



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
2425 North Ctr. St. #169, Hickory NC 28601
www.newcomersofcv.com

February 2015

Officers

**President –
Dianne Straley**

**Vice President-
(Membership)
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**Treasurer –
Vince LeGrand**

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**Bowling –
V. LeGrande**

**Bridge –
Gloria Berg**

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

Notes from our President:

Since February is such a short month, I am skipping it completely to let you know what to expect in March. That's the month when Newcomers of Catawba Valley puts the past year behind and gets ready to start our new year of 2015, which runs from April through March of next year.

We will have a new roster of officers and a new budget. And if you attend our March 11 monthly meeting, you will have a chance to vote on both.

Unfortunately, like many volunteer organizations, there are more jobs open than people to fill them. In my six years with Newcomers, I have never seen competition for an office on the board. Heck, we are lucky if we can find one candidate for each slot. And that comes with some arm twisting and cajoling.

And that's the way it is again this year. Volunteers Michele LeGrand, Adra Kryszczuk and Helen Reed spent the last month looking for members who would be willing to serve as officers and as members of the board of directors. We still have openings.

The proposed slate will be voted on March 11 and take office the following month. We urge anyone who wants to run to contact Michele, Adra or Helen to put your name on the ballot. You also can nominate someone from the floor at that meeting, but be sure you have that potential candidate's permission.

Treasurer Vince LeGrand will also present the proposed budget for the coming year. If you want to get ahead and save yourself \$5, now's a good time to mail your 2015 dues to Newcomers. Our dues are increasing to \$30, but if we receive your check by April 1, you'll pay the usual \$25 per household.

Mail your \$25 check to:
Newcomers of Catawba Valley
2425 N. Center St. # 169
Hickory, NC 28601
(DO NOT use the word '**Box**' in the address.)

If you have questions, you can reach me at 328-1412 or dfwhit@gmail.com

Dianne Straley

Happy Birthday to Our Members

**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**

February	March
1 – Barb Laufer 6 –Mike Rozea 7 – Carol Vardo 8 – Gene Rozea 11 – Larry Laufer 12-John Pritchard 19 – Peg Baldwin 20 – Steven Berg 21 – Sheila Cooke 21 – Joyce Walker 28 – Beth Keane	3- Chuck Bethany 4 – Fred Abernethy 6 – Helen Reed 7 – Harriet Bates 10 – Corwin Kippenhan 11 – Shirley Strickland 11 - Judy Fahrenholz 12 – Monty Matthews 13 – Doris Wallace 19 – Cathy Knobloch 22 - Larry Parker 30 - Greg Conrad

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.

Welcome to our newest member **Ricki Hall** who celebrated her birthday on January 29!

2015-2016 Dues

The Newcomers fiscal year ends March 31st.

Payment of dues for next year (April '15 – March '16) should be received by March 31st. The annual dues are being increased to \$30 per year. However, if you get your payment in prior to April 1st, there is a \$5 discount so you only pay \$25.

You can give your check to any Board member, or you can mail it to the Newcomers address:

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley
2425 North Center Street #169
Hickory, NC 28601**

Please do not put Box #169 in the address, or it will not be delivered to Newcomers. Thanks, Vince LeGrand, Treasurer

Save the Date

Instead of having a Gala this year, Newcomers will have a **Magical Evening** on **Friday, March 13**. It will consist of a dinner at the Crowne Plaza in Hickory followed by an interactive magic show presented by **Caleb Sigmon**. Watch your email for details.

General Meeting/Welcome Coffee

10:30 am, Wednesday, February 11 at the Hickory Airport

Come at 10:30 for coffee and snacks and then the meeting will start at 10:45. Our own **Bob Dennis** will talk about his life as an artist and will answer any questions you might have. The slate of officers and committee chairs for the new fiscal year will be announced at this meeting. Voting for these positions and also for the budget will take place at the March general meeting.

Night Games

Sisters **Shari Kidd** and **Donna Wilson** are replacing me as the organizer of **Game Night** and **Canasta Plus**. These two dynamos are the club's go-to women when anyone wants to play cards, dominoes or most any board games. They will continue our usual schedule. **Canasta Plus** (which is really a Game Night) will be held at **6 p.m. on the second Wednesday** of each month at Hickory Regional Airport and **Game Night** will continue at **6 p.m. the third Thursday** of each month at the same location.

Crosswinds Cafe will continue to cater a \$7 dinner each evening. So watch your email for announcements from Shari and Donna for fun in February. Thanks Shari and Donna!!

Dianne Straley

Quarterly Charity

The charity for the 1st quarter of 2015 is the **Corner Table** in Newton.

(From their website) *The Corner Table is a soup kitchen outreach ministry provided by the people of our community for the hungry of our community. Our primary purpose is to provide nutritious meals in a comfortable environment for any man, woman, and child who is in need. Lunch is served from 11:30 until 12:30 Monday through Friday and a bag meal is given to guests at the end of the week to help them over the weekend.*

The **Corner Table** can use the following items:

1. Vienna Sausages or Potted Meat
2. Peanut Butter Crackers
3. Individual Bags of Chips
4. Fruit Cups or Pudding Cups
5. Cookies
6. Ranch Dressing
7. Ketchup
8. Mayonnaise
9. Sugar
10. Cream of Mushroom or Cream of Chicken Soup

Coffee and Conversation

We'll be going to go to the **Fresh Depot** on **Friday the 27th at 12 noon**. They close at 2 pm. It's a restaurant and bakery on Tate Blvd. Hope you can join us! For more information, contact Sheri Binning at ronald.binning@gmail.com .

Mah Jongg

MahJongg meets each Friday morning at 10:30 am at Pinecrest Retirement Living on 29th Ave. NE. If you are interested in learning MahJongg, please contact JoAnn at 256-3495 or joannwomack@embarqmail.com.

Daytime Canasta

Afternoon canasta will be back on schedule on the 4th Thursday of the month. See you on **February 26** at 11:30 am for lunch and canasta.

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

Bridge

Monday, February 2nd
Wednesday, February 4th
Monday, February 9th
Monday, February 16th
Wednesday, February 18th

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

Lunch Out

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

DaVinci's Ristorante

Belle Hollow Shopping Center
2968 North Center Street
Hickory, NC 28601 phone: 828-328-6101
DAVINCISHICKORY.COM to see their menu

Contact Hedy Paussa for more information at: jhpaussa2@gmail.com

Men's Activities
(though not limited to men)

Join us on **Tuesday, February 10 at 6:30 pm or Thursday, February 26 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. If you are interested in the Newcomers Bowling League, also contact Vince.

Rummikub

Rummikub is usually held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the evening at members' homes. Contact Michele LeGrand at exermom@gmail.com for more information about Rummikub.

Book Club

Books we'll be discussing this year are:

March 25: A Paris Apartment: A Novel by Michelle Gable

May 27: Sycamore Row by John Grisham

July 22: Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons by Lorna Landvik

Sept. 23: The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

Nov. 18: The Girl With The Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier

For information on book club, contact Sue Asp twoasps@gmail.com or Betty Schwartz bettyesch69@gmail.com.

Mexican Train Dominoes

Tuesday, February 3 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

BUSY HANDS meets the **first** and **third Fridays** of each month, from **1:00 to 3:00 pm** at Habitat for Humanity, located on LR Blvd and Rt. 70. Come and knit, crochet, embroider, or do any type of hand work you do. If you wish to learn how to do these types of handwork, someone will teach you. If you have questions, please call Collette Wronek at 704-50-1767.

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

Thanks to Carol Parker and Naomi East for organizing our wonderful Hawaiian dinner & party.



