



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY

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Notes from our President:

When there were only three cans of beans to deliver recently to a Newcomers' charity, member John Bates was stumped. Have Newcomers stopped giving? John and his wife Harriet have volunteered to collect and deliver items that are needed at the four charities that Newcomers supports each year. Trouble is, lately there has been precious little to deliver.

The Newcomers board talked about the situation recently as we tried to find ways to encourage members to help the less fortunate in our community. Here's what we decided to do.

1. John and Harriet will continue to bring an empty box to our Monthly Meeting and ask for the food stuff, household goods and other items needed by the charity we are working with that quarter.

2. For those of us who forget to bring those cans of beans or paper towels to the meeting, we also will have a basket to collect your checks or cash contributions.

3. The meeting's 50-50 drawing will go to the charity of the quarter, rather than the money going into our general charity fund.

4. We urge organizers of our games and events – canasta, bridge, Mah Jongg, bowling, etc. – to regularly ask members for donations to the quarterly charity. Contact John Bates at johnwbates@gmail.com so he and Harriet can deliver the items.

The board is talking about a suggestion to choose charities where most of our membership lives. We did not take action on this, but one thing this would mean is that we choose charities only in Catawba, Caldwell and Alexander counties, not Burke. Or we might only give to charities in Hickory, Newton-Conover, Bethlehem and Taylorsville. What are your thoughts on those proposals?

Meanwhile, our charity for the next two months is the Women's Resource Center. They need everything from toothpaste and deodorant to laundry detergent and clothes for job interviews. Think about them when you go to the next bridge game or the Aug. 13 Monthly Meeting. See you there.

Dianne Straley
President

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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 –
V. LeGrand**

**Mexican Train –
S. Kidd**

**Special Events –
S. Kidd**

Rummikub-M. LeGrand

Evening Canasta-S. Kidd

Busy Hands-C. Wronek

**Webmaster –
Gary Schwartz**

August	September
2 – Suzie Matthews 2 – Donna Major 3 - William Chu 4 - Maureen Jones 4 --Phyllis Kane 6 – Bob Wolgemuth 6 – Jerry Orr 6 – Dennis Chalk 10 – Josette Kippenhan 17 – Teresa Ferry 19 – Patricia Mozgala 21 - Mary Cooper 21 – Richard Dickey 21 -Thomas Jaquot 25 – Helen Woodyard 27 – Dick Skulina 28 – Joyce Sykes 28 – John Womack 29 – Donna Wilson 29 – Carol Sawicki 30 – Chuck Fahrenholz 30- Wyn Flo	1 – Joe Strickland 1 - Dan Windham 3 – Sherry Abernethy 6 – Cheryl Stewart 7 – Bob Dennis 7 – Lisa Logsdon 8 - Beth Osbahr 11 – Elaine Stewart 13 – Elizabeth Strickland 14 – Adra Kryszczuk 15 – Peter Block 16 – Paige Straley 17 – Jane Duralia 17 - Hazel Benau 21 – Alan Beck 22 – Lynne Montgomery 23 – John Schafer 23 – Phillip Swann 24 – John Bates 29 – Ron Glover

Please email Barb Beck at ahbbjb@aol.com if your birthday is not listed or if you would prefer that your birthday not be listed.



AUGUST EVENING SOCIAL

On **Friday, August 22**, Kathy and Joe Durand will host a picnic outing at the Crawdads baseball game! We'll have a pre-game meal at **6:30 p.m.** in the covered picnic pavilion and then watch the game between our beloved Crawdads and the Hagerstown Suns from the provided box seats. The cost is **\$18.00 per person for the all-you-can-eat food and soft drinks and a box seat to watch the game.** There is a "tribute to the Beatles" fireworks show following the game AND it is golf appreciation night. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. and the game starts at 7:00 p.m. We're looking forward to a great night of food, friends and baseball! We need a group of twenty (20) or more to make this happen, so email me at kathydurand@embarqmail.com to reserve now!

Please **mail your payment no later than Sunday, August 17th** to: Kathy Durand, 32 Alexander Pointe Drive, Hickory NC 28601
All tickets will be held at will-call. If you have questions, please call Kathy at 828-495-9349.

GENERAL MEETING/WELCOME COFFEE

10:30 am, Wednesday August 13 at the Hickory Airport



Did you know a pivotal battle of the American Revolution was fought just 51 miles south of Hickory? Rocks heaped on the grave of slain British Major Patrick Ferguson testify who won that battle at Kings Mountain almost 234 years ago. Newcomers have a rare treat on **Wednesday, Aug. 13, when a state historian will visit our club** and tell the fascinating story of the battle of Kings Mountain. **Randell Jones of Winston-Salem is an expert on the 1780 battle.**

His talk to Newcomers is sponsored by the N.C. Humanities Council which sends out what it calls its "Road Scholars" to groups like ours. Jones will concentrate on the makeup of the American forces. These were pioneers and woodsmen, hardened soldiers and those completely at home in the primeval forest. He will introduce his audience to these men, their officers, how they found Ferguson's detachment.

Jones is an energetic speaker, and his lecture is supported by a slide show. His award-winning book, "Before They Were Heroes at Kings Mountain," will be available. We want a very strong showing at this meeting, so please invite your friends and neighbors to come as well.

After the meeting, Newcomer member **J. Paige Straley will organize an optional carpool field trip to Kings Mountain National Military Park.** An asphalt walking trail winds through the battlefield, allowing visitors to see the place where many say the tide of the American Revolution turned in our favor. For information, **call Paige at 328-1412.**

QUARTERLY CHARITY

Our third quarter charity is the **Women's Resource Center** in Hickory. Items needed include: toothbrushes & paste; shampoo, conditioner, body wash; feminine products in small packages; toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels; razors; laundry detergents; all types of cleaners; bleach & dryer sheets. Also needed are clothes that women can wear for interviews such as: jackets, slacks and skirts in navy, brown or black, particularly in sizes 14-24, and blouses and dresses in solid colors or small prints. Dress shoes in navy, black or brown; new underwear; scrub or medical uniforms; white button-down shirts and khaki or dark washable pants; handbags, jewelry and accessories are needed. All clothing should be freshly cleaned or washed and on hangers. Questions? Contact Harriet or John Bates 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

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Once a month, Newcomers meet, usually on the fourth Friday in the afternoon, to share a beverage and just chat. For more information, contact Sheri Binning at ronald.binning@gmail.com

EVENING CANASTA

Evening canasta at the airport will be held on **August 13**. 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

AFTERNOON CANASTA

We had 7 tables of canasta in July and Betty Schwartz helped those at the learning table. The high scores were as follows: **Shari Kidd** with 19,140, **Sheila Cooke** with 19,105, **Kathy Rozea** with 17,405 & **Susan Reese** with 15,710. It was a lot of fun and we hope to see everyone back next month. There was lots of good feedback regarding the lunch menu this month. Suggestions for future selections are always welcome. We are in need of **more donations for prizes** for canasta, too, so bring any items that you might have.

This month's canasta and lunch at the airport will be held on **Thursday, August 28 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

LUNCH OUT

Next month we will be taking a nice ride to **Lenoir** to **The Wine Cellar and Bistro**, 128 Main Street NW <http://www.thewinecellarandbistro.com/LunchMenu.html> Please check out their menu at their web address above. **Time will be at 11:45AM Thursday, August 7th.**

If anyone would like to carpool, I will be glad to publish a list of those willing to take a rider or two. You all could meet at Arby's on 321 & take 321N out to Lenoir. Just let me know when you respond to rsvp.

The directions we have are as follows: take 321N to Lenoir. At main intersection turn left onto Harper Avenue. McDonalds is on your left & Rite Aid on your right at the turn. Continue on Harper Ave past Sonic on your left. When you come to American Trade on your right, the road will bear to the right. As you bear to the right, the road then bears to the left. Get in the left lane & go 2 stop lights. Turn left at the second lite which is Main St. Wine Cellar & Bistro is on your left. Parking is on the street or behind restaurant.

Please RSVP to [mfj1947@gmail.com](mailto:mjf1947@gmail.com) **by noon on 8/5** **This is a day earlier than usual but that is what restaurant requires.**

GAME NIGHT

The next Game Night will be on **Thursday, August 21 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.

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

Join us on Tuesday, **August 12 at 6:30 pm** or **August 28 at 12:00 pm** for a shooting session at the Springs Road Gun Club. Contact Vince LeGrand for information on shooting 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

Our current book selection is "**The Girl You Left Behind**" by Jojo Moyes. In 1916 in France, artist Edouard Lefevre leaves his young wife, Sophie, to fight at the front. When their small town falls to the Germans in the midst of World War I, Edouard's portrait of Sophie draws the eye of the new Kommandant. As the officer's dangerous obsession deepens, Sophie will risk everything—her family, her reputation, and her life—to see her husband again. Almost a century later, Sophie's portrait is given to Liv Halston by her young husband shortly before his sudden death. A chance encounter reveals the painting's true worth, and a battle begins for who its legitimate owner is, putting Liv's belief in what is right to the ultimate test.

This book will be discussed at our next meeting which is Sept. 24th at the Women's Resource Center at 1:30. Please contact Sue Asp twoasps@gmail.com or Betty Schwartz 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. This is a fun, fast-paced game.

BRIDGE

Bridge dates for the August are as follows:—**Monday, August 4, Wednesday, August 6, Monday, August 11, Monday August 18, and Wednesday, August 20.** New members: please contact Gloria Berg (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

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

The next Mexican Train will be held on **Tuesday, August 5** 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, August 4 to 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 Adra Kryszczuk on Tuesday, **August 12 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

BUSY HANDS

The Busy Hands group will meet **August 1** and **August 15** at Habitat for Humanity from 1:00-3:00 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

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.

Fashion Show at Chico's

Who knew fashion shows were so much fun! I think everyone had a great time. We started promptly and our fashion model was Ms. Nancy Campbell. The Chico's manager showed how just changing the outer blouse, jacket, sweater or scarf changed the whole look of a basic shell and slacks outfit. The look went from casual and stunning to dressy and stunning. She also concentrated on items that drew the eye away from our "hip" areas. So roll up those sleeves to 3/4 length and drape those long scarf tails to fall below the waistline. Don't forget to make one tail longer than the other--just another tip. Helen Reed won the door prize, a beautiful pearl bracelet with bling. Thanks, Kay for planning this outing.

-Submitted by Kathy Rozea

