



**NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY**  
**2425 North Ctr. St. #169, Hickory NC 28601**  
**[www.newcomersofcv.com](http://www.newcomersofcv.com)**

**April 2016**

**Officers**

**President –  
Carol Hoover**

**Vice President –  
Monty Matthews**

**Treasurer –  
Vince LeGrand**

**Secretary –  
Pam Moody**

**Past President-  
Diane Straley**

**Directors**

**John Bates  
Adra Kryszczuk  
Bob Jones  
Shari Kidd**

**Chairpersons**

**Book Club –  
Sue Asp,  
Betty Schwartz**

**Bowling –  
Vince LeGrand**

**Bridge –  
Gloria Berg**

**Canasta –  
Margaret Clayton,  
Martha Conrad,  
Joyce Dennis**

**Charity Coordinat –  
Joe Pausa**

**Coffee &  
Conversation –  
Sheri Binning**

**President's Column**

Hello Newcomers,

I am honored to have been selected as your new president. My husband Brian and I moved here one year ago from Vienna, Virginia. We feel extremely lucky to have found this special social club. Thanks to you we have felt welcomed and have learned a lot about this beautiful, vibrant area. You are an amazing group of people; kind, caring, considerate and fun! I appreciate how patiently you have taught us to play Mah Jong and Hand and Foot Canasta. We have met so many wonderful people while enjoying bowling, social events and trips.

I wish to thank all the previous board members for their work this past year and to welcome the new members joining a strong board that is made up of volunteers who work for the benefit of the entire club. I look forward to a year ahead that is filled with new adventures and fun. Your comments and suggestions are necessary to continue to keep this club relevant, so please share them with me and the board. "Every new friend is a new adventure ... the start of more memories." - Patrick Lindsay.

Thank you for your help in creating and maintaining a caring Newcomers club in Catawba Valley.

Carol Hoover

## Happy Birthday to Our Members

**Evening Socials**  
**Shari Kidd**

**Game Nights–**  
**Shari Kidd**

**Items of Interest–**  
**Bob Jones**

**Hospitality –**  
**Michele LeGrand,**  
**Carol Sawicki**

**Lunch Out –**  
**Chuck Bethany**

**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**

**Web Team –**  
**Brian Hoover,**  
**Adra Kryszczuk,**  
**Michele LeGrand**

| April  | May   |
|--|---|
| 8 - Mike Flo<br>10 - Margie Dickey<br>10 - Don Baldwin<br>11 - William Waldron<br>15 - Bob Jones<br>15 - Collette Wronek<br>15 - Margaret Clayton<br>16 - Marianne Merrill<br>17 - Dianne Straley<br>18 - Joe Durand<br>27 - Susan Perkins<br>27 - Naomi East<br>30 - Bert Perkins | 3 - Nancie Jaeger<br>3 - Robert Leimbach<br>4 - Al Osbahr<br>8 - Marjorie Chu<br>11 Bob Sykes<br>12 Janet Herman<br>14 Shannon Holcomb<br>26 - Robyn Wolgemuth<br>27 - Marc Fedder<br>28 - Ric Johnsen<br>31 JoAnn Womack |

Please email Pam Moody at [moodmom@charter.net](mailto:moodmom@charter.net) if your birthday is not listed or if you would prefer that your birthday not be listed.



### **Newcomers of Catawba Valley Elect Officers for 2016-2017**

Newcomers of Catawba Valley elected new officers and directors to lead the group for the 2016-2017 organizational year. The election took place as part of the annual business meeting held during the monthly general meeting on March 9, 2016 at the Hickory Airport. Those elected by the membership to serve as officers from April 2016 through March 2017 are: Carol Hoover, president; Monty Matthews, vice-president; Pam Moody, secretary; Vince LeGrand, treasurer; and Dianne Straley, immediate past president. John Bates, Adra Kryszczuk, Bob Jones and Shari Kidd were elected for one year terms to the board of directors



Beth and John Keane with Barney

**General Meeting / Welcome Coffee  
10:30 Am. Wednesday April 13, 2016 at the Hickory Airport**

**Program: Hiking in Western NC**

Please join us for our monthly general meeting at the airport. Club members John and Beth Keane will show slides of their favorite western N.C. hikes. The Keanes, recently back from hikes in Utah, will provide hand-outs describing the N.C. trails and how to find them. A Newcomers hike will be offered the following Saturday, April 16 to River Bend Park. Details will be distributed at the meeting.

**Notice to members: Recommended changes to bylaw**

Recently the Newcomers of Catawba Valley became incorporated. Part of this process was a review of our bylaws by our attorney. During our meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 edited copies of our bylaws will be distributed and a vote taken to accept the recommended changes by the attorney. In summary the addition changes are highlighted in green and the deleted sections are highlighted in red below. If you have any questions or comments contact Vince LeGrand [legravin@gmail.com](mailto:legravin@gmail.com)

**ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

A. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee in November to develop a slate of candidates who have agreed to run for office. The Nominating Committee shall consist of active members. The slate shall be presented to The Board at the January Board Meeting.

B. Annual elections for Directors and Officers shall be held at the March General Meeting. Notice of the March General Meeting must be sent to all members between 30 and 60 days before the meeting.

**ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of this organization, all its assets will be distributed to one or more entities then qualified as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The selection of an entity or entities will be (delete wording: a charity or charities) agreed upon by a two-thirds vote of the membership attending a General meeting.

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## CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

Members, Did you know?

Now that the new web site is up, you really should check out the special features of the membership directory page. Of course, first you will have to make sure you have established your personal email and password so that you can access the directory. From there, you can do so many COOL things!

\*\* See that little ellipsis at the end of your personal listing? Click on it! Wow! There's all of the personal information that you provided when you joined. Has it changed? You can change it or modify it yourself! Is something missing or incorrect? You can add or fix it.

\*\* Are you looking for someone else who likes to canoe or geocache? See the box that says *Filter by Key Word*? Type the activity or person's name you seek and click on the magnifying glass - viola! A list of people with those interests or that person will appear below.

You can also sort the entire list of members by clicking on the column headings.

I guess I'm just inviting you to make sure you get your member password and play around on the membership page and see what fun things it has to offer you. I think you'll find it exceptionally helpful. Please feel free to contact me if you need any help.

Adra Kryszczuk  
[adraellen@yahoo.com](mailto:adraellen@yahoo.com)  
for the Website team.

### **Hike and Lunch – Saturday, April 16, 2016.** **10:00Am. Hike River Bend Park. 11:30Am. Lunch at Pappy's Diner**

Join us for an easy hike along the Catawba River. Meet in the lower parking lot of River Bend Park at 10:00am. 6700 Hwy 16 N Conover NC 28613. We will hike for approximately 30-45 minutes and you may choose the very easy lower flat trails along the river or the slightly elevated blue and red trails. After the hike we will enjoy a simple country lunch at Pappy's Diner. If you need help with directions or are willing to carpool with others please contract Carol Hoover. Please RSVP to Carol Hoover [cah.home@verzon.net](mailto:cah.home@verzon.net) by no later than noon on Friday April 15, 2016 . Thank you.

### **Quarterly Charity**

Our charity for April, May and June is the **Hickory Soup Kitchen**. Check out this amazing organization at <http://www.hickorysoupkitchen.org/>. According to the web site useful donations in-kind include: paper products, cleaning products, #10 commercial size canned food, and other non-food items. They can also use money. Checks made to The Hickory Soup Kitchen may be mailed directly or left a meeting along with in-kind items and will be delivered. Cash contributions at meetings will be held and combined, along with half of 50-50 raffle proceeds in a single check from NCV. We will be passing along any information we receive about special needs during the quarter. Note: they also need volunteers and opportunities for personal involvement are listed on the web site.

## **GRAZING**

Newcomers,

You are invited to an evening of sampling restaurant fare in downtown Hickory on **Friday, April 15**. Here's the plan:

We meet at 5 p.m. near the cannon in downtown Hickory.

From there, you divide yourself into teams of four and head out to graze your way through restaurants within walking distance.

You should buy appetizers or drinks at the restaurant of your choice and then head to the next one, then the next one, then the next one. We are not eating a full dinner but the multiple appetizers you consume will be a full meal - and then some.

But save room for dessert! All teams will meet at 7:30 at Hickory Station for dessert. Of course, we will talk about what restaurant had the best appetizer.

Each participant is asked to bring \$1, which will be donated to our charity of the quarter, the Hickory Soup Kitchen.

We need a headcount so we can make our dessert reservations at the Hickory Station, so call or email Dianne Straley if you are coming. [dfwhit@gmail.com](mailto:dfwhit@gmail.com) or 308-4282. Deadline to reserve a spot is 3 p.m. Thursday, April 14.

## **Game Nights**

**Wednesday, April 13 & Thursday, April 21 at 6:00pm, Hickory Airport**

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at one or both of the game nights this month, so come eat dinner and play the game of your choice. Canasta, dominoes, rummy cube, and mahjong are regularly played. Get your group together or just come on and try a new game. Please note on your RSVP the game you wish to play. RSVP to Shari Kidd at [kidd915sl@gmail.com](mailto:kidd915sl@gmail.com) or 828-328-4657.

## **Lunch Out**

The Newcomers Monthly Lunch Out for April will be at Bistro 127 restaurant. We will be meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 at 2039 N. Center St in Hickory. If you are not familiar with this restaurant, you can find the excellent and varied menu on their website, <http://www.hickorybistro.com> . \_

Please consider my invitation and send your **RSVP** to [bethanycw@charter.net](mailto:bethanycw@charter.net) by noon on April 5<sup>th</sup> so that I can work with the restaurant to ensure we have sufficient seats. I hope you will join us and enjoy great food, company, conversations, and also help support one of our fine local restaurants . See you soon.



## **Bridge**

### **April**

Monday, April 4th      Kathy Rozea  
Wednesday, April 6th      Susan Perkins  
Monday, April 11th      Adra Kryszczuk  
Monday, April 18th      Adra Kryszczuk  
Wednesday, April 20th      Karen Schafer



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.

## **Coffee and Conversation**

On **April 25** we will be going to downtown Newton to Marie and Twannette's Bakery and Cafe on the 29th at 2 pm. Contact Sheri Binning at [ronaldbinning@gmail.com](mailto:ronaldbinning@gmail.com)

## **Mexican Train Dominoes**



**April 5 at 6:00pm**

Place: **Shari Kidd's home**, 5495 Gunpowder Drive, Hickory

Bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage, as well as \$2.00 for the Kitty.  
**RSVP to Shari at [kidd915sl@gmail.com](mailto:kidd915sl@gmail.com)** or 828-328-4657 by noon on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Book Club**

The Newcomers Book Club meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday of the month, at the Women's Resource Center at 1:30pm. Our next meeting will be, **May 25<sup>th</sup>**. The book is *Follow the River* by James Alexander Thom. It's a novel based on a true story about Mary Ingles in the 1750's who, at 23, married & pregnant, was taken by Shawnee Indians. They had invaded her peaceful Virginia settlement, killed the men & women, then took her & her 2 sons as captive. For months she lived with them, unbroken, until she escaped & followed a thousand mile trail to freedom -an extraordinary story of a pioneer woman who risked her life to return to her people.

We invite anyone to come & discuss this book with us.

## **Daytime Canasta**

Afternoon lunch and canasta will be held on **Thursday, April 28 at 11:30 am**. Canasta, lunch, dessert, and a beverage is \$10 & canasta with just 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. All Newcomer members, men and women, are welcome. We like to start playing the game right at noon, so please be considerate of others and get to the airport on time. If an emergency arises, please **call Martha Conrad on her cell ASAP at 828-234-8955**. To join in the fun, contact **Martha at [marthaconrad@charter.net](mailto:marthaconrad@charter.net)** or call her at home for more information at **828-495-4599**.



2016 cards are here!

## **Mah Jongg**

We play the American version of mah jongg twice a week at Pinecrest Retirement Center, 915 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE. Our games start at **1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays**.

If you are curious what this fun and mind-stimulating game is all about, come watch us play. Then ask about our free lessons.

I tell people that mah jongg takes about three lessons to learn and far, far longer to master. It is easier than bridge and harder than canasta.

Come watch.

Dianne Straley  
308-4282 or [dfwhit@gmail.com](mailto:dfwhit@gmail.com)

## **Shooting and Bowling**

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](http://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 (April 12)** of each month and at **noon on the fourth Thursday (April 28)** of each month. 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.

### **Busy Hands Activity Group**

Busy Hands will meet the first and third Thursdays at the Senior Center for embroidery, knitting, sewing, or play a game, or just chat. Center opens at 1:30. There is plenty of parking and lots of chairs and tables in a large room. If you have any questions, please call Collette Wronek at 704-530-1767, or email her at [sewalot38@hotmail.com](mailto:sewalot38@hotmail.com).

### **Rummikub**

Rummikub is scheduled to be held this month but details will follow. If any questions please contact Michele LeGrand at [exermom@gmail.com](mailto:exermom@gmail.com) for more information about Rummikub.



### **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](http://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).

### **Welcome to our newest members:**

Jon & Sharon Snellings  
Dawn & Matthew Maise  
Debbie Brooks  
chael Shell, fiancé of Hazel Bena