



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
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President's Message

Hello Newcomers,
 What a great summer so far. Many of you have been sharing stories with me about your adventures in the mountains, beaches, faraway places and entertaining family and friends here at home. We are a busy bunch enjoying so much.



Our club kicked off the summer with a private tour of the Piedmont Wagon Company/CornerStone United Headquarters. I was pleased that so many members, including six new members joined us to learn about this beautiful and historic building.

The bowlers held their end of the season bowling party, laughing and cheering through the presentations of awards. Coffee and Conversations attendees drove out to Buffalo Cove Café and Mercantile to enjoy the magnificent rhododendrons in bloom. Our area is abundant with natural beauty.

This summer our members are staying cool and keeping their minds sharp playing Canasta, Bridge, Mah Jongg, Dominions and Rummikub. Staying cool was the goal for members who took off on a hike through Reep Park into the cool shade of the woods.

Our pontoon party had fabulous weather. Attendees enjoyed boat rides, mulching on good food, socializing and the water temperature for swimming was delightful.



Lunch Out this month was to one of the best BBQ places in the area, namely JDs Smokehouse. I say it's "the best". They cook the meat all week and open to serve it just Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays. Melts in your mouth and fall of the bone good. If you have not been there, give it a try.

Summers is not over yet, keep on having fun. There are more photos on the web site. Please feel free to send photos from your phone or camera. I hope to see you at an event soon.

*Carol Hoover
 President, NCV*

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Adra Kryszczuk,
Michele LeGrand

Happy Birthday to Our Members

August	xSeptember
2 – Suzie Matthews 2 – Donna Major 4 – Maureen Jones 4 -- Phyllis Kane 6 – Charles “Bob” Wolgemuth 7 – Edward Stewart 10 – Josette Kippenhan 10 – Pam Moody 12 – Pettway Brands 13 – Thomas Jacquot 19 – Patricia Mozgala 21 – Richard Dickey 21 – Martha Conrad 21 – Bryan Swann 23 – Melrose “Mel” Wagner 25 – Helen Woodyard 25 – Jon Snellings 28 – Joyce Sykes 29 – Donna Wilson 29 – Carol Sawicki 30 – Chuck Fahrenholz 30 – Wyn Flo	1 – Joe Strickland 6 – Cheri Stewart 7 – Bob Dennis 7 – Lisa Travis 8 – Beth Osbahr 11 – Rob Herman 13 – Elizabeth Strickland 14 – Adra Kryszczuk 16 – Paige Straley 17 – Jane Duralia 17 – Hazel Benau 21 – Alan Beck 22 – Lynne Montgomery 23 – John Schafer 24 – John Bates 29 – Ron Glover

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 Fiber Optics in Hickory Wednesday August 10, 2016 10:30 a.m. Hickory Airport

We'll learn more about the communications industry on Wednesday, Aug. 10, when an official from CommScope speaks to our monthly meeting.

CommScope has its headquarters in Hickory, off I-40, and is a national leader in manufacturing fiber optics and coaxial cables, with sales in 130 countries.

The company got its start here in 1953 as Superior Cable Corp., founded to manufacture plastic-covered telephone cable.

Come hear Joe Depa of CommScope talk about the importance of fiber optics manufacturing in the Catawba Valley and his company's role.

The monthly meeting starts at 10:30 a.m. at Hickory Regional Airport.

4th Annual Pool & Spa Party!!

Saturday, August 27th – Rain or Shine

From 5:00 PM until ???



Your hosts: The LeGrand's,
Amanda Black & Nancie Jaeger

Potluck at the LeGrand's home
1404 Redmon Court, Newton

(Directions will follow in an upcoming flyer)

**Water,
Iced Tea
and Ice
will be
provided**

B.Y.O.B.*

**Beer, Wine, Mixers, etc.*

Starting letter of Last Name:

Bring a dessert -- A - D

Bring a main dish -- E - M

Bring appetizer/side/salad -- N - Z

Pics from the 2015 Party



RSVP to Michele
exermom@gmail.com

Please bring lawn chairs to ensure seating for everyone

+++ Do NOT bring any items that contain **coconut as +++**
one of the guests has a severe allergy to eating or
even breathing coconut.

Sponsor Spotlight



This is another in a series of articles highlighting the sponsors who support the Newcomers of Catawba Valley, so this is a reminder to our members to check the sponsor page first when you need a service. You will find them listed first under the Resource tab.

The Catawba Science Center offers a multitude of activities year-round for all ages. Right now, the awesome Flutterby habitat is open or you can always stop in the Aquarium and pet a stingray. Another current feature is the science of earthquakes and tsunamis in Carpenter Hall. Please check out all of the really cool attractions on their web page.

When you click on any sponsor's ad, you will automatically be taken to that sponsor's web page. I also want to remind you that if you use one of our sponsors, please make sure to thank them for sponsoring the Newcomers of Catawba Valley.

Adra for the Web Team

Quarterly Charity

Our Quarterly Charity is the Women's Resource Center. Women's Resource Center Empowers women through workforce development, advocacy, enrichment programs, and community partnerships. They offer counseling, support groups, a woman's 2 work program also emergency personal hygiene and cleaning products.



The Women's Resource Center relies on your generous donations such as: Financial, Appropriate Interview Clothing and Gas Cards.

Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Shampoo and Conditioner
Deodorant
Feminine Products
Toilet Paper
Kleenex
Dental Floss
Shaving Razer
Paper Towels

Laundry Detergent
Ajax or Comet
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Floor Cleaner (Pine sol, Pine Powder)
Windex
Dish Soap Liquid
Paper Towels (Rolls)
Bleach
Dryer Sheets

The personal pantry at the Women's Resource Center provides women and their families with the basics that cannot be purchased with food stamps.

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!

Saturday, Aug. 6 Field Trip to Uptown Charlotte.

Hello Newcomers,
I'm taking signups for our trip to uptown Charlotte on Saturday, Aug. 6. You will be in for a day of exploring or museum-ing the center city and lunch.

We will show you how to use light-rail, where to park for free, how to use the ticket vending machine and which train to take.

Once we are uptown, you will have your choice of things to do:

1. Explore uptown on foot with Dianne Straley, who worked in uptown Charlotte for 20 years,
2. Visit one of the museums - NASCAR Hall of Fame, Mint Museum of Craft and Design, Bechtler Modern Art Museum, Museum of the New South, Gantt African-American Art Museum. Your choice.
3. Have lunch
4. Take the train back to your car in south Charlotte. We should be home by 3 or 4 p.m. but if you are driving you can stay later or leave earlier.



We will carpool and caravan at 9 a.m. from the parking lot of Roses on US 70, just west of US 321.

Please email me if you are going and if you can drive. This will be just a rough head count. Reservations are not necessary, but we do not want to leave anyone behind when our caravan departs.

If you have already told me you want to go, tell me again. I still need an email from you.

Dianne and Paige Straley
308-4282

Game Nights

Wednesday, August 10 & Thursday, August 18 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 August will be held on the 4th at 11:30 a.m. at one of our great local restaurants, **Zorba's Greek & Italian Family Restaurant**. This is a relative new and popular restaurant in our area that serves delicious food that I am sure you will enjoy. I invite you all to join us at Zorba's, which is located at 924 Conover Blvd West, Conover, NC 28613. You can review their website (www.zorbasnc.com.) to see the wide variety of Greek and Italian foods that you can enjoy on August 4th. If you have forgotten about Anthony Quinn in "Zorba the Greek," you can refresh your memory with this YouTube video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPWU8hy0McY> .

Please send your **RSVP** to bethanycw@charter.net by noon on August 2nd so that I can remind the restaurant that we are coming. I hope you will join us and enjoy great food, company, conversations, as well as help support one of our great local restaurants. See you soon.

Chuck Bethany

Bridge

August

Monday, August 1st	Gloria Berg
Wednesday, August 3rd	Kathy Durand
Monday, August 8th	Karen Schafer
Monday, August 15th	Norma Leimbach
Wednesday, August 17th	Carol Parker



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

We will have another ice cream and conversation in August. We will be going to TCBY in Lenoir on Friday the 26th at 2 pm. Contact Sheri Binning at ronaldbinning@gmail.com

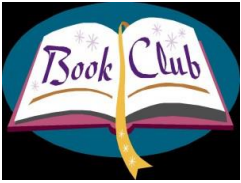
Mexican Train Dominoes



August 2 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 or 828-328-4657 by noon on the 1st.



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, **Sept 28** when we will meet to discuss - *Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig. Donal Cameron is being raised by his grandmother, the cook at the legendary Double W ranch in the Montana Rockies, a landscape that gives full rein to an eleven-year-old's imagination. But when Gram has to have surgery in the summer of 1951, all she can think to do is to ship Donal off to her sister and her husband, Herman the German, in faraway Manitowoc, Wisconsin on the "dog bus." The rest of the summer is filled with adventures & surprises. Fun read!! Sue Asp will be the discussion leader.

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

Daytime Canasta

Afternoon lunch and canasta will be held on **Thursday, August 25 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**.



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 They offer gun rentals and a wide variety of training classes.

We currently shoot at **6:30 PM on the second Tuesday (August 9)** of each month and at **noon on the fourth Thursday (August 25)** of each month. Contact **Vince LeGrand** for information on shooting legravin@gmail.com or **828-466-8218**.

Bowling is taking the summer off but if you are interested in the **Newcomers Bowling League**, this fall contact Vince.

Mah Jongg



Want to learn how to play American mah jongg? We are having good success with a new approach. We ask would-be players to pull up a chair and watch our players at several games. Then I have a one-on-one lesson (or maybe two or three) and then they are ready to play.

The new players play together with me to get off to a gradual start before joining more seasoned players.

Want to give it a try? Just show up to watch at either 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays or 10:30 a.m. Fridays at Pinecrest retirement center, 915 29th Ave. NE. Hickory. We play in the second floor billiard room.

Men and women are invited. Contact me for more information:

dfwhit@gmail.com or 308-4282.

- Dianne Straley

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 New Members

Lori and Greg Gervasio
Christine and Dale Pfingst
Rosie Bray