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Hello Newcomers,

During the month of June we will be hosting several events that celebrate this wonderful place we call home.

On Monday June 20 our members are invited to a special guided tour of the Piedmont Wagon Company, Hickory's first major industry. Hickory's dominance in the national furniture industry occurred in part from the availability of many skilled woodworkers and machinists once employed by Piedmont Wagon. The tour will be Monday June 20th from 10:30 AM–11:30 AM and an optional lunch to follow at the Olde Hickory Tap Room. And speaking of wagons in Hickory, a new park and playground will be built downtown near Union Square which will feature a wagon wheel mural.

Alison Holtzman, one of the founders of Friend of Hickory will speak about this new park during our general meeting on Wednesday June 8th 10:30 AM at the Airport.

Please join us for these events and others this month to celebrate our area, it's past, it's present and it's future. Check the online calendar, newcomersofcv.com/calendar for details for all special events and weekly activities.

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Happy Birthday to Our Members

June	July
2 – Neil Forrest 3 – Amanda Black 5 – Bob Kidd 6 – Shari Kidd 8 – Norma Leimbach 11 – Stan Bumgarner 13 – Kris Bowman 13 – Betty Schwartz 16 – Norma Beckler 18 – Mary Murgo 20 – Christine McCutcheon 21 – Doak Walker 21 – George Beckom 22 – Laurie Johnsen 24 – Gloria Berg 26 – Bev Forrest 30 – Carol Earl	6 – Rose Arant 9 – Bob Williams 11 – Barbara Womack 15 – Kitty Clark 15 – Terry Yow 16 – John Major 19 – James Earl 21 – Cindy Donahue 28 – Jane Woodward 30 – Marvin Yokum

Please email Pam Moody at 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 June 8, 2016 10:30 a.m. Hickory Airport

New Hickory park: Can volunteers make a difference?

Come to our Wednesday, June 8, monthly meeting to hear about a group that wants to make Hickory a more attractive, welcoming place to live. So they are building a park right now in downtown Hickory.

It will transform a small parking lot near the railroad underpass into a children's playground.

Come hear Allison Holtzman, one of the founders of Friends of Hickory, tell her story.

Meet Allison at 10:30 a.m. June 8 at Hickory Regional Airport, next to Crosswind Cafe.

As for volunteers, several Newcomer members made clay tiles for the park at a Friends of Hickory workshop.

Sometimes you have to get your hands dirty to make a difference.
- Dianne Straley



NEWCOMERS JUNE EVENING SOCIAL

**Crawdads Baseball Game and Picnic
Saturday June 18, 2016
Picnic at 6:30
Baseball at 7:00**

Looking forward to a great night of food, friends and baseball!!!

Cost is \$18.00 per person
Email Kathy to make a reservation:
Kcdurand55@gmail.com

**All you can eat food and beverage is served for 1 hour
Come early for better picnic seating
Watch the game from the picnic area or from your
Reserved box office seat in section 204**

Mail you check directly to Kathy Durand
32 Alexander Pointe Drive, Hickory, NC 28601
Payment must be received no later than **June 12th**

Let's get the reservations in quickly so that we can add more seats than the amount we currently have blocked off for our group. Tickets purchased will be available under each individual's name. Pick up your tickets at WILL CALL. Thanks everyone.



Your hosts, Kathy and Joe Durand

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

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

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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.

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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

Joseph M. Paussa
Cell 315-263-8229

Ride Sharing

As a group, Newcomers of Catawba County wants to encourage members who may be unable to attend any of our functions due to lack of ride or nighttime driving issues to be sure and notify the event coordinator or another club member for assistance. We have members throughout the area and we are always happy to be sure everyone is able to attend our activities. It is also a great way to meet members we who may live nearby!

Hike Reep Park and Optional Lunch at Mellow Mushroom.

Wednesday June 29, 2016. 9:30A.M.

Enjoy walking trails that wander through the woods and meander by a creek with waterfalls. Skill level: Easy. Meet at the park at 9:30A.M. (4773 Johnson Bridge Road, Hickory 28602). Afterwards join us for lunch 11:30A.M. Mellow Mushroom (1185 Lenoir Rhyne Blvd. SE Hickory, 28602). Please RSVP and indicate if you will attend lunch and/or hike. Contact Carol Hoover by Monday June 27, 2016. cah.home@verizon.net

Save the date of Saturday, Aug. 6 for a field trip to uptown Charlotte.

Longtime Charlotte residents Dianne and Paige Straley will lead the way. More details will be announced later but put the date on your calendar.

What's ahead:

- 1) carpool from Hickory
- 2) Park at a suburban light-rail stations (near Billy Graham Parkway) and ride the train to uptown. You will love the train and the chance to avoid looking (and paying) for parking in the city.
- 3) explore uptown sites or visit one of several museums...the NASCAR Hall of Fame, the Mint Museum of Craft and Design, the Bechtler Modern Art Museum, Museum of the New South. You choose.
- 4) have lunch uptown and ride the train back to your car.
- 5) return to Hickory.
- 6) those who want to stay late can catch a baseball game (vs. Norfolk) at 6 p.m. at the beautiful downtown ball park.

Game Nights

Wednesday, June 16 & Thursday, June 30 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 or 828-328-4657.

Lunch Out

Hi Folks,

The Newcomers Monthly Lunch Out for June will be at **Outback Steak House**. We will be meeting on June 2nd at 11:45 at 1435 13th Ave Dr., SE, Hickory. You can find their menu on their website, <http://www.outback.com/locations/NC/hickory>. Chuck Bethany made the arrangements (he wanted steak!) but Chuck and Kathy are out of town this month, so Zig and I are covering for them. Please send your **RSVP** to adraellen@yahoo.com by noon on May 31st so that I can confirm our reservation. We hope you will join us and enjoy great food, company and conversation. See you soon!

Adra Kryszczuk

Bridge

JUNE

Wednesday, June 1st	Norma Leimbach
Monday, June 6th	Joyce Sykes
Monday, June 13th	Shirley Strickland
Wednesday, June 15th	Shirley Strickland
Monday, June 20th	Gloria Berg



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

Coffee and Conversation

On **June 24th** we will be going to Buffalo Cove Cafe and Mercantile 1 pm. Contact Sheri Binning at ronaldbinning@gmail.com

Mexican Train Dominoes



June 7 at 6:00pm

Place: **Vince and Michele LeGrand's** home at 1404 Redmon Ct, Newton.

Bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage, as well as \$2.00 for the Kitty. **RSVP** to Michele at exermom@gmail.com or call 828-466-8218 by June 2nd.

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, **July 28th** when we will meet to discuss *All the Light We Can Not See* by Richard Doerr. This book tells the parallel stories of a blind girl in France and an orphan boy in Germany during World War II and how their paths crossed. Betty Schwartz will be the moderator.

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

Daytime Canasta

Afternoon lunch and canasta will be held on **Thursday, June 30 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** or call her at home for more information at **828-495-4599**.



Mah Jongg

Learn Mah Jongg

Classes start soon in mah jongg so everyone curious about the game is invited to watch our enthusiastic members at play! We play American Mah Jongg twice weekly at Pinecrest retirement center, 915 29th Ave. NE, in the second floor billiard room. You can find us there at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays.

Come see what it is all about.

Contact Dianne Straley, 308-4282 or dfwhit@gmail.com, with questions

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 **Spring 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 (June 14)** of each month and at **noon on the fourth Thursday (June 23)** of each month. 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.

Busy Hands Activity Group

Busy Hands will be taking the summer off. You are encouraged to continue to use the Westmont Senior Center on Thursdays if you would like to do so.

Rummikub

Rummikub is taking the summer off. If any questions please contact Michele LeGrand at 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.** 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.

Welcome to our newest members:

Barbara Womack from Virginia
Dennis and Cindy Donahue