

NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY

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Happy Winter Everyone!!

I guess we should be happy we are not in the Northeast or the Midwest this winter! It is cold here but not like those areas of the country. We just got back from Naples Florida and the weather was just great! It is even a little cooler down there this year than usual!

I asked a friend of ours in Naples if they have a newcomer's club. He said he asked the same question when they moved to Naples and the answer was NO! They have handouts at the visitors' centers, but no newcomer's clubs. I think we should feel fortunate that we have such an active club in which we can all participate in the functions and activities each month.

February is the month of the Gala! The date is February 22nd! It sounds like a great night for all of us. Please contact Kay Norusis for your reservations. This is always a fun night for everyone!

Please do not forget our General meeting on February 12, 10:00 AM at the Hickory Airport. See you all at the meeting!

Bob Wolgemuth

**Game Night – D. Straley,
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**Items of Interest-
Bob Jones**

**Historian –
Kathy Rozea**

**Hospitality –
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**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:

February	March
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	4 – Fred Abernethy 6 – Helen Reed 6 - Candy Sand 7 – Harriet Bates 8 – Sheena Williams 10 – Corwin Kippenhan 11 - Judy Fahrenholz 11 – Shirley Strickland 12 – Monty Matthews 13 – Doris Wallace 19 – Cathy Knobloch 20 - Larry Mosher 22 - Larry Parker

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.

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

GENERAL MEETING/WELCOME COFFEE

Our next **General Meeting** will be on **February 12 at 10:00 am** at Crosswinds Café inside the Hickory Airport. Our speaker will be Peggy Messick from the Catawba Valley Medical Center. Since February is heart month, Ms. Messick will be speaking to us about heart health and heart attacks in both males and females. Don't miss this informative meeting.

QUARTERLY CHARITY

Our charity for the first quarter of 2014 is **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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Save the date, **Tuesday, April 1st**, for a wonderful and informational trip to learn about harvesting caviar right here in our own back yard. No, this isn't an April Fool's joke, it is for real. We will start sign up on March 1st. More details to come. Candy Sand CLS4151@aol.com

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

February 22-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 **February** gathering. For more information, contact Sheri Binning. ronald.binning@gmail.com

CANASTA

Our monthly canasta and lunch at the airport will be held on **Thursday, February 27, 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. Contact Carole Reising at creising@embarqmail.com for more information.

LUNCH CLUB

The February lunch club meeting will be at the **Olde Hickory Tap Room** in Hickory on Union Square at **11:30 am** on **Thursday, February 6**. Email Marianne Merrill to make your reservation or with any questions. merrill_marianne@yahoo.com

GAME NIGHT

The next Game Night will be **Thursday, February 20 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 book club has two upcoming events. On Feb. 20th, we will meet at the Cromer Center at Lenoir-Rhyne for dinner at 5:15 pm. We will then go to hear visiting author Isabelle Wilkerson who wrote a book from last year's reading ("The Warmth of Other Suns," which was about the migration of blacks from the South during the turbulent years before and during the Civil Rights era). Our next formal meeting will be March 26th at 1:30 pm at the WRC at which time we will discuss "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. This non-fiction work is based on the namesake of "HeLa" cells which have been used by medical science for decades and have led to important advances like in vitro fertilization, cloning, and gene mapping, and have been bought and sold by the billions -- all without the knowledge of the donor or her family. Intimate in feeling, astonishing in scope, and impossible to put down, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" captures the beauty and drama of scientific discovery as well as its human consequences.

Please join us for either or both of these events. They should be very thought provoking regardless of whether or not you have read the books. If you have any questions, contact Sue Asp (twoasps@gmail.com) or Betty Schwartz (bettyesch69@gmail.com).

BRIDGE

Bridge dates for the month are as follows: **Monday, Feb. 3rd; Wednesday, Feb. 5th; Monday, Feb. 10th; Monday, Feb. 17th; and Wednesday, Feb. 19th**. 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, **February 11 at 6:30 pm** or **Thursday, February 27 at 12:00 pm** for a shooting session at the Springs Road Gun Club. The Newcomers Wednesday evening bowling league is in full swing. Contact Vince LeGrand for information on shooting or bowling. legravin@gmail.com or 828-466-8218

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.

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

The next Mexican Train will be held on **Tuesday, February 4** 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, February 3 to Carol Parker carpark41@yahoo.com

RUMMIKUB

Rummikub will meet on **Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 pm** at the home of Susan Reese. Please let Susan know by February 7 if you will be attending. You can reach her by phone at 828-322-3309 or email her at sereese62@gmail.com.

BUSY HANDS

This handwork group will meet on Friday, **February 7** and Friday, **February 21** 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.

January General Meeting with Kou Yang and his wife, La Yang, talking about the Hmong community in the Hickory area

