



**NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY**  
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**Notes from our President**

*This is another in a series of columns focusing on members who hold important roles in the Catawba Valley Community.*



When **Sue Asp** walks into the Women's Resource Center for a Newcomers book club meeting, it is not hard for her to step back in time to 1985 when the resource center did not exist. Sue is a founder of that important organization that serves women in Catawba, Alexander, Burke and Caldwell counties who are struggling with divorce, finding a job and similar issues.

Sue, who has lived in Hickory 31 years, took the lead in winning grant money to start the Women's Resource Center. She and her husband Chuck had moved to Hickory from Michigan, and she was surprised the area had no program dedicated to women's issues. Sue worked for Catawba Valley Community College, where she was director of training for continuing education. Working with CVCC, she wrote the grant that got the Women's Resource Center started. Sue has been board president of the Women's Resource Center twice and was active with the organization for 15 years.

"Our philosophy is if you help a woman, you are helping a family," Sue said. "It's done a lot of good in the community." The center has moved over the years, from near Frye Hospital to its current location in an historic home at 125 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NE, Hickory, in the Ivey Arboretum. Our club has supported the center as one of its quarterly charities and meets there for our book club and occasionally for board meetings.

The nonprofit center is not a residence. It focuses on counseling and connecting women to community resources. It maintains a closet of business clothes for women heading to a job interview and a pantry for household items needed by families.

- Dianne Straley

*Please email me at [dfwhit@gmail.com](mailto:dfwhit@gmail.com) if you want to suggest a column on other club members.*

## 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**

### August

2 – Suzie Matthews  
2 – Donna Major  
3 - William Chu  
4 - Maureen Jones  
4 - Phyllis Kane  
6 – Bob Wolgemuth  
9 - Steve Martorano  
10 – Josette Kippenhan  
12 – Pettway Brands  
17 – Teresa Ferry  
19 – Patricia Mozgala  
21 – Richard Dickey  
21 – Martha Conrad  
21 - Bryan Swann  
23 – Melrose Wagner  
25 – Helen Woodyard  
28 – Joyce Sykes  
28 – John Womack  
29 – Donna Wilson  
29 – Carol Sawicki  
30 – Chuck Fahrenholz  
30- Wyn Flo

### September

1 – Joe Strickland  
1 – Denise Clay  
3 – Sherry Abernethy  
6 – Cheryl Stewart  
7 – Bob Dennis  
7 – Lisa Travis  
8 - Beth Osbahr  
13 – Elizabeth Strickland  
14 – Adra Kryszczuk  
16 – Paige Straley  
17 – Jane Duralia  
17 - Hazel Benau  
21 – Alan Beck  
22 – Lynne Montgomery  
23 – John Schafer  
23 – Kay Abee  
23 – Phillip Swann  
24 – John Bates  
29 – Ron Glover

Please email Barb Beck at [ahbbjb@aol.com](mailto:ahbbjb@aol.com) if your birthday is not listed or if you would prefer that your birthday not be listed.

Welcome to the newest Newcomer members, Sig & Shannon Holcomb of Conover!

### Evening Social

Reserve the date: **Saturday, August 29th** there will be a Newcomers Pool Party at the LeGrand’s home in Newton. More details will be sent out via Newcomers e-mail.

Come with your swimsuit, and go home with a work of art. In addition to swimming and having a potluck dinner, there will be an artist at the party who will draw a caricature of any member who wishes to have one done.



## General Meeting/Welcome Coffee

**10:30 am, Wednesday, August 12 at the Hickory Airport**

Sixty-six years after its successful completion, **Eddie Ide of Newton** will tell the story of the Berlin Airlift after the German capital was blockaded by the Soviets following WWII. His "**Saving a City**" talk to Newcomers of is free and open to the public. Ide will speak at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Hickory Regional Airport. With 300,000 Soviet troops surrounding Berlin, the airlift went on 15 months in 1948 and 1949. British and American pilots were landing aircraft loaded with supplies every 3 minutes to supply 2.4 million people. Ide is a planner and speaker for the Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation and has spoken with many of its pilots and the Germans that the airlift helped during the Cold War.

Come for coffee and a snack to the **Crosswinds Café** at the Hickory Airport at 10:30, visit with your Newcomer friends, and then listen to Eddie Idle.

## Wine, Cheese and Trivia Night

**When: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm, Hickory Regional Airport**

Bring a wine of your choosing (don't forget your wine glass) and your assigned food item. If you have a trivia game and would like to share it, bring it along. Hope to have different games going. Don't worry if you think you're not good - team it up or play solo--your choice. We are not here to see how smart someone is, but rather the idea is to laugh and have fun. So come on out & we hope to see everyone there.....



**Here is the alphabetical assignment list:**

**A-I:** Appetizers

**J-R:** Cheese and crackers, or chips and dips

**S-Z:** Desserts.

**RSVP to [sharikidd@hotmail.com](mailto:sharikidd@hotmail.com) by Aug. 10**

## Game Nights

We will have two game nights this month. **Game Night 1** will be held at **6 p.m. on the second Wednesday, August 12** at the Hickory Regional Airport and **Game Night 2** will meet at **6 p.m. on the third Thursday, August 20, 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 August. Questions? Contact Shari Kidd at [Sharikidd@hotmail.com](mailto:Sharikidd@hotmail.com)

## Coffee and Conversation

We will be going for ice cream (again) on August 28. Join us and beat the heat!! Watch your email for the time and place. Questions? Contact Sheri Binning at [ronald.binning@gmail.com](mailto:ronald.binning@gmail.com)

## Rummikub



Rummikub will be held at the home of **Michele LeGrand** on **August 11 at 6:30**. Please let her know by August 10 if you will be able to attend so she can make the necessary arrangements. You can reach her at 828-466-8218 or email her at [exermom@gmail.com](mailto:exermom@gmail.com). The host will provide a dessert.

If you would like, feel free to bring a "finger food" with you (nuts, pizza rolls, etc.) to munch on while we are playing. Bringing something to eat is optional and certainly not expected.

Assuming Mother Nature cooperates, I've made a Rummikub game that I THINK we can use in the pool. We can either stand in the shallow end and play or we can sit in the spa (no blower, of course) and play. If this doesn't work, we can play on the upper patio and then take a dip in the pool. This is an experiment so we shall see how it goes.

## Mah Jongg

Newcomers sponsors two games each week of American Mah Jongg – a fun game played with tiles. The goal is to swap, draw and arrange your tiles so they match one of the 60-some approved hands on our annual Maj Jongg card. And do it before your opponents can! Think of it as more challenging than canasta and easier than bridge. Come watch us play at **Pinecrest Retirement Center**, 915 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, at **1:30 p.m. Tuesdays** and **10:30 a.m. Fridays**. Lessons are free. Most people are ready to play after about three lessons. For information, contact Dianne Straley at 308-4282, [dfwhit@gmail.com](mailto:dfwhit@gmail.com) or just show up.

## Bridge

Monday, August 3rd  
Wednesday, August 5th  
Monday, August 10th  
Monday, August 17th  
Wednesday, August 19th



New members: please contact Gloria Berg ([glomcberg@hotmail.com](mailto:glomcberg@hotmail.com)) for details about bridge or how to be put on the substitute list.

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

Join us on **Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 pm** or **Thursday, August 27 at 12:00 pm** for a shooting session at the Springs Road Gun Club. Contact Vince LeGrand for information on shooting [legravin@gmail.com](mailto:legravin@gmail.com) or 828-466-8218. If you are interested in the Newcomers Bowling League, also contact Vince.

**Charity of the Quarter**

Our **Charity for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is Exodus Homes** which provides faith-based supportive housing to homeless, recovering people returning to our communities from treatment centers and prisons. There are 56 male beds and 4 female beds. When they arrive, they have nothing but the clothes they are wearing.

**Most needed items include:** Toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, skin lotion, disposable shavers and shaving cream; Wash cloths and towels (**can be used**), Linens for twin bed, pillow cases, pillows, blankets or bedspreads (**can be used**).

**Food for residents who don't get food stamps.** Most of our residents can get food stamps, but some cannot because of their criminal record. They need: Non-perishable foods, canned goods, boxes of macaroni and cheese, other box dinners, peanut butter, flour, corn meal, cooking oil, rice, and canned meats. Residents can cook at Exodus Homes.

**Household and cleaning supplies.** Food stamps only pay for food, and our residents struggle to buy other things they need for living. They need: Toilet paper and paper towels; dish and laundry detergent; bleach, Lysol, Mr. Clean, Purple Power to clean tubs, sinks, toilets, floors, plus brooms, dust pans, mops, toilet brushes, rags, foil, and garbage bags.

**Kitchen Supplies:** Plates, bowls, cups, glasses, silverware, pots, pans, colanders, mixing bowls, graters, knives for cutting, cutting boards, spatulas, tongs, mixing spoons, and ice trays. When residents leave they often take these items with them. Items will be used to replenish kitchens in Exodus Homes and also to give to residents who are leaving to go into their own homes.

**As always, checks and cash are appreciated, too.**

**Busy Hands**

**BUSY HANDS** will resume meeting in October. This group is for anyone who would like to embroider, knit, tat, or do any work with your hands. All are welcome. If you are interested in joining this group, please send me an email and let me know what day and time would be good for you. In the past we have met at Habitat for Humanity from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on first and third Fridays of the month. Right now this could change. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Collette Wronek at [sewalot38@hotmail.com](mailto:sewalot38@hotmail.com) or 704-530-1767



### **Daytime Canasta**

Afternoon lunch and canasta will be held on **Thursday, August 27 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 August. To join in the fun, contact **Martha Conrad** at [marthaconrad@charter.net](mailto:marthaconrad@charter.net).

### **Mexican Train Dominoes**



**Tuesday, August 4 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 August 3. [Sharikidd@hotmail.com](mailto:Sharikidd@hotmail.com)

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

### **Lunch Out**

The August Luncheon will be held on **8/13** at the **Granite Falls Brewery Co.** The luncheon menu can be found on: <http://www.granitefallsbrewing.com/menu.html>

Time is the same at 11:45a.m. Please RSVP by **NOON** Wednesday **8/12** to Maureen at: [mfj1947@gmail.com](mailto:mfj1947@gmail.com) Driving directions are also included on the website.

### **Book Club**

Books we'll be discussing this year are:

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

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

Summary of **The Invention of Wings**: Inspired by the true story of early-nineteenth-century abolitionist and suffragist Sarah Grimké, Kidd paints a moving portrait of two women inextricably linked by the horrors of slavery. Sarah, daughter of a wealthy South Carolina plantation owner, exhibits an independent spirit and strong belief in the equality of all. Thwarted from her dreams of becoming a lawyer, she struggles throughout life to find an outlet for her convictions. Handful, a slave in the Grimké household, displays a sharp intellect and brave, rebellious disposition.

For information on book club, contact Sue Asp [twoasps@gmail.com](mailto:twoasps@gmail.com) or Betty Schwartz [bettysch69@gmail.com](mailto:bettysch69@gmail.com).

### **September Social**

**Simms BBQ** outing, **Saturday, September. 19**, organized by Josette Kippenhan and Lisa Travis. For more information contact Josette at [pizzellelady@yahoo.com](mailto:pizzellelady@yahoo.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](mailto: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](mailto:bettysch60@gmail.com).