



## **NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY**

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**May 2014**

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### **Notes from Dianne:**

We'll honor veterans at our **May 14** General Meeting, so this is a special invitation to members who served in the Armed Forces to attend and be recognized. I will ask each of you to tell us how you served and where. Please bring a photo of yourself in uniform. **Corwin Kippenhan**, a former pilot in the U.S. Air Force, will be our speaker. Corwin, a member of Newcomers with his wife Josette, was shot down over Vietnam in 1967. He will tell us about his rescue and his role in the secret Misty program. Corwin is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and a retired pilot with United.



He has great stories to tell, so please come hear Corwin. **Our meeting starts at a new time: 10:30 a.m. at the Hickory Regional Airport.**

Gamers, we will **not have Night Canasta in May**, but it will resume in June. We usually have Night Canasta the second Wednesday of each month and Game Night a week later on the third Thursday. But May 2014 makes that difficult because the third Thursday, May 15, comes one day after the second Wednesday, May 14. Bottom line: we will have NO Night Canasta in May but will have Game Night. The calendar gets back to normal in June.

Newcomers recently donated \$26 to the Women's Resource Center, thanks to one of our members who bought glittery name tags and sold them to several Canasta players at last month's game. Our member, who asked I not use her name, paid for the permanent badges herself, donated them to the club and then sold them for \$2 each to players. All the money for those 13 badges was hand-delivered to the Women's Resource Center after the game. Thanks to our charitable friend. She's the one wearing a glittery name tag!

Kathy Durand has planned our annual outing to see the **Hickory Crawdads play on Aug. 22**. More details later. And there will be fireworks!

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## Happy Birthday to Our Members:

**Game Night – D. Straley**

**Items of Interest-  
B. Jones**

**Historian –  
K. Rozea**

**Hospitality –  
M. LeGrand & R. Wolgemuth**

**Lunch Out –  
Jones & Paussa**

**Mah Jongg – J. Womack**

**Members Helping Members –  
A. Kryszczuk**

**Men's Activities –  
Vince LeGrand**

**Mexican Train –  
S. Kidd**

**Special Events –  
S. Kidd**

**Evening Canasta-S. Kidd**

**Webmaster –  
Gary Schwartz**

May	June
De Martin Robert Leimbach Al Osbahr Marjorie Chu Bob Sykes Bill Brown Sandy Davis Robyn Wolgemuth Ric Johnsen JoAnn Womack	Neil Forrest Norma Leimbach Stan Bumgarner Elizabeth Friend Kris Bowman Betty Schwartz Mary Murgo June Chalk Christine McCutcheon Doak Walker Laurie Johnsen Gloria Berg Bev Forrest Carol Earl

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- Hickory Community Theatre

May 2014						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
				1  11:30 am Lunch at O'Charley's	2  10:30 am MahJongg  1:00 pm Busy Hands	3
4	5  1:00 pm Bridge	6  6:30 pm Mexican Train Dominoes	7  1:00 pm Bridge	8	9  10:30 am MahJongg	10
11	12  1:00 pm Bridge	13  9:00 am Hike  6:30 pm Rummikub  6:30 pm Shooting	14  10:30 am General Meeting  6:00 pm Evening Canasta	15  6:00 pm Game Night	16  10:30 am MahJongg  1:00 pm Busy Hands	17
18	19  1:00 pm Bridge	20	21  1:00 pm Bridge	22  11:30 am Lunch & Canasta  12:00 pm Shooting	23  10:30 am MahJongg	24
25	26	27	28  10:00 am Board Meeting  1:30 pm Book Club	29	30  10:30 am MahJongg  2:00 pm Coffee and Conversation	31

## **GENERAL MEETING/WELCOME COFFEE**

**Our meeting starts at a new time: 10:30 a.m. on May 14 at the Hickory Regional Airport.**

We'll honor veterans at our **May 14 General Meeting**, so this is a special invitation to members who served in the Armed Forces to attend and be recognized. We're shifting the time of our monthly General Meeting to 10:30 a.m., a half-hour later. Several of you have mentioned that our meetings get out too early to have lunch afterwards, so we are experimenting with a later start time and an organized effort to announce the name of a restaurant where everyone is invited to have lunch after the meeting. In May, **lots of us are heading to Ham's** after the meeting for lunch. Ham's is on U.S.321, across 2nd Ave. from McDonalds. You do not need a reservation. We will try the 10:30 a.m. start time throughout the summer and then re-evaluate. Please let me know what you think. Dianne Straley

## **QUARTERLY CHARITY**

The NCV charity for the spring is the **Lenoir Soup Kitchen** (Caldwell). They particularly need **paper towels**, sugar, barbeque sauce, mayo, canned carrots, canned greens, and canned fruits. Checks are fine as well, and they have agreed that they will not share donor information or use it themselves other than for a personal thank you.

Looking forward, during the summer we are looking to support the Women's Resource Center in Hickory (Catawba) and in the fall the Mount Pisgah Food Pantry in Bethlehem (Taylorsville). Suggestions for Burke County for next winter would be appreciated.

For those who do not attend the general meeting and would like to participate, items may be brought to our house or perhaps someone in each activity will act as a go-between in their group so that all members can be a part of this work. We are making a difference, and it is appreciated. Harriet and John Bates [johnwbates@gmail.com](mailto:johnwbates@gmail.com)

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Never let it be said that Newcomers let any grass grow under their feet! All month long, we are kept busy with multiple activities from which to choose. It is my responsibility to keep the web site calendar up to date with fun choices of ways to spend your time. I only hope I can do as good a job as Adra did. Obviously, I will need your help – so please keep me informed of all changes and additions as they come up. You can print a weekly or monthly view of the calendar and can see all details of each activity by simply clicking on the activity. Please do let me know if you have any suggestions for making the calendar even better. Betty Schwartz, [betty69@gmail.com](mailto:betty69@gmail.com)

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

John and I are planning to lead a hike for the newcomer's on **Tuesday, May 13th**. We are planning to hike off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Blowing Rock. We can do an easy 2 1/2 mile hike around Price Lake or a more moderate 3 to 4 mile hike (round trip) up one of the Moses Cone carriage trails that leads to a nice overlook, depending on what the group feels like doing. We will meet at the old Lowe's Food Store parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on the 13th. We can decide on carpooling at that time. I think it would be nice to bring a picnic lunch to have after the hike. If you drive yourself and would rather go into Blowing Rock to eat, that's fine too. Please wear comfortable walking/hiking shoes and bring some water.

I will be out of town until May 7th, but please send me an e-mail if you want to go and I will get back to you when I return after the 7th. We will check the weather report the day before the hike on May 12th to determine whether to proceed with the plan and if we decide we need to cancel will send out an e-mail to all participants that afternoon! Beth Keane [bethkeane@centurylink.net](mailto:bethkeane@centurylink.net)

## **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

Once a month, Newcomers meet, usually on the fourth Friday in the afternoon, to share a beverage and just chat. This month we will go to **Taste Full Beans** on the **30th at 2 pm**. For those not familiar with this coffeehouse, it is located in downtown Hickory at 29 2nd St NW. For more information, contact Sheri Binning at [ronald.binning@gmail.com](mailto:ronald.binning@gmail.com)

## **CANASTA**

Monthly canasta and lunch at the airport will be held on **Thursday, May 22 at 11:30 am**. Canasta, lunch, dessert and a beverage is \$10 and canasta with a dessert and a beverage is \$5. If you make a reservation and then cancel after 6 pm on the Monday prior to canasta Thursday, you are still responsible for paying the \$10 for your lunch. 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. To join in on the fun, contact Carole Reising at [creising@embargmail.com](mailto:creising@embargmail.com)

## **EVENING CANASTA**

There will be no evening canasta in May but it will return on June 11.

## **LUNCH CLUB**

**Thursday, May 1, at 11:30 am** is our luncheon at **O'Charley's**, 2360 US Hwy 70 SE, Hickory. The web site is: [www.ocharleys.com](http://www.ocharleys.com) where you can see the full menu. Please let Hedy & Joe Paussa know if you can make it. [jhpauusa2@gmail.com](mailto:jhpauusa2@gmail.com)

## **GAME NIGHT**

The next Game Night will be **Thursday, May 15 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 [dfwhit@gmail.com](mailto:dfwhit@gmail.com).

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

Join us on Tuesday, **May 13 at 6:30 pm** or **Thursday, May 22 at 12:00 pm** for a shooting session at the Springs Road Gun Club. Contact Vince LeGrand for information on shooting. [legravin@gmail.com](mailto:legravin@gmail.com) or 828-466-8218

The Newcomers Bowling League wrapped up a successful fourth season on April 16th. As in past years, the bowlers and spouses will have a party to celebrate the season. This year the party is being hosted by the Wolgemuth's. Everyone I had a chance to talk to has indicated that they will be back for the next Newcomers' Bowling Season. We will start our next season in late September. All Newcomers are welcome to join. We are not a competitive league; we just bowl for fun.

## **NEWCOMERS BOOK CLUB**

At our next meeting on **May 28th at 1:30 pm** at the Women's Resource Center, we will discuss **The Burgess Boys** by **Elizabeth Strout**. It is the story of two brothers, one a successful corporate lawyer who belittled his bighearted brother their whole lives, and the second, a Legal Aid attorney who idolizes his brother and has always taken his brother's treatment of him in stride. Their long-standing dynamic is upended when their sister calls them home because she desperately needs their help. The brothers return to their childhood home and the long-buried tensions that shaped and shadowed their relationship surface in unexpected ways that will change them forever. This book is a tender, tough-minded, loving, and deeply illuminating story about the ties that bind us to family and home. All are welcome to join us! Contact Sue Asp [twoasps@gmail.com](mailto:twoasps@gmail.com) or Betty Schwartz [bettysch69@gmail.com](mailto:bettysch69@gmail.com) for more information.

## **MAHJONGG**

Daytime MahJongg is on Friday mornings @ 10:30 at Bistro 127. Please contact JoAnn Womack for information at 256-3495 or [joannwomack@embarqmail.com](mailto:joannwomack@embarqmail.com). This is a fun, fast-paced game.

## **BRIDGE**

Bridge dates for the month are as follows: **Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Monday May 19<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. New members: please contact Gloria Berg ([glomcberg@hotmail.com](mailto:glomcberg@hotmail.com)) for details about bridge.

### **MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES**

The next dominoes night will be held on **Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm** where we will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo and playing Chicken Foot Dominoes!! Please wear your finest Mexican hats, jewelry, and other apparel for this festive evening. Bring a snack to share (Mexican if possible) and your favorite beverage as well as \$2.00 for the kitty. Tacos will be served. Place: **Shari Kidd's home** at 5495 Gunpowder Drive, Hickory. RSVP by Monday, May 5 to Shari at 828-328-4657 or [sharikidd@hotmail.com](mailto:sharikidd@hotmail.com)

### **RUMMIKUB**

Rummikub will be held at the home of Adra Kryszczuk on Tuesday, **May 13 at 6:30 pm**. Please let Adra know if you will be able to attend so she can make the necessary arrangements. Don't forget your \$3 and a side dish! Dessert and a main dish will be provided. You can reach Adra at 828-324-8613 or [adraellen@yahoo.com](mailto:adraellen@yahoo.com).

### **BUSY HANDS**

Busy Hands will meet at Habitat for Humanity on **Friday, May 2 and May 16 at 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Habitat is located at 1545 8th St Dr. SE, just off Route 70. It is across from Home Depot on 8th street. All are welcome to come, do handwork, have coffee, and enjoy each other's company. Hope to see you! Call Collette Wronek at 704-530-1767 if you have any questions.

### **TEMS 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](mailto: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 Adra Kryszczuk (chairperson) and Betty Schwartz. For more information, contact Adra at [adraellen@yahoo.com](mailto:adraellen@yahoo.com).



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#### **April General Meeting**

**Hickory Canine Officer Scott Pendleton  
&  
his police dog Rico**





