



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY

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

www.newcomersofcv.com

November-December 2014

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**Canasta –
C. Reising, C. Parker,
B. Schwartz**

Notes from Our President:

If you have ever enjoyed one of Newcomers' many social events, you will have lots of fun next year. Several club members drew up a long list of activities for next year, some popular ones from the past and some new ones. We have exact dates for a few but most just have a month penciled in.

What we don't have are enough volunteers to organize an outing, potluck, social, etc. That's where you come in.

I am sharing this tentative list of 2015 activities now so you can sign up to head one or offer to be a helper. If you do not see an activity on the list that you think would be fun, let me know. It is lots of fun for two couples to work together to organize an event.

Here's what's ahead:

Murder Mystery dinners, Kathy Rozea, January.

Western Piedmont Symphony Orchestra, Bob and Maureen Jones, Feb. 14.

Mardi Gras Party, NEEDS ORGANIZER. February.

Magical Evening, Vince and Michele LeGrand, March 13.

Comedy in Fireman's Kitchen, Adra Kryszczuk, a date between April 17-May 9

Kentucky Derby Party, May. NEEDS ORGANIZER

Community Service Project. NEEDS ORGANIZER

Scavenger Hunt. Shari Kidd and Donna Wilson. No date set.

Las Vegas Night. Bob and Maureen Jones, no date set.

Wine and Design. NEEDS ORGANIZER. No date set.

Pool Party. Vince and Michele LeGrand, August.

Hikes. NEEDS ORGANIZER, no dates set

Crawdads baseball game. Kathy Durand and Adra Kryszczuk, no date set

Pontoon boat party. NEEDS ORGANIZER. No date set.

Virginia Creeper bike ride. NEEDS ORGANIZER. No date set.

Ghost bus tour of Asheville. Shari Kidd and Donna Wilson. No date set.

Halloween party. Adra and Zig Kryszczuk. October.

Dianne Straley

President

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**Charity Coordinator –
J. & H. Bates**

**Coffee & Conversation –
S. Binning**

Evening Socials –

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**

Happy Birthday to Our Members:

November	December
2- Amanda Edwards 3 – Dick Martin 6 – Bob Kidd 11 – Phil Norusis 13 -Margaret Wesche 27 – Kathy Rozea	5- Michael Kane 9 – Betty Ann Williams 10 – Carol Parker 15 -Albert Derocher 15 - Pam Wagoner 17 – Nancy Davis 21 – Kathy Durand 21 – Joe Paussa 23 – Barbara Jackson 25 – Joseph Mooney 29 – Joyce Dennis 31 – Karen Schafer

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.

New members: What a deal!

Do you have friends or neighbors who may want to join Newcomers? Now's the time. Membership is \$25 a year for a family, but since our year is half gone, the price is now only \$12.50. Print out a membership application from www.newcomersofcv.com and mail it to the address on the form.

Chili Challenge

**November 7 @ 6:30 p.m.
Airport Meeting Room**

We need our best cooks to compete in a Chili contest. Bring your crockpot with your secret chili recipe to the airport for the honor of being named the NCV's best chili cook in town. Not a chili cook, no problem, we also need bread (corn bread), salad, potatoes, toppings and/or desserts. As always, drinks are BYOB. Paper products and cups provided. Chili entries will be judged by all that attend, so bring your fans with you!

Entertainment will also be a participation sport. Line dancing and Shag instructions will be provided by the Wagoners and Yokums. Bring your dancing shoes!

Let Pam Wagoner pamwag@charter.net know what you will be bringing and how many are coming

General Meeting/Welcome Coffee

10:30 am, Wednesday, November 12 at the Hickory Airport

The speaker for this meeting will be Mr. Bryan Frazer with the city of Hickory planning department. He will be talking to us about new developments coming to Hickory and plans for the future.

10:30 am, Wednesday, December 10 at Harper House

Our meeting will be at the Harper House off of Hwy 127 at **310 N Center St.** It is considered one of the state's best Queen Anne style houses. It was constructed in 1887 and carries much of Hickory's history through its occupants. On the same property is the Lyerly House built in 1912 which houses a museum of Victorian life in the South and local Hickory history. We will have a short meeting and then take a tour of the houses. Please plan to join us for our meeting and get into the holiday spirit with these beautifully decorated houses.

We will not be serving snacks at our meeting but hope you will plan to join us at the Hickory Station for lunch.

Quarterly Charity

Our 4th quarter charity is the **Bethlehem Good Samaritan Food Pantry** in **Alexander County**. The pantry needs the following items to make **Thanksgiving Baskets** for the 185 families that are served by the pantry:

Box mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes/yams, stuffing mix, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, & cornbread mix. Other items that are always needed are toilet paper, canned meats, mac & cheese, and cleaning supplies. No time to shop? **Checks** made out to the **Good Samaritan Fund** are always welcome. Thank you for your generosity.

Weekly Activities Report

In case you haven't heard, the Hawaiian potluck has been rescheduled for January. A very special holiday party is planned for Dec. 7 at 6:00 at the Ole Still in Oliver's Landing. This should be a fun evening at a new venue with a new chef for us. Please remember to use the calendar on the web site <http://newcomersofcv.com/calendarofevents.html> to stay up to date on all the latest info -- especially during the busy holiday season. For questions or information, please contact me at betty69@gmail.com.

Coffee and Conversation

Watch for information about the next gathering which will be in early **December** because of the Thanksgiving holiday. We'll go to the **Coffey Pot** in Claremont. For more information, contact Sheri Binning at ronald.binning@gmail.com.

Mah Jongg

Mah Jongg meets each Friday morning at 10:30 at Pinecrest Retirement Living on 29 Ave. NE. There will be no game on Friday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Dec. 26. JoAnn Womack will begin teaching Mah Jongg classes on Friday, Nov. 7 at 1:30 at Pinecrest. If you are interested in learning Mah Jongg, please contact JoAnn, 256-3495, joannwomack@embarqmail.com.

Night Canasta Plus

If you haven't been to Night Canasta for a while, make a point to join them this month. I did just that and what a great time! We had a fresh salad and Chicken Pot Pie for dinner and the food was great. The dessert table was overflowing with goodies and there was plenty to take home for extra snacking. My cards we o.k., but some folks had great scores. Mary Ellen G. had a great set--all four rounds were over 4,000 each. Good job Mary Ellen! Submitted by: Kathy Rozea



We will play Hand and Foot Canasta and other games of your choice, starting at **6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12**, at Hickory Regional Airport. Filet beef tips are on the menu, along with real mashed potatoes and green salad, ice tea and rolls. Price of \$7 covers dinner and gaming. As for dessert, I will try something new in November instead of the usual A-M and N-Z last name split. Once I see how many people are signed up and the distribution of their last names, I will assign desserts. This way I hope to avoid the flood of desserts we sometimes have. Deadline to reserve a spot is 11 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9. That is also the deadline to cancel your reservation. If you make a reservation and do not show up, you still owe the \$7 that the caterer charges for your food.

We will play canasta but if there are folks not interested in canasta or we do not have enough for four-person tables, you are invited to play Mexican Train, Rummikub, cribbage, bridge, Mah Jongg or the game of your choice. I will bring cards for canasta and dominoes for Mexican Train. If you want to play another game, please bring it. Contact Dianne Straley at dfwhit@gmail.com

Daytime Canasta

Because of Thanksgiving and Christmas both falling on the third Thursday of the month, it was necessary to either change the date or cancel our afternoon canasta. Everyone voted for rescheduling on the second Thursday of the month for both November and December. The dates are **November 13th** and **December 11th at 11:30 am**. If anyone has some holiday items they would like to donate for prizes, please let Betty Schwartz, Carol Parker, or Carole Reising know. We plan to have a special menu for lunch and lots of winners playing canasta. We look forward to your joining us during the busy holiday season.

Canasta, lunch, dessert and a beverage is \$10 & 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



NEWCOMERS' HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY

You're invited to join your Newcomer friends and neighbors

Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Social Hour @ 6:00 pm

Dinner Served @ 7:00 pm

Ole Still Golf Clubhouse at Oliver's Landing

1157 Players Ridge Road

Hickory, NC 28601

Menu

Garden Salad

Choice of One Entree:

1) Chicken Piccata

2) Shrimp Primavera

3) Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes

Veggie Medley

Dessert

Coffee and Tea

Cash Bar (please do not bring your own alcohol or wine)

Newcomers' Signature Drink for Everyone

Bottles of wine available at ½ price

Please submit your choice of Entree and your check in the amount of \$18.00 for each entrée (price after Club subsidy) by November 28th.

Guests welcome at \$24.00 per entree

Make checks to Newcomers of Catawba Valley (NCV) and mail to Joyce Dennis

1198 Beagle Lane, Newton, NC 28658

OR

Submit to Committee members, Betty Schwartz or Kay Norusis

An optional game of "Dirty Santa" will be after dinner.

If you are interested in playing, bring a wrapped gift, value not to exceed \$15.00

Cut here and send with check by November 28th

Member \$18.00 Non-member \$24.00

Name: _____ Chicken _____ Shrimp _____ Meatloaf _____

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Total Enclosed \$ _____

Bridge

Bridge dates for the month of **November** and **December** are as follows:

**Monday, November 3rd, Wednesday, November 5th, Monday, November 10th,
Monday, November 17th, Wednesday, November 19th**

Bridge holiday party-Wednesday, December 17th

New members: please contact Gloria Berg (glomcberg@hotmail.com) for details about bridge.

Lunch Out

The lunch for November will be at the **Boxcar Grille** on **Thursday, November 6 at 11:30 am.**

Boxcar Grille

I-40 Exit 135

Claremont, NC

828-459-9287

<http://www.boxcargrillenc.com/>

Email Hedy & Joe Paussa jhpaussa2@gmail.com to make your reservation. Hope you can make it!

Game Night

Game Night is scheduled for **6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20**, at Hickory Regional Airport. We will eat light to prepare for Thanksgiving the following week, so count on a tasty Berry Salad, with romaine lettuce, marinated chicken breast, strawberries, dried cranberries, feta cheese. It is one of Crosswinds Cafe's most requested salads.

Games: Canasta, Mexican train, Rummikub, cribbage, bridge, Mah Jongg. I will bring cards and dominoes. Please bring other games.

Deadline to reserve a spot – or to cancel - is 11 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17. Cost is \$7, which includes dinner and games. I will assign desserts after I have your reservations. If you are a no-show, you still owe the \$7 cost of your meal that the caterer prepared. Reserve with Dianne Straley dfwhit@gmail.com

Men's Activities **(though not limited to men)**

Join us on **Tuesday, November 11 or Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm** or for a shooting session at the Springs Road Gun Club. Contact Vince LeGrand for information on shooting legravin@gmail.com or 828-466-8218. If you are interested in the Newcomers Bowling League, also contact Vince.

Rummikub

Rummikub will meet on Tuesday, **November 11** at 6:30 at the home of Bev Forrest. Contact Michele exermom@gmail.com for more information.

Book Club

Our next book club discussion will be on Nov. 19th at 1:30 at the Women's Resource Center. The book selection for this meeting is the non-fiction **Astronaut Wives Club** by Lily Koppel. As America's Mercury Seven astronauts were launched on death-defying missions, television cameras focused on the brave smiles of their young wives. Overnight, these women were transformed from military spouses into American royalty. As their celebrity rose and as divorce and tragic death began to touch their lives, they continued to rally together. The **Astronaut Wives Club** tells the real story of the women who stood beside some of the biggest heroes in American history.

We are in the process of making our book selections for next year. If you are at all interested in joining our group and would like to be part of the selection process, please let one of us know. Sue Asp twoasps@gmail.com and Betty Schwartz bettysch69@gmail.com Also watch for details on a December get-together.

Mexican Train Dominoes

Tuesday, November 4 at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, December 2 at 6:00pm

Please bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage, as well as \$2.00 for the Kitty. Please RSVP to Shari by the day before. Sharikidd@hotmail.com

Place: Shari Kidd's house, 5495 Gunpowder Drive, Hickory, NC 28601 828-328-4657

Busy Hands

The Busy Hands group will meet on the **1st and 3rd Fridays (November 7 & November 21)** at 1:00 pm at Habitat for Humanity. Habitat is located at 1545 8th St Dr. SE, just off Route 70 across from Home Depot on 8th street. All are welcome to come, do handwork, have coffee, and enjoy each other's company. In December, the group will meet only on **December 5**. 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

Two Huge Vacancies

Two of our most important Newcomer volunteers have asked to be replaced next spring when new officers take over. How do you replace **treasurer Vince LeGrand**? Is there another **web master** in the house to step into the place of **Gary Schwartz**? Both of these very talented men say they want to just be regular members for a while and let someone else count money and keep the website working.

If you have worked with either of these fellas, you know how talented, helpful and patient they are with us. They will be tough to replace. Both will train their successors. If you are interested in finding out more about what each of them does, contact them directly by email.

Vince: legravin@gmail.com

Gary: garysch69@gmail.com

