



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
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Notes from our President

It's in the early 1960s and you're courting your sweetheart. Her dad lays down the law. To join this family, he told **Larry Parker**, you'll have to learn the play the family game – cribbage. Larry learned the game and won Carol's hand in marriage. Now 54 years later, they're still married and still playing cribbage.

Let me introduce Newcomers to Larry Parker and his second love – cribbage. "It's fun, challenging and fast-paced. If you can count to 31, you can play cribbage," Larry said. Larry can count pretty well. He's ranked 13th nationally in cribbage. You'll find Larry and other Newcomers at a weekly cribbage game, 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Pinecrest Retirement Center, 915 29th Ave. NE. The action is more casual during the summer when the pros organize a learning table for new players.

Larry grew up in southern Florida and lived decades in Hawaii, where Carol was born. He jokes that he was a drug dealer, which means he managed drug stores. Today, you'll find him in his northeast Hickory garden. And playing cribbage. If you want to learn more about cribbage, call Larry at 256-5815.

- Dianne Straley

This is one of occasional columns about Newcomers who are community leaders or have an interesting story to tell. To suggest an idea, contact Dianne Straley at dfwhit@gmail.com.



Happy Birthday to Our Members

Coffee & Conversation – Sheri Binning

Evening Socials

Game Nights– Shari Kidd

Items of Interest– Bob Jones

Historian – Kathy Rozea

Hospitality – Michele LeGrand, Carol Sawicki

Lunch Out – Maureen Jones

Mah Jongg- Dianne Straley

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

June

2 – Neil Forrest
8 – Norma Leimbach
11 – Stan Bumgarner
13 – Kris Bowman
13 – Betty Schwartz
16 - Norma Beckler
18 – Mary Murgio
20 - Christine McCutcheon
21 – Doak Walker
22 - Laurie Johnsen
24 – Gloria Berg
26 – Bev Forrest
30 – Carol Earl
30 - Tony Wilson

July

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
30 – Marvin Yokum

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:

- Pettway and William Brands
- Melrose Wagner
- Denise and Dwayne Clay
- Ann and William Waldron

New Board Member

Please say thanks to **Adra Kryszczuk**, whom your board elected to fill a director's vacancy. Adra already is our webmaster and maintains our web calendar. Now she takes on the extra duties of sending out the weekly email about upcoming club activities. Thanks, Adra!

Our Advertisers/Your Information

Check out the Newcomers website www.newcomersofcv.com to see who our advertisers are and make sure to patronize them. Let them know, too, that you saw their ad on our website!!

While you're looking at the website, review your own personal information to be sure that we have you listed correctly in the directory. Emails change frequently, and unless you've notified a board member, your information won't get changed.

General Meeting/Welcome Coffee

10:30 am, Wednesday, June 10 at the Hickory Airport

Join us at 10:30 for coffee and treats and then hear our speaker, Ron Dees, talk about how to visit Hawaii on a shoestring. Please come and learn all visiting Hawaii without breaking the bank! If you are unable to attend the meeting, Ron will also be speaking at the Patrick Beaver Library on June 8 at 5:30 pm. Aloha!

Game Nights

We will have two game nights this month. **Game Night 1** will be held at **6 p.m. on the second Wednesday, June 10**, at the Hickory Regional Airport and **Game Night 2** will meet at **6 p.m. on the third Thursday, June 18, 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 is the **Robin's Nest Children's Advocacy Center** in Caldwell County. This center "serves the needs of sexually and severely physically abused children."

From Tana Murray, Robins Nest Interim Director:

"The lives of children are fragile. They depend on the adults in their lives to protect them and keep them safe. That is the ideal. However, there are children that live in fear. Things are done to them by trusted adults that they - the children - don't understand. Robin's Nest exists to help children to work through their fear and to put the "bad stuff" behind them. It is wonderful to see a child that came into Robin's Nest with her head down and not speaking begin to show signs of returning to a happy child. She was kept in a dog house; she escaped with her dog and was found wandering down a dirt road. When ask what she was doing out that late at night, she stated that she was looking for food. She is now with a family where she is safe and protected. Our Trauma Therapist is working with her to replace the "bad stuff" with "good stuff."

*Their most current needs include **Juice Boxes**, individually packaged **Peanut Butter & Crackers**, **Cheese & Crackers** and **Cookies**. Of course checks and cash are always needed! Thank you for your generosity. Bev Forrest*

Coffee and Conversation

We'll be going to **Atlanta Bread on Friday the 26th at 2 pm**. Hope you can join us for some good coffee and conversation. Questions? Contact Sheri Binning at ronald.binning@gmail.com .

Website

Just a brief reminder to all of our members that there is a new User Name and Password for ALL members to access our member directory. Call or email me if you need this information. If you have questions or concerns about the content of the website, please don't hesitate to contact me, **Adra Kryszczuk (828-324-8613 or adraellen@yahoo.com)**. If you'd like to change your email or address or anything relating to your directory information, please relay that to **Michele LeGrand (828-466-8218 or exermom@gmail.com)**. **Kathy Rozea** is in charge of the photography content for the web and she can be reached at **828-495-7939 or krr510@yahoo.com**.

Mah Jongg

The following is a list of our Mah Jongg games at Pinecrest:

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. for club members and Pinecrest residents

Fridays, 10:30 a.m. for club members and Pinecrest residents

Fridays, 1:30 p.m. for any player.

For information, call Dianne Straley at 308-4282.

Men's Activities (though not limited to men)

Join us on **Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 pm or Thursday, June 25 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.

Bridge

Monday, June 1st

Wednesday, June 3rd

Monday, June 8th

Monday, June 15th

Wednesday, June 17th



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

Daytime Canasta

Afternoon lunch and canasta will be held on **Thursday, June 25 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.

Plan to join us for lunch and Canasta in June. To join in the fun, contact **Martha Conrad** at marthaconrad@charter.net.



Mexican Train Dominoes

Tuesday, June 2 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 May 4. Sharikidd@hotmail.com

Place: Shari Kidd's home, 5495 Gunpowder Drive, Hickory 828-328-4657

Busy Hands

The BUSY HANDS group will take the summer off and begin again in October. All are welcome who like to do knitting, crocheting, embroidery, any and all types of handwork. We meet from 1:00 to 3:00 pm the first and third Fridays of each month. So far we have met at Habitat for Humanity in their conference room. If you have any questions please call Collette Wronek at 704-530-1767.

Lunch Out



We are going to the **Olde Hickory Tap Room on Union Square** in downtown Hickory, **June 4, at 11:45a.m.** Here is a link to their lunch menu for you to check out:

<http://www.oldehickorytaproom.com/menu.html#lunch>

Please RSVP to Maureen mfj1947@gmail.com no later than **noon** on Wednesday, **June 3rd.**

Book Club

Books we'll be discussing this year are:

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

Summary of the next selection: **Angry Housewives** depicts a book group which serves as a lifeline to its members of over 40 years. In this book, the individual personalities and experiences show a special slice of American life, of stay-at-homes days and new careers, children and grandchildren, bold beginnings and second chances, in which the power of forgiveness, understanding, and the perfectly timed "giggle fit" is the CPR that mends broken hearts and shattered dreams.

Meetings are held at the Women's Resource Center at 1:30 pm. For information on book club, contact Sue Asp twoasps@gmail.com or Betty Schwartz betty69@gmail.com.

Scavenger Hunt

Join us for a **cookout at Geitner Park, 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 13**. We will have hot dogs and burgers on the grill, as well as games in a covered picnic shelter. Geitner Park, 2038 12th St. Dr. NW, has a view of Lake Hickory and hiking trails to explore.

This city park has been in the news recently because of a generous family's gift of \$5 million to \$8 million that will build docks, picnic shelters, trails, amphitheater, boat slips and a conservatory. Members with last names A-H are asked to bring chips, and fixings such as sliced tomatoes, cheese, lettuce, ketchup, mustard and pickles. Last names I-S should bring side dishes to share. Last names T-Z should bring desserts. The cost of \$3 per person will pay for meats, rolls and soft drinks. Alcohol is not allowed in city parks.

Shari Kidd, who is coordinating the cookout, has created a unique scavenger hunt that will help each of us get to know other club members. Each participant will be given a small bag of a dozen or more items. They also will have a list of items they must collect from other club members. So there will be lots of conferring as we mill around the picnic shelter trying to scavenge up all the items on our list. We also can learn how to geocache. Bring a GPS so you can find "treasurers" hidden in the park.

Reserve your place with Shari Kidd by noon on June 11: 328-4657 or sharikidd@hotmail.com.

Social Organizers Needed

A big thanks goes to Kathy and Joe Durand for organizing our annual outing to see the Hickory Crawdads baseball team. We had all-you-can eat hot dogs, burgers and barbecue - and a beer or two. The fireworks - set to Beach Boys music - were a delight. The stadium was a sell-out, including over 40 Newcomers and guests. Thanks, Durands!!

A note to other members: Hosting an event like Kathy did at the Crawdads is fun and easy. We have other events on our calendar that need a chair person. Maybe it is your turn to help. Here are four proposed socials or special events that need an organizer.

1. **Field trip to Mount Airy**, fictional home to Sheriff Andy of Mayberry. We're proposing July 11 but you can set your own date. You would research what's to do in Mount Airy and organize carpools. This is the easiest of the four events to pull off.
2. **Movies on the lawn**, Aug. 8, **Silver Fork Winery in Morganton**. Close by and beautiful scenery. Participants would buy dinner from the food truck or bring their own. Your job: make reservations with the winery and send out a Newcomers email as the invitation.
3. **Full Moon potluck** at the home of Doris Wallace in Alexander County on Sept. 12. Doris has the land, you send out the invitation emails and assign dishes for folks to bring.
4. **Toga Party**. This could be our signature event of the year. Don't you want to wear a sheet to your next party? Do we have a Greek or Roman theme? Do we serve stuffed grape leaves or lasagna? Your choice.

Get with a buddy and organize a Newcomers event. You can do it!! Contact Dianne Straley at 308-4282 or dfwhit@gmail.com to talk about it.

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 bettyesch60@gmail.com.