

## **NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY**

**2425 North Ctr. St. #169, Hickory NC 28601**

**[www.newcomersofcv.com](http://www.newcomersofcv.com)**

**June & July 2014**

### **Officers**

**President –  
Dianne Straley**

**Vice President  
(Membership)  
Kay Norusis**

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Vince LeGrand**

**Secretary –  
Barb Beck**

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Betty Schwartz**

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**Bridge –  
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**Charity Coordinator –  
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**Coffee & Conversation –  
S. Binning**

**Evening Socials –**

### **Notes from our President:**

Where are the men? If you're a regular at Newcomers' many daytime card games, you'll quickly notice something is missing. Men.

Newcomers has plenty of male members, and they're active in many club activities. They bowl, they target practice, and they play at our night games – Mexican Train Dominoes, Game Night and Night Canasta. Lots of men go to our monthly General Meeting and three men – Bob Wolgemuth, Vince LeGrand and Bob Jones - sit on our board of directors.

Men are organizing a golf tournament, pontoon boat party and a trip to the Kings Mountain Revolutionary War battleground – all scheduled for this summer. You can thank Kevin McCutcheon, Dan Ferry and Paige Straley for their hard work. But cracking the daytime-is-for-women tradition at Newcomers is tough.

Carol Parker broke the ice a year or two ago when she drafted her husband Larry to fill in at the last minute for a no-show at daytime canasta. (Larry is so good at canasta, you'll want him for your partner.) Since then, we've had a few men play daytime canasta. They likely will be the only man in the room, but they're welcomed and urged to come back.

As president, I have asked program coordinator Pam Wagoner to invite speakers to our general meeting who would appeal to men. We had one of our best turnouts in recent memory to hear former Air Force pilot and club member Corwin Kippenhan talk in May about being shot down and rescued in Vietnam. On June 11, we will hold our meeting at the Paramount Classic Car Museum. Tentatively, July's speaker will talk about home beer brewing.

I think these are topics that will appeal to both men and women. The club has come a long way in the decade since Betty Stone, Sue Bumgarner and a few others revived a dying Newcomers' organization. Back then, only a handful of women attended the meetings and the club was about to go under. Barb Laufer helped by updating the bylaws and found a stipulation that you won't find in our current rules. That club was for women only. Not anymore.

Today, men are vital members of our group, welcomed at all our events – day or night.

Dianne Straley  
[dfwhit@gmail.com](mailto:dfwhit@gmail.com)  
828-328-1412

## 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 –  
V. LeGrand**

**Mexican Train –  
S. Kidd**

**Special Events –  
S. Kidd**

**Rummikub-M. LeGrand**

**Evening Canasta-S. Kidd**

**Busy Hands-C. Wronek**

**Webmaster –  
Gary Schwartz**

June	July
2 – Neil Forrest 8 – Norma Leimbach 11 – Stan Bumgarner 12 – Elizabeth Friend 13 – Kris Bowman 13 – Betty Schwartz 18 – Mary Murgio 18 – June Chalk 20 – Christine McCutcheon 21 – Doak Walker 22 – Laurie Johnsen 24 – Gloria Berg 26 – Bev Forrest 30 – Carol Earl	1 – Katie Fleming 6 – Rose Arant 7 – Edward Stewart 9 – Bob Williams 12 – Joan Brown 15 – Kitty Clark 16 – John Major 19 – James Earl 28 – Jane Woodward 29 – Carol Sawicki 30 – Marvin Yokum

Please email Barb Beck at [ahbbjb@aol.com](mailto:ahbbjb@aol.com) if your birthday is not listed or if you would prefer that your birthday not be listed.

**New members:** Welcome to our newest members: Katie Fleming, Tony Wilson, Gene & Margaret Clayton, and Amanda & Ryan Edwards.

### **COMEDY BUS TOUR OF ASHEVILLE ---PASSENGERS WANTED!**



**WHEN: Sunday, June 29, 2014**

**WHAT: Comedy Club Bus Tour**

**WHERE: Asheville, NC (carpool to Asheville)**

**Hostesses: Donna Wilson and Shari Kidd**

**RSVP: June 8, 2014, payment needs to be received by June 7, 2014**

**Price: \$22.00 per person**

Information: If we have 40+ total passengers; the bus will depart at 3pm, if less than 39, we will be leaving at 2pm. For additional information, please call Shari @ (828) 328-4657

## **GENERAL MEETING/WELCOME COFFEE**

**See you at 10:30 am, June 11 at the Paramount Classic Car Museum**



Cars, Cars, Cars!!! We have a wonderful program planned for you in June. It has been arranged that we will tour the Paramount Classic Car Museum and have a short program about the various cars. These are classic cars that range from Ferraris, to Porsches, and the General Lee. If classic cars get you excited, you do not want to miss this meeting. We will meet at the Paramount Classic Car Showroom at **3030 Falling Creek Road, in Hickory at 10:30 am**. Hope to see you there, and if you are

interested in buying a car bring your checkbook.

Dianne Straley has arranged for us to eat out at Umi Japanese Restaurant after the meeting, but you will need to email her so that we have a correct count for lunch. [dfwhit@gmail.com](mailto:dfwhit@gmail.com)

At our **July general meeting**, Newcomer member Lee Wagoner will show us how he makes beer!

## **QUARTERLY CHARITY**

June is the last month to bring items for 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.

Our next charity will be the Women's Resource Center in Hickory (Catawba). Watch for an email about their needs. We are making a difference, and it is appreciated.

Harriet and John Bates [johnwbates@gmail.com](mailto:johnwbates@gmail.com)

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT**

The busy summer season is upon us. Many Newcomers will be traveling back and forth, but there are still lots of things going on within our group to keep everyone busy. Please remember to check the web site to ensure that you have the latest information on everything that is going on. 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 make sure I have all the latest information so that the online calendar is always up to date. Thanks, Betty Schwartz, [betty69@gmail.com](mailto:betty69@gmail.com)

## **JUNE EVENING SOCIAL**

On **Friday, June 20th**, we will be going to the **Catawba Springs Country Club** for dinner. The cost is \$21.50 per person. This will include a choice of entrée with sides, salad, coffee or tea, taxes and gratuity. Beer, alcohol and wine can be purchased there. We will meet there at 6:00 pm for dinner, and then we will go to Pam Wagoner's home for dessert.

If you're paying by check, please make it payable to Kay Norusis and mail to P. O. Box 6177, Hickory, NC 28603 or give your money to me at one of the events. I will need your payment no later than June 12th. I will forward driving directions to you later. Hope to see you! Kay

## **JULY EVENING SOCIAL**

**July Boat Party, Saturday, July 12  
(Rain Date, July 13)  
3:30 p.m. – Dusk  
Captains Needed**

We are delighted to announce our plans for a "Boat Party" on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. We have attained the docks at Plantation Pointe (thanks to member Larry Laufer!) for our main meeting spot for a get together around 5 pm. There will be no tie up this time as we have the docks to handle our party and therefore all types of boats are welcome. Swimming off the docks is allowed, and as usual, there will be lots of food.

Boat captains will take their guests on a short tour of the lake before meeting at Plantation Pointe. Pick up locations (Wittenberg Access, Lovelady Access, boat owners' homes, etc. or whatever works for all parties) will be determined by the captain and their guests at a suggested pick up time of 3:30 or so.

It is critical at this early stage is to determine who will volunteer their boats for this party and be "boat captains" responsible for their boat and an appropriate number of guests to be assigned per boat. If you are willing to use your boat, please rsvp to me and specify how many guests can be safely accommodated for your boat. For example, I will accept 4 guests for a total party of 6 for our boat – which includes Terry and me. We are working closely with Betty and Gary Schwartz in an effort to make this event memorable and a success in every way. Feedback from the prior "Pontoon Parties" was used in developing this new format.

**Email Dan Ferry at [dodgerdjf@gmail.com](mailto:dodgerdjf@gmail.com)**

## **SPECIAL EVENTS-Hiking**

We will go to Rocky Face Park in Hiddenite on June 2 for a 2 mile relatively easy hike. There are some nice overlooks on this walk. Also, we may see people rock-climbing. We can meet at Lowe's Food in Bethlehem at 10 am and car pool from there. Afterwards, we will stop at May's Meats in Taylorsville (bring a cooler) and then eat at Big D's Diner. If the forecast is for rain, I'll reschedule. Let me know if you can make it. The park is pet-friendly if you want to bring your dog. <http://rockyfacepark.com/> For more information contact Sheri Binning [ronald.binning@gmail.com](mailto:ronald.binning@gmail.com) If anyone wants to lead a hike, simply send an email to the membership with all the pertinent information, including difficulty of the terrain.

## **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

Once a month, Newcomers meet, usually on the fourth Friday in the afternoon, to share a beverage and just chat. We will be going to **Wholly Crepe in Union Square** on the 27th of June at 2 pm. For more information, contact Sheri Binning at [ronald.binning@gmail.com](mailto:ronald.binning@gmail.com)

## **EVENING CANASTA**

Evening canasta at the airport will be held on **June 11** and **July 9**. Watch your email for information about this evening of dinner and cards open to all Newcomer members. Contact Shari Kidd for more information [sharikidd@hotmail.com](mailto:sharikidd@hotmail.com)

## **CANASTA**

Winners of the May canasta were **Barb Laufer-1<sup>st</sup> place** and **Laurie Johnsen-2nd place**. The group said goodbye to regular player De Martin who is moving to High Point with her husband Dick. Monthly canasta and lunch at the airport will be held on **Thursday, June 26 and July 24 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@embarqmail.com](mailto:creising@embarqmail.com)



Daytime Canasta Crew

## **LUNCH CLUB**

The June luncheon will be held at **11:30 am** on **Thursday, June 5** at:

### **OLDE GERMAN SCHNITZEL HAUS**

403 U.S. HIGHWAY 70 SW  
HICKORY, NC

[www.oldgermanschnitzelhaus.com](http://www.oldgermanschnitzelhaus.com)

The Schnitzel Haus has just recently opened for lunch. If you have never been there before, please give it a try. The German food is wonderful and they have soup and sandwiches for lunch. We look forward to you joining us!! 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 on **Thursday, June 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 [dfwhit@gmail.com](mailto:dfwhit@gmail.com). Watch for information about the **July 17** Game Night.

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

Join us on Tuesday, **June 10 or July 8 at 6:30 pm** or **Thursday, June 26 or July 24 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 will start again in late September. All Newcomers are welcome to join. We are not a competitive league; we just bowl for fun.

## **NEWCOMERS BOOK CLUB**

Several of us enjoyed a very entertaining evening with NC author Ron Rash on May 15th. The movie version of his book "Serena" starring Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence will be released later this year.

Book Club will next meet on **July 23rd** at 1:30 pm at the Women's Resource Center in Hickory. The current book selection is "**Light Between the Oceans**" by **M.L. Stedman** which is the story of a lighthouse keeper, Tom Sherbourne. After four harrowing years on the Western Front, Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day's journey from the coast. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes once a season, Tom brings his young wife Isabel. Years later, after two miscarriages and one stillbirth, the grieving Isabel hears a baby's cries on the wind. A boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby. Tom, who keeps meticulous records and whose moral principles have withstood a horrific war, wants to report the man and infant immediately. But Isabel insists the baby is a "gift from God," and against Tom's judgment, they claim her as their own and name her Lucy. When she is two, Tom and Isabel return to the mainland and are reminded that there are other people in the world. Their choice has devastated one of them. 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@embargmail.com](mailto:joannwomack@embargmail.com). This is a fun, fast-paced game.

## **BRIDGE**

Bridge dates for the June are as follows: **Monday, June 2nd, Wednesday, June 4th, Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, Monday June 16<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.** July dates are: **Wednesday, July 2nd, Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.** New members: please contact Gloria Berg ([glomcberg@hotmail.com](mailto:glomcberg@hotmail.com)) for details about bridge.

## **CALENDAR**

The monthly calendar will no longer appear in the newsletter, but you can always access it by going to the Newcomers website at: [http://www.newcomersofcv.com/calendar\\_of\\_events.html](http://www.newcomersofcv.com/calendar_of_events.html)

### **MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES**

The next Mexican Train will be held on **Tuesday, June 3** 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, June 2 to [sharikidd@hotmail.com](mailto:sharikidd@hotmail.com) or 828-328-4657. Watch for information about the July Mexican Train evening.

### **RUMMIKUB**

Rummikub will be held at the home of Michele LeGrand on Tuesday, **June 10 at 6:30** pm. Please let Michele 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 Michele at 828-466-8218 or [exermom@gmail.com](mailto:exermom@gmail.com)

### **BUSY HANDS**

The Busy Hands group will meet **June 6 and June 20, July 18, August 1 and August 15**. Meet at Habitat for Humanity at 1:00 pm. 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.

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

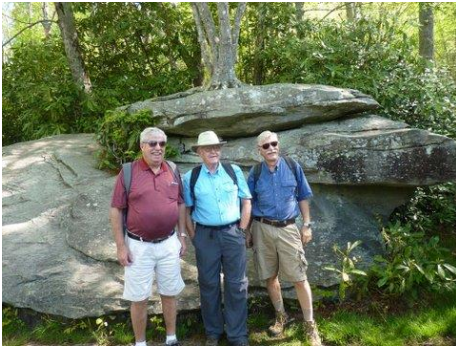
**Information must be submitted by noon on Wednesday of each week.** As always, I want to hear from you if you run across any interesting things. **If you aren't familiar with "Items of Interest", go to our web site for guidelines for submission rules. The web site is: newcomersofcv.com.** Click on "**Resources**",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

## **MAY HAPPENINGS**

Eight Newcomers and a guest hiked 2.5 miles around David Price Lake off the Blue Ridge Parkway on May 13, in an outing led by John and Beth Keane. The Keanes, who have also led us on a hike to see the headwaters of the Catawba River a few years ago, are avid hikers on trails along the parkway. We saw lots of fish, birds, beaver-chewed tree stumps and wildflowers on the easy, level trail. The group ended the day with lunch in Blowing Rock. If you would like to lead a hike, simply send an email to the membership with all the pertinent information, including difficulty of the terrain. **DS**



**Tribute to Our Veterans** Thanks everyone who came to the May General Meeting and paid tribute to our many veterans. All the veterans present were recognized and our guest speaker was Air Force War Hero Corbin Kippenhan. Corbin or "Kip", as he was known back then, opened his speech with a great joke and then took us all on his very serious tour of duty during Vietnam. Kip flew planes in the mid-to-late 60's throughout Vietnam. At one point when his plane crashed, he was extricated and was literally minutes from capture by the Vietnamese. Many of us were somehow involved and remember the many events of Vietnam, but to hear about Corbin's events, first hand brought tears to our eyes and it made us very proud to be his friend. **KR**



