



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
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Notes from our President:

Last year a long-time member of Newcomers asked me where we planned to hold our Fondue Party. She wanted to come for fondue, but when I told her it would be at the Hickory airport, she opted out. "We hold too many events at the airport," she said.

I have to agree. We definitely hold too many meetings, games and potlucks at the airport. But we have no better choices. It's free (in most cases), the club does not have to buy insurance, and you can bring your own bottle of beer and wine.

For a small group that has an annual budget of only about \$3,000, that combination has been impossible to beat. Believe me, we've looked. We investigated rec centers, churches, clubhouses and restaurants. But we couldn't find anything close to the financial bargain we get at the airport.

The City of Hickory owns the airport and leases space to Crosswinds Cafe's Teresa Rozzelle. If we buy meals from Crosswinds, we use the meeting room free. That is the situation for Day Canasta, the two Game Nights and several potlucks each year. If we don't buy food, we have to pay Crosswinds \$75 to rent the room. That seldom happens.

Teresa cuts us a very good deal for our monthly meeting. She should be charging us \$75 to use the room since we do not buy food, but gives it to us free if we buy \$20 worth of coffee. So if you get tired of meeting at the airport, now you know why we're there so often.

Dianne Straley
dfwhit@gmail.com

Happy Birthday to Our Members

Coffee & Conversation – Sheri Binning

Evening Socials – Louise Judd

Game Night – Shari Kidd

Items of Interest- Bob Jones

Historian – Kathy Rozea

Hospitality – Michele LeGrand, Carol Sawicki

Lunch Out – Maureen Jones

Mah Jongg- Miki Valkanoff

Members Helping Members – Betty Schwartz, Kay Norusis

Men's Activities – Vince LeGrand

Mexican Train – Shari Kidd

Special Events – Shari Kidd

Rummikub-Michele LeGrand

Busy Hands-Collette Wronek

Webmaster – Adra Kryszczuk, Michele LeGrand, Kathy Rozea

April

2 – Karen Skulina
8- Mike Flo
10 – Margie Dickey
10 – Don Baldwin
15 – Bob Jones
15 – Collette Wronek
15 - Margaret Clayton
16 – Marianne Merrill
17 – Dianne Straley
18 – Joe Durand
27 – Susan Perkins
27 - Naomi East
30 – Bert Perkins
30- Susan Turner

May

3 – De Martin
3 - Nancie Jaeger
3 – Robert Leimbach
4 – Al Osbahr
8 – Marjorie Chu
11 – Bob Sykes
19 – Sandy Davis
26 – Robyn Wolgemuth
28 – Ric Johnsen
31 – JoAnn Womack

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 members, Carol and Brian Hoover, Anita Norris, and Norma Beckler!

Crawdads' Game



Hi everyone!

Kathy Durand and I wanted to let you know that our Crawdads outing has been scheduled and it will be here before you know it! The date is **Friday, May 29th**. So mark your calendars and watch for the flyer which will be out soon!

Kathy and Adra

General Meeting/Welcome Coffee

10:30 am, Wednesday, April 8 at the Hickory Airport

Come at 10:30 for coffee and snacks and then the meeting will start at 10:45. Kevin Boyle, a vice-president of Century Furniture, will speak about the furniture industry in Hickory, its history and its future. He will also address what to look for in quality furniture. Please join us!

2015-2016 Board Members

Here are your board members for 2015-16, elected at the March monthly meeting.

Officers:

Dianne Straley, president
Joe Passau, vice president
Barb Beck, secretary
Vince LeGrand, treasurer

Directors:

Bob Wolgemuth, past president
John Bates, publicity
Pam Wagoner, programs
Larry Laufer, calendar
Bob Jones, ad-hoc

Game Nights

We will have two game nights this month. **Game Night 1** will be held at **6 p.m. on the second Wednesday, April 8,** at the Hickory Regional Airport and **Game Night 2** will meet at **6 p.m. on the third Thursday, April 16, at the same location.** Participants can play any games of their choosing either evening.

Crosswinds Cafe will continue to cater a \$7 dinner each evening. Watch your email for announcements from Shari about what's for dinner and when to sign up for fun in April. Questions? Contact Shari Kidd at Sharikidd@hotmail.com

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.

Quarterly Charity

Our second quarter charity will be the Robin's Nest Children's Advocacy Center in Caldwell County. This center "serves the needs of sexually and severely physically abused children. These children need support, kindness, healing, and justice." Watch you email for the needs of this organization or contact Beverly Forrest at bnforrest@embarqmail.com

Website

A debt of gratitude goes to **Gary Schwartz** for his many years of hard work and dedication to Newcomers for establishing and maintaining our website! Other activities have made it impossible for Gary to continue as our webmaster, so he has turned the reins over to the team of Adra Kryszczuk, Michele LeGrand and Kathy Rozea. Adra will handle the manipulation of the website, Michele will deal with membership information and Kathy will see to photography details. If you have any questions regarding any aspects of the website, please don't hesitate to contact any one of us:

Adra – adraellen@yahoo.com

Michele – exermom@gmail.com

Kathy – krr510@yahoo.com

Coffee and Conversation

We will be going to Highland Coffee in downtown Lenoir on **April 24th at 2 pm**. They have coffee and pastries. If anyone wants lunch, there are several restaurants downtown. 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 **Miki Valkanoff** at mvalkanoff@gmail.com com for more information.

Weekly Activities and Web Calendar:

I would like to thank Larry Laufer and Adra Kryszczuk for volunteering to take over these responsibilities. From now on, Larry will be sending you the list of weekly activities and Adra will be maintaining the Newcomers' calendar on our website. Please make sure that you inform Adra of any changes to our normally scheduled events so that she can ensure that the calendar is up to date at all times. Betty Schwartz

Men's Activities (though not limited to men)

Join us on **Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 pm or Thursday, April 23 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.

Daytime Canasta

Afternoon lunch and canasta will be held on **Thursday April 23rd at 11:30 am**. 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 on Thursday, you are still responsible for paying the \$10 for your lunch.

Kudos to **Carole Reising, Carol Parker, and Betty Schwartz** on a wonderful job in planning and organizing this event for the last several years. Our March meeting was a huge success and everyone enjoyed prizes, good food and canasta. The new co-chairs, Margaret Clayton, Martha Conrad, Joyce Dennis and Sue Reese have some big shoes to fill. Thanks again to our past co-chairs for a job well done! Plan to join us for lunch and Canasta in April. To join in the fun, contact **Martha Conrad** at marthaconrad@charter.net.

Bridge

Wednesday, April 1
Monday, April 6
Monday, April 13
Wednesday, April 15
Monday, April 20



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

Mexican Train Dominoes



Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00pm

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 home, 5495 Gunpowder Drive, Hickory 828-328-4657

Busy Hands

The BUSY HANDS group that meets the **second and fourth Fridays** at Habitat for Humanity is looking for new members to attend. We meet from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Conference Room. You are welcome to bring lunch and/or a snack with you, or just have coffee which is available. You can bring any hand craft such as knitting, crochet, embroidery, tatting, or anything you do by hand. The next meetings are **April 10 and May 8**. No meeting on April 24 as Coffee and Conversation will be on that day. Please contact Collette Wronek at sewsalot38@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Lunch Out

Hello Lunch Bunch!

Due to the Easter Holiday we will be moving the luncheon to **Thursday, April 9th at 11:45am.** Take a nice ride out to Lenoir to the **1841 Cafe at 117 Main Street.** Their menu is on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/1841cafe?fref=ts> If anyone wants to car pool from Arby's on 321 please let me know. We still have 1 seat available. I won't be driving!!!

Please respond to mfj1947@gmail.com Deadline is **Wednesday, April 8th @ noon.** Come celebrate Spring with us! Remember the cold winter we had & get yourself out & moving..... See you all there. Maureen

Book Club

Books we'll be discussing this year are:

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

Our next book discussion will take place on May 27th when we will discuss John Grisham's "Sycamore Row" which is a follow up to his acclaimed "A Time to Kill". In this book, lawyer Jake Brigance once again finds himself embroiled in a fiercely controversial trial that will expose old racial tensions and force Ford County to confront its tortured history. We will meet at the Women's Resource Center at 1:30. Even if you haven't read the book, please feel free to attend and join in or just listen to our discussion. For information on book club, contact Sue Asp twoasps@gmail.com or Betty Schwartz bettysch69@gmail.com.

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 might need help due to illness, surgery, hospitalization, death, etc. Types of assistance could 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. The committee currently includes Kay Norusis and Betty Schwartz. For more information, contact Betty at bettysch60@gmail.com.

A Magical Evening

