



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
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Notes from our President

Newcomers seems to run at half-speed during the summer as we visit grand kids or travel.

But with school back in session, we're getting serious again about having fun. Just last Thursday we had close to 40 people playing canasta at the airport and three days later almost that many turned out for our annual pool party and potluck at the LeGrands.

And there's more.

* **Sept. 19.** We're heading to that must-take-visitors-to local legend – Sims BBQ. It's tucked away in a Granite Falls barn where clogging is on the menu along with pulled pork and cole slaw. Josette Kippenhan and Lisa Travis are organizing the evening. You newcomers to North Carolina know what clogging is, right? Information for the event is included in this newsletter.

* **Sept. 26.** We're having a 60's Party at Market on Main in downtown Hickory. Longtime musician and club member Greg Conrad will run the karaoke machine. Dinner will be \$15, including tax and tip. Watch for an invite soon from the organizers, the Conrads and Straleys. It's not too early to start thinking about what you will wear.

* **Oct. 10.** A haunted comedy bus tour of Asheville will feature scary creatures hopping on and off our private bus as we meander through that beautiful mountain town. Watch for details from organizer Shari Kidd.

Now there's a big hole in our calendar, and I think you can help. We always have a holiday party in December, and we have \$700 in the budget to pay for it. Two club members have volunteered to be helpers, but we need a leader. Your job: choose the location, date and menu and send out emails, all with help from your team. Let me know if you will be our Holiday Party team leader or want to know more. Contact me at 308-4282 or dfwhit@gmail.com

Dianne Straley
Newcomers president

**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**

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

October

1- Lisa Eskin
3 – Zig Kryszczuk
3 – Edward Sawicki
6 – Benny Eanes
11- Kathy Bethany
13 – Linda Monroe
14 – Rege Duralia
21 – Shari Kidd
27 – Connie Yokum
28 – Shirley Moore

Happy Birthday to Our Members

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: **Ginny & Eric Koch, Denise & Terry Yow and Patricia Lang.**

From the Webmaster

I have recently received several comments regarding too many emails. To that end, I have asked event organizers to please try to limit the emails they send to two (2) per event in order to keep our inboxes somewhat less crowded. Now I will ask the rest of us to work on our “email etiquette.” Please, when you reply to an event email (one sent to all newcomers), be aware of the senders’ address and make sure you reply **only** to that person and not to all newcomers. It only takes a moment to look at the address before you push the send button to make sure that “Newcomers” is not included in the reply area. Thanks for being aware! Adra



General Meeting/Welcome Coffee



10:30 am, Wednesday, September 9 at the Hickory Airport

Come to the meeting, chat with your Newcomer friends, and then listen to **Tony Jackson** talk about what's going on with Innovate Catawba. What is Innovate Catawba? Transforming Catawba's economy by reinventing, entrepreneurship and building our future by inspiring young people, our work force and our leaders and sharing our results with the world. <http://innovatecatawba.com/> Hope to see you there!!

Game Nights

We will have two game nights this month. **Game Night 1** will be held at **6 p.m. on the second Wednesday, September 9** at the Hickory Regional Airport and **Game Night 2** will meet at **6 p.m. on the third Thursday, September 17, 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 kidd915sl@gmail.com

Coffee and Conversation

Watch for information about the next gathering which is usually held on the **4th Friday** afternoon of the month. For more information, contact Sheri Binning at ronald.binning@gmail.com .

Mah Jongg

Join us twice a week for American Mah Jongg, a fun game that challenges the mind. We play at **1:30 p.m. Tuesdays** and **10:30 a.m. Fridays** at Pinecrest retirement center, 915 29th Ave. NE in Hickory. Parking is limited so we often come earlier to be assured of a spot. Always park beside the building, not in front. If you want to learn how to play, call me, **Dianne Straley**, at **308-4282** to arrange for lessons.



Men's Activities (though not limited to men)

Join us on **Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 pm** or **Thursday, September 24 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

Wednesday, September 2
Monday, September 14
Wednesday, September 16
Monday, September 21



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

Charity of the Quarter

Our **Charity for the 3rd Quarter is Exodus Homes** which provides supportive housing to homeless and 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:

Toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, skin lotion, disposable shavers and shaving cream; Wash cloth and towel (can be used), Linens for twin bed – fitted sheet, flat sheet, pillow case, pillow, blanket or bedspread (can be used).

FOOD FOR RESIDENTS WHO DON'T QUALIFY FOR FOOD STAMPS:

Canned and boxed foods including dinners and meats, peanut butter, flour, corn meal, rice, cooking oil.

HOUSEHOLD AND CLEANING SUPPLIES:

Toilet paper, paper towels, dish & laundry detergent, Lysol, Mr. Clean, Purple Power, brooms, dust pans, mops, toilet brushes, rags, foil, garbage bags, etc.

KITCHEN SUPPLIES:

Plates, bowls, cups, glasses, silverware, pots & pans, mixing bowls, measuring spoons, colanders, graters, knives, cutting boards, spatulas, spoons, tongs, ice trays, etc.

When residents leave they often take these items with them to set up their new homes so Exodus needs to replenish them when a new resident arrives.

As always, checks and cash are appreciated, too. If you have any questions about Exodus, phone Beverly Forrest at: 828-294-1557.

Busy Hands

Busy Hands is for anyone who likes to embroider, knit, tat, or do any work with your hands. Busy Hands will meet on the **first and third Fridays** of each month starting in **October**. In the past we have met at Habitat for Humanity, located near Five Guys Burger restaurant at the corner of route 70 and LR Blvd. We meet from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call me at 704-530-1767. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Collette Wronek sewalot38@hotmail.com

Daytime Canasta

Afternoon lunch and canasta will be held on **Thursday, September 24 at 11:30 am**. Canasta, lunch, dessert and a beverage is \$10 & canasta with a dessert and a beverage is \$5. In August, there were 35 people-men and women-having a great time playing this fun game. Don't know how to play. There is always a learning table if people indicate they need to brush up or learn the game. Plan to come for lunch and Canasta in September. To join in the fun, contact **Martha Conrad** at marthaconrad@charter.net.

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.

Mexican Train Dominoes



Tuesday, September 1 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 31. Sharikidd@hotmail.com

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

Lunch Out

The September luncheon has been postponed until the **10th** of the month due to the Labor Day Holiday long weekend. We are going to the **Hickory Tavern** located on N. Center St. in the Belle Hollow Shopping Center.

Find the lunch menu at: http://www.thehickorytavern.com/home/hickory_tavern-menu.php
RSVP to: Maureen mfj1947@gmail.com by Wednesday 9/9 at noon.

Book Club

The last two books for 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.

Join us at **1:30** at the **Women's Resource Center** on the 23rd to discuss our September selection. For information on book club, contact Sue Asp twoasps@gmail.com or Betty Schwartz bettysch69@gmail.com.

September Social-Sims BBQ

The Sims BBQ outing on **Saturday, September. 19**, is being organized by Josette Kippenhan and Lisa Travis. The restaurant opens at 5 pm and we will be reserving tables for our club. When you walk in, you pay by **cash or check only-no credit cards**-and you're already in line for the bar-b-que buffet. The cost is \$11.75 each and they sell tea, coffee and sodas. If you come later the line moves slowly. Clogging starts at 7 pm. I would like to know how many are coming so I can reserve tables, so please reply to Josette. Sims is located at 6160 Petra Mill Rd. in Granite Falls. Check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/simscountrybbq. Questions or reservations, email Josette at 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

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.

Sandy Davis

If you play canasta, Mexican train or Mah Jongg, you know Sandy Davis. She is a whiz at the card table, and she wins a lot. This dear club member has been in Catawba Valley Medical Center for more than two weeks with pneumonia, heart problems and breathing difficulties. Sandy is in intensive care, and her daughter Beth Davis Hyman asks for prayers. You can send Sandy Davis a card at her home, 1739-E 8th St. Dr. N.E., Hickory, NC 28601.