



**NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY**  
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**May 2016**

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Hello Newcomers of Catawba Valley

We have an exciting line up of weekly activities, monthly socials and special event planned for this year. We received many great ideas. Thank you! Now it's your turn.

This year we are kicking off some new types of activities to help you connect and enjoy. We are introducing "meet ups". Perhaps you are going to the movies, theater, dancing or festival and could send a message to allow others to meet up with you. Please consider this invite the next time you head off to do something fun. Another member may really appreciate the opportunity.

Another new type of offerings will include "DIY Workshops". Members are encouraged to share any projects. Examples might be how to make lighted ball decorations, working with digital photos, soap making, large bows, wood working, cooking, art, or gardening projects? Might you be able to share a DIY project this year?

We are seeking volunteers to help the coordinators of events. Specifically we need help with the following events: St Patrick's Day Party, putt putt tournament, Learn a new game pot luck and our annual Pontoon Party. Please contact me to lend your support to the organizers.

Thank you in advance for your participation in making this club special, welcoming and relevant to the needs and interests of our members. As an all-volunteer group we appreciate your help and participation.

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." – Henry Ford.

*Carol Hoover*  
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## Happy Birthday to Our Members

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

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**Shari Kidd**

**Items of Interest–**  
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**Carol Sawicki**

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**Mah Jongg–**  
**Dianne Straley**

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**Kay Norusis**

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**Shari Kidd**

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**Brian Hoover,**  
**Adra Kryszczuk,**  
**Michele LeGrand**

May	June
3 - Nancie Jaeger 3 - Robert Leimbach 4 - Al Osbahr 11 Bob Sykes 12 Janet Herman 26 – Robyn Wolgemuth 27 – Marc Fedder 28 – Ric Johnsen	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 21 – George Beckam 22 - Laurie Johnsen 24 – Gloria Berg 26 – Bev Forrest 30 – Carol Earl 30- Tony Wilson

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.

### **General Meeting and Program** **Wednesday May 11, 2016 10:30 a.m. Hickory Airport**

We are excited to welcome Bob Sinclair, musician and organizer of the Sails Original Music Series hosted in downtown Hickory on Friday nights in May and June.

The Sails Original Music Series offers variety of genres of music all from original artists; all world-class; all free. Bob does this for fun, and has many years of experience putting together events like these as well as playing the guitar and performing across the area.

Come learn about this season’s lineup of music and enjoy musical entertainment. The meeting will also provide members information about many upcoming Newcomers’ activities and give you with an opportunity to be part of the action.



**Community Theater Night for Newcomers**

**Saturday May 14, 2016. 8:00pm.**

**Hickory Community Theater. 30 3rd St NW Hickory, NC  
28601**

***Optional Dinner: Hickory Station: 6:00pm. 222 Union  
Square - Hickory, NC 28601***

Young Frankenstein. Don't miss this monstrously funny musical, based on Mel Brook's original movie. Frederick Frankenstein, grandson of the original Dr. Frankenstein, returns to Transylvania and, with the help of his hunchbacked side-kick Igor, he finds himself in the mad scientist shoes of his ancestors. "It's alive!" he exclaims as he brings forth a creature to rival his grandfather's. Eventually, of course, the monster escapes and hilarity continuously abounds. The show will feature our very own Newcomer member John Bates.

If you wish to attend, please call the Hickory Community Theater 828-328-2283, ask for Christine Stinson and identify yourself as Newcomers and she will attempt to seat us together in a cluster. Tickets will be \$18 (or \$16 with senior discount). I encourage you to reserve your tickets by May 1. If you are a new member or wish to purchase a single ticket please feel free to contact me and I will assist you with getting a ticket in my row.

If you plan on joining us for dinner at the Hickory Station please RSVP by May 1 Carol Hoover [cah.home@verizon.net](mailto:cah.home@verizon.net). Hope to see you there.

**Thank You! Gracias! Merci! Danke Schoen! Grazie!**

No matter how you say it, we owe gratitude to the many sponsors who support the Newcomers of Catawba Valley, so this is the first of several articles highlighting our advertisers as a reminder to our members to check there first when you need a service.

One of our newest advertisers is Bedrock Painting Company, house painters out of Lenoir serving north and western North Carolina since 1997. Check them out on our website by clicking on the Resources tab, then Advertisers.

When you click on any advertiser's ad, you will automatically be taken to that advertiser's web page. I also want to remind you that if you use one of our advertisers, please make sure to thank them for advertising with us.

Adra  
for the Web Team

### **Quarterly Charity**



A reminder that the charity for this quarter is - HICKORY SOUP KITCHEN.. This is an amazing organization that, with the help of their volunteers, feed 250 people each and every day. Their need for supplies never ends. We have listed some of their current needs.

TOMATO SAUCE  
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Also any Non Perishable foods appropriate for lunch and dinner. Request is for the large size cans, boxes etc. DONATIONS are all also welcomed.

We will have the donation bins at the Thursday Game Night - April 21st

Their web site is - [hickorysoup@embarqmail.com](mailto:hickorysoup@embarqmail.com)

Joseph M. Paussa  
Cell 315-263-8229

## **Game Nights**

**Wednesday, May 11 & Thursday, May 19 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**

Hi Folks,

The Newcomers Monthly Lunch Out for May will be at The Olde Tavern restaurant. We will be meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 at 2710 North Center St in Hickory. If you are not familiar with this restaurant, you can find the excellent and varied menu on their website, [www.theoldetavern.com](http://www.theoldetavern.com).

Please consider my invitation and send your **RSVP** to [bethanycw@charter.net](mailto:bethanycw@charter.net) by noon on May 3<sup>rd</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 help support one of our fine local restaurants. See you soon.

Chuck Bethany

## **Bridge**

### **May**

Monday, May 2nd	Peg Baldwin
Wednesday, May 4th	Phyllis Kane
Monday, May 9th	Pat Mozgala
Monday, May 16th	Carol Parker
Wednesday, May 18th	Norma Leimbach



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 May 27<sup>th</sup> we will be going to the Coffey Pot in Claremont at 1 pm. This is earlier than usual because it is farther away. Contact Sheri Binning at [ronaldbinning@gmail.com](mailto:ronaldbinning@gmail.com)

### **Mexican Train Dominoes**



**May 3 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, May 26 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**

#### Mah Jongg

Newcomers plays American mah jongg twice a week at Pinecrest Retirement Center 915 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Hickory.

A game lasts 20 to 30 minutes and involves selecting and discarding tiles to match one of 60-some possible hands that are detailed on an official list we all use.

Good memory is not necessary because all the tiles that have been discarded are face up on the table for everyone to see.

Want to know more? Come watch us play at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays or 10:30 a.m. Fridays. If you are interested in learning how to play, contact Dianne Straley for lessons: 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 (May 10)** 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:**

Chris and George Beckom from Killeen, Texas  
Kristie Ruff, from the Jacksonville, Fl. area  
Lynn Bloom, from Louisville, Ky.  
Chad and Lisa Burel, from the Hickory area  
Ginny Heinrich, from the North East, (Erie County) Pa.  
Helen Freeland from Pennsylvania