

NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
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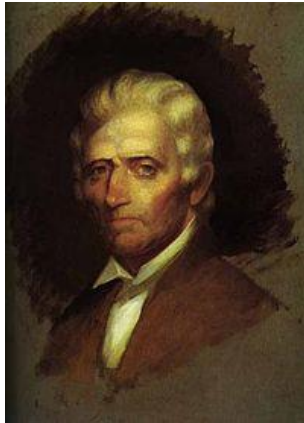
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President's Column



Ever heard of **Daniel Boone**?

Did you know this famed frontiersman spent two decades hunting bear and deer about two hours southeast of Hickory? Did you know his parents are buried in present-day Wadesboro and Boone lived longer in North Carolina than anywhere else? You can learn lots more about Daniel Boone on **Wednesday, Nov. 11** – Veterans Day – when a dynamic speaker comes to Newcomers' monthly meeting to share his stories.

Randell Jones, a state Road Scholar, is our guest speaker. The last time Jones spoke to Newcomers there were so many people crowded into our meeting room I was afraid the Fire Marshall would shut us down for overcrowding. That's because Jones is a born storyteller, and he draws a big audience with his talent of bringing history to life through the stories about the people who lived in those times. One of his most recent speeches was to a group of 500 members of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Florida. He won the 2015 state history award in Kentucky, where Daniel Boone is also a big name.

Boone is such a popular topic that Newcomers will shift our meeting to the historic courthouse in **downtown Newton, 30 N. College Ave.**, so we can accommodate a larger audience.

We start at 10:30 a.m. but come early to make sure you get a parking place. Most parking is curbside so you may have to walk a few blocks. Please invite your neighbors and friends to share this delightful event. If you have any questions, call me at 328-1412.

Dianne Straley
President

If you are coming to the Nov. 11 meeting, please bring a new, unwrapped toy for Newcomers' quarterly charity, Toys for Tots. There will be a large collection box in the historic Newton courthouse for your gifts.

Happy Birthday to Our Members

**Charity Coordinators –
John & Harriet
Bates, Bev Forrest**

**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**

November	December
1- Linda Swann 4 – Richard Brands 6 – Bob Kidd 11– Phil Norusis 13 - Margaret Wesche 27 – Kathy Rozea	5- Michael Kane 9 – Betty Ann Williams 10 – Carol Parker 10 – Sharon Bennett 15—Albert Derocher 15 - Pam Wagoner 17 – Nancy Davis 21 – Kathy Durand 21 – Joe Paussa 23 – Barbara Jackson 29 – Joyce Dennis 29 – Ginny Koch 31 – Karen Schafer

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.

SUPPORT TOYS for TOTS

We got off to a slow start with our Charity of Quarter last month; I guess most of us weren't in the Christmas & Hanukkah shopping mood yet. The time is getting closer so let's get behind **Toys for Tots**. We'll have an official collection box at the General Meeting at the Courthouse in Newton on November 11th, and there will be a basket for cash or checks which may be made to: **"MCL Det 1163—Toys for Tots Campaign"**. The collection box and basket will be at other activities at the Airport and **please** bring toys to other functions as well; there will be someone to collect them! Let's get behind this charity and provide toys for the underprivileged children in our community.



General Meeting/Welcome Coffee

10:30 am, Wednesday, November 11 at the Newton Courthouse

Storyteller and historian Randell Jones will return to Newcomers in November, to spin his colorful yarns about explorer and **folk hero Daniel Boone**. Daniel Boone came to Piedmont North Carolina as a teenager, growing up and trapping near Mocksville in the Yadkin River Valley. We are teaming up with the Catawba Historical Society and the North Carolina Humanities Council to sponsor Jones' talk, which is free and open to the public. Jones is a dynamic speaker, with a wonderful talent in making history come to life.

When he spoke with us last year about the Battle of Kings Mountain, we had an overflow crowd at the airport. So we have been able to book a much larger space for his talk - the beautiful courtroom of the historic 1924 Courthouse in downtown Newton. An elevator is available.

We already know a couple of history classes from CVCC will be coming, as well as many members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. And with seating available for 365, there will be lots of room available. So please invite your friends and family to join us.

Game Nights

We will have two game nights this month. **Game Night 1** will be held at **6 p.m. on the second Wednesday, November 11**, at the Hickory Regional Airport and **Game Night 2** will meet at **6 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 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 November. Questions? Contact Shari Kidd at kidd915sl@gmail.com

Coffee and Conversation

There will be no Coffee and Conversation in November, but watch for an email about **a gathering in early December**. For more information, contact Sheri Binning at ronald.binning@gmail.com.

Mah Jongg

We are in talks with the management of Pinecrest retirement center about how we can include their residents in our Tuesday and Friday games. In other news, in order not to disrupt the center's routine, we have shifted our Mah Jongg games from the TV lounge to the nearby billiard room.

Meanwhile, we are scouting for other facilities that could accommodate our players. We will email regular players about any changes of location if that becomes necessary. Questions? Call Dianne at 328-1412.



Men's Activities
(though not limited to men)

As you may or may not be aware, there is a group of Newcomers who head out to the gun range twice a month for target shooting. And, in keeping with Newcomers tradition, we generally go for a bite to eat after we shoot. If you are a shooter or are interested in learning to shoot, we would love to have you join us. We shoot at the **Springs Road Gun Club** on Springs Road in Hickory. Their website is www.springsroadgunclub.com They offer gun rentals and a wide variety of training classes.

We currently shoot at **6:30 PM on the second Tuesday** of each month and at **noon on the fourth Thursday** of each month. If you are interested in shooting, but those times are not convenient for you, please let me know. We are currently looking at possibly changing our shooting schedule. Check the Newcomers calendar for any changes in our schedule during November and December due to the holidays.

If you have family members who might be interested in shooting, please forward this email to them. 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.

Social Event

'50's & '60s Karaoke Party

The club is celebrating the '50s and '60s with music, food and drink – plus karaoke – on **Saturday, Nov. 14 at Market on Main**. There's plenty of time to come up with clothes reminiscent of those good old days. As a nod to the '50s and Frank Sinatra, if you own a poodle skirt or leather jacket, you're invited to wear those.

Club member Greg Conrad, a wonderful singer and keyboardist, is in charge of the music with more than 1,000 songs available for karaoke. The \$15 per person charge will buy a soda shop-type dinner of club sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, chili, cole slaw, fries, fresh fruit and a Coke float. The price also includes coffee, ice tea, tax and tip. There will be a cash bar if any of you are over 21.

Please dig out a high school picture so we can put them on display. If you have pictures, call Martha Conrad at 495-4599.

Mail your check, made out to Newcomers of Catawba Valley, to:
Dianne Straley
223 2nd Ave. NE
Hickory, NC 28601.

Bridge

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



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

Busy Hands

BUSY HANDS will meet the **first and third Fridays** of each month starting **Nov 6 and 20**. The meetings are from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We will meet at **Westmont Recreation Center** - 1316 Main Avenue Drive, NW, Hickory. All are invited to come and bring handwork such as knitting, embroidery, crocheting, etc., or just come and visit for a while. Coffee is free. If you would like to learn any of these crafts, there will be someone to help you. If you have questions, please call Collette Wronek at 704-530-1767.

Daytime Canasta

There will be **no canasta in November** because of Thanksgiving and the December canasta has been moved to the **second Thursday, December 10**. Watch for an email to sign up. Canasta, lunch, dessert and a beverage is \$10 & canasta with a dessert and a beverage is \$5. Don't know how to play. There is always a learning table if people indicate they need to brush up or learn the game. Contact **Martha Conrad** at marthaconrad@charter.net with any questions.

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

TURKEY DOMINOES

Tuesday **November 3rd, 6pm.** Shari and Bob Kidd's home at 5495 Gunpowder Drive, All are welcome. If you haven't played before come and play; it takes 2 minutes to learn.....

Bring a snack to share and \$2 for the kitty. Drink of choice. Tea & water offered.

Please RSVP by Tues Noon- love for you to come

Shari kidd915sl@gmail.com

Lunch Out



Hello Lunch Bunch! Our **November 5th** luncheon will be at **Red Lobster on I70** in front of the Toys R Us- Hamricks' plaza. As usual the time is **11:45a.m.** You can view their menu at: https://www.redlobster.com/menus/lunch/lunch_features.asp

Being that this is 3 weeks before Thanksgiving, you all can thank me when you lose a couple pounds by eating fish in order to chow down on more of that holiday turkey and dressing and of course desserts!! You are welcome....hope to see you all there!! Please **RSVP** by **NOON** on **November 4th** to mfj1947@gmail.com

Book Club

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

There is a change in venue for our upcoming discussion which is scheduled for **Nov. 18th at 1:30.** We will be meeting at the home of Joyce and Bob Dennis to discuss our current book, "The Girl With a Pearl Earring" by Tracy Chevalier. Why the new location?? As you know, Bob Dennis is an accomplished artist. Bob has done his own painting of The Girl With a Pearl Earring which was originally painted by Dutch artist, Jan Vermeer, in the 17th century. The book is about the girl who was the model for this famous painting. As we discuss Griet (the model), we will have the ability to gaze at her image on canvas in front of us. Our thanks to Bob and Joyce for inviting us to their home for this special meeting! Contact Joyce for directions to her home if needed memee727@gmail.com.

Now, a question for all book club members. Do you want to continue the tradition of having a special holiday get together in December? An email will be coming out shortly soliciting your input. In the meantime, be thinking about these three options: 1) have a potluck lunch either with or without a movie (for this option, we will need a volunteer to host); 2) meet at a restaurant for a holiday lunch; 3) skip a holiday get together this year.

For information on book club, contact Sue Asp twoasps@gmail.com or Betty Schwartz bettyesch69@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 betty60@gmail.com.

September General Meeting and Brewery Tour at American Honor Ale House & Brewery

