am MahJongg 1:00 pm Busy Hands	18
19	20	21	22 1:30 pm Book Club 7:00 pm Bowling	23 11:30 pm Canasta	24 10:30 am MahJongg	25
26	27	28	29 10:00 Board Meeting	30 12:00 noon Shooting	31 10:30 am MahJongg 1:00pm Coffee & Conversation	

GENERAL MEETING/WELCOME COFFEE

Our next **General Meeting** will be on **January 8 at 10:00 am** at Crosswinds Café inside the Hickory Airport. Our speaker will be May Khang, a member of the area's Hmong community. May, who works at CVCC, will talk about the history of these people who once lived in the mountains of Laos and were recruited by the U.S. military in the fight against the North Vietnamese. After the war, thousands moved to the U.S., including a large group that lives in the Catawba Valley. May was instrumental in relocating many Hmong families to the Hickory area.

QUARTERLY CHARITY

Our charity for the first quarter of 2014 will be **Friends for Animals, Humane Society of Burke County**. Their website, www.burkecountyfriends4animals.org, is full of information regarding all they do for the animals they rescue. Their wish list is as follows:

Blankets, towels, washable pet bedding, all sizes pet dishes (stainless preferred),
Pet carriers and crates, cat litter, litter boxes/pans, pet shampoos,
Cotton balls/Q-tips, rubbing alcohol/witch hazel, Vaseline, paper towels
Hydrogen peroxide, betadine, triple antibiotic ointment
Pet foods, pet treats, small animal bedding (wood shavings)
Small animal food (rabbit, gerbil, bird)
Pump hand soap, toilet paper, Lysol spray, Lysol cleaner
Hand creams, laundry detergent, dish detergent (with bleach alternative)
Bleach, rubber/vinyl gloves, empty aluminum cans
Band-Aids, gauze rolls, gauze pads, bandage tape
Leashes, collars, halters and other items to sell

Please bring any of these items to the general meeting or contact Mary Ellen Glover at ronandme@charter.net for more information about donations. Calendars to support the society are also available for \$15.

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 ensure that you 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.

LUNCH CLUB

The January lunch club meeting will be at **El Paso Mexican Restaurant**, 1709 N. Center St., in Hickory at 11:45 am on **Thursday, January 9**. Email Marianne Merrill to make your reservation or with any questions. merrill_marianne@yahoo.com

EVENING SOCIALS

January-open

February-Gala

March-out to
dinner at a local
restaurant



Get Your Passport Ready to
travel to Paris' **Heart Beat Café**
for the Newcomers of
Catawba Valley Gala

February 22, 2014
Catawba Country Club
6:30-10:30 PM
(Dinner 7:00PM)

Entertainment:

Gary Schwartz' Jazz Trio (6:30-8:00PM)
DJ George Brown (8:00-10:30PM)

\$20 each Member

\$25 each Non-Member

Make Checks Payable to NCV
(Mail Checks to Kay Norusis by February 14th)
P.O. Box 6177
Hickory, NC 28603)

Note: An Original Piece of Art by our own
Bob Dennis
will be auctioned off at the Gala
and all proceeds will go to the
American Heart Association
(Please bring your check book)

Dress Code: Smart Casual (no jeans or shorts)

Gala Committee Members:
Joyce Dennis, Kay Norusis, Candy Sand & Betty Schwartz

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 **January** gathering. For more information, contact Sheri Binning. ronald.binning@gmail.com

CANASTA

Our monthly canasta and lunch at the airport will resume on **Thursday, January 23, 2014**. We will continue having the learning/talking table as long as we have members interested in learning canasta for the first time, refreshing their skills, or learning some strategies.

We do need to remind everyone that if you make a reservation and then cancel after 6 pm on the Monday prior to canasta Thursday that you are still responsible for paying the \$10 for your lunch. We have to pay the caterer for the number of reservations we make, not by who attends. If you find someone to take your place, they can pay the \$10 if that is what you work out with each other. We appreciate your cooperation. We want to pay the caterer as well as have the correct number of players to fill the tables.

In 2013 the registration was streamlined. Newcomers purchased new table cloths for us. We are excited about the people who signed up for the learning table. And the menus have been well received. 2013 was a lot of fun. We hope to see you all in 2014.

GAME NIGHT

The next Game Night will be **January 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.

NEWCOMERS BOOK CLUB

The Newcomers' Book Club had a lovely holiday lunch at the home of Sue Asp followed by a viewing of the movie "Hyde Park on Hudson". It was a wonderful way to start the holiday season. Our new book selections for the year are on the website under "Activities". We have some great books on the list starting with **Bel Canto** by Ann Patchett which will be the topic of discussion at our first meeting of the year on **January 22 at the Women's Resource Center at 1:30 pm.** Please join us. For information on Book Club, contact either Sue Asp (twoasps@gmail.com) or Betty Schwartz (bettysch69@gmail.com).

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 the month are as follows: Wednesday, Jan. 1st no bridge; Monday, January 6th; Monday, January 13; Wednesday January 15th; Monday, January 20th no bridge. 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, **January 16 at 6:30 pm** or **Thursday, January 23 at 12:00 pm** for a shooting session at the Springs Road Gun Club. The Newcomers Wednesday Bowling League is in full swing. 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, January 7** at 6:30 pm. Please bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage as well as \$2.00 for the kitty. Place: Shari Kidd's home at 5495 Gunpowder Drive, Hickory. RSVP by Monday, January 6, to Carol Parker carpark41@yahoo.com

RUMMIKUB

Rummikub will meet on **Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 pm** at the home of Michele LeGrand. Contact Michele for more information at exermom@gmail.com.

BUSY HANDS

This handwork group will meet on Friday, **January 3** and Friday, **January 17** from 1:00-3:00 pm at Habitat for Humanity. Bring any handwork including knitting, crocheting, tatting, embroidery, scrapbooking, beading, etc. 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.** 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.

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

Dirty Santa Gift Exchange at the Bridge Party



Holiday Party at the Crowne Plaza

