



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

**September 2016**

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**President's Message**

Hello Newest Newcomers,

Our latest headcount shows we have 125 households that belong to Newcomers. That is the largest membership in our club's history, and we are pleased to see so many new members. Welcome!

By now you have reviewed our website <https://www.newcomersofcv.com/> and read about our current weekly, monthly and annual events that might interest you. We try to offer a variety of activities. Beyond our club, there are many wonderful opportunities in the area that you may hear about while participating in our activities, reviewing emails or reading the Items of Interest column which covers events in the area.

It is not too soon to get involved. On your membership applications, I have read about the interests of our new members and noticed there are some interest areas we don't have scheduled activities such as Euchre, Cars, Quilting and Scrapbooking. You may enjoy becoming an organizer of a new activity like those or others.

We are a volunteer organization and we currently have more than 14 volunteer coordinators hosting 17 different activities. It's easy and fun to plan an activity.

Please let me know if you would like to become an organizer, and we will help you make it happen. It can be a onetime event or regular happening. Do you want to organize a hike near the Blue Ridge Parkway or start a group for movie matinees? Want to play Euchre, Hearts, or take in a car show? Finding people with similar interests is a great way to make new friends. We would appreciate your help.

I hope you will enjoy participating in any of our current club happenings – bowling, book club, canasta, bridge, dominoes, mah jongg, shooting practice, lunches and socials - and consider helping us offer more. Your ideas and suggestions are encouraged and always welcome.

Thank you for joining our club and I look forward to seeing you soon at any of our events.

Carol Hoover, President  
*Newcomers of Catawba Valley*



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

Shooting and Bowling–  
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

## Happy Birthday to Our Members

| September                 | October              |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 – Joe Strickland        | 3 Zig Kryszczuk      |
| 6 – Cheri Stewart         | 3... .Edward Sawicki |
| 7 – Bob Dennis            | 6 Benny Eanes        |
| 7 – Lisa Travis           | 11 Kathy Bethany     |
| 8 – Beth Osbahr           | 13 Linda Monroe      |
| 11 – Rob Herman           | 14 Rege Duralia      |
| 13 – Elizabeth Strickland | 20 Patrick Moody     |
| 14 – Adra Kryszczuk       | 21 Larry Goonan      |
| 16 – Paige Straley        | 27 Connie Yokum      |
| 17 – Jane Duralia         | 28 Shirley Moore     |
| 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](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 Get ready for U-turns!!

**Wednesday Sept 14, 2016 10:30 a.m. Hickory Airport**

A major highway project is coming soon to Catawba and Caldwell counties – widening U.S. 321 to six lanes between Hickory and Lenoir. Dozens of businesses will be relocated and a new bridge built. Cost: \$288 million.

You can learn the details at Newcomers' Sept. 14 monthly meeting, which starts at 10:30 a.m. at Hickory Regional Airport. Regional transportation planner John Marshall will tell us about the U.S. 321 widening and other upcoming road projects.

The 14-mile widening area will stretch from U.S. 70 in Hickory to Southwest Boulevard in Lenoir. Drivers on side streets that intersect with U.S. 321 will only be able to turn right. If you want to turn left or go straight, you must instead turn right onto U.S. 321 and then make a U-turn.

At least two interchanges will be built, at 13<sup>th</sup> Street SW and at Clement Boulevard. A third is being considered at Grace Chapel Road. The state will start buying land in 2018 and start construction in 2021. Have we got your attention? Have questions? Come hear John Marshall talk on Sept. 14.

## **Biking down the Virginia Creeper Trail!!**

**What:** I want to invite all newcomers for a great day of biking down the Virginia Creeper trail. It's a great excursion- the shuttle will take us to the top of the mountain, and it is downhill all the way. Not strenuous, and the views are amazing. We follow a river all the way down, and the downhill ride is about 2 1/2 to 3 hours. I've had friends as old as 75 years of age do this and they loved it!

**Where:** Virginia Creeper trail starts in Damascus, Virginia about 2 hours away from Hickory.

**When:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 RSVP by: 5 pm on Monday, September 12. We should leave Hickory around 8:15 am, will get there around 10:15, check-in is at 10:30, and we'll take the 11:00 shuttle to the top. The ride down is about 3 hours, we should be able to leave around 2 and be home by 4 pm. There is a restaurant on the trail that serves great food, we normally stop there, have lunch, then continue on our trek.

**Cost:** special weekday rate of \$23.50 for rental bike, shuttle ride, helmet and bottled water. The company I've always worked with is : Sun dog outfitters. They are great and easy to work with. Their website is: [www.sundogoutfitter.com](http://www.sundogoutfitter.com), 331 Douglas Dr Damascus, Virginia. [276 475 6252](tel:2764756252). Please respond to me, Naomi East, by email if you can come: [n\\_east@me.com](mailto:n_east@me.com), my number is: [828 381 6429](tel:8283816429) if you have any questions.



**Save the Date**  
**Holiday Party- Friday Dec 16, 2016**  
**5:30pm. – 9:00pm.**

*You are invited to join us of the Newcomers of Catawba Valley Holiday Party. Friday December 16, 2016 at the Crown Plaza. 1385 Lenoir Rhyne Blvd. Hickory NC 28602. Cash bar cocktails begin at 5:30pm followed by buffet dinner and desserts. We are excited to have entertainment from The Murder Mystery Company of Charlotte. You may choose to be part of the action or help solve the mystery as part of the audience. The cost will be \$25 per person. Payment is due to the Newcomers of Catawba Valley by no later than Friday December 2, 2016. Hope to see you there for some fun.*



## **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 Hickory Museum of Art, located in the Salt Block, sponsors a variety of art related activities year-round for all ages. They offer art classes for youths through adults, field trips, birthday parties and much more. On September 10th, they will sponsor the 4th Annual Auto Lawn Party. This year's event highlights the wonderfully beautiful British classic automobiles. Please check out all of the 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!

### **Game Nights**

**Wednesday, Sept 14 & Thursday, Sept 29 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 September will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at one of our great local restaurants, **Fourk Restaurant**. This is a relative new and popular restaurant in our area serving delicious food that I am sure you will enjoy. I invite you all to join us at Fourk, which is located at 1410 4<sup>th</sup> ST Dr. NW # 103, in Hickory. You can review their website (<http://www.fourkrestaurant.com>) to see the nice variety of delicious foods from which to choose.

Please send your **RSVP** to me, Chuck Bethany, at [bethanycw@charter.net](mailto:bethanycw@charter.net) by noon on August 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Bridge**

#### **September**

Monday, September 5th  
Wednesday, September 7th  
Monday, September 12th  
Monday, September 19th  
Wednesday, September 21st

HOLIDAY  
Kathy Rozea  
Laurie Johnsen  
Joyce Sykes  
Phyllis Kane



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

September info to follow. Any questions contact Sheri Binning at [ronaldbinning@gmail.com](mailto:ronaldbinning@gmail.com)

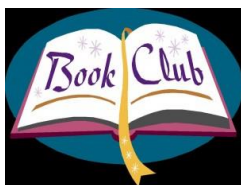


### Mexican Train Dominoes

**Sept 6 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, **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, Sept 22 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**.



## 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 (Sept 13)** of each month and at **noon on the fourth Thursday (Sept 22)** of each month. Contact **Vince LeGrand** for information on shooting [legravin@gmail.com](mailto: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**

We play American style mah jongg twice weekly at Pinecrest retirement center. 915 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.E.

Some of us have played five years or more, some just a few months. We all have fun!

If you are curious about this tile game, come watch over our shoulders and see what it is all about. Then we will arrange for a lesson or two.

We play at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays.  
For questions, contact Dianne Straley at 328-1412 or [dfwhit@gmail.com](mailto:dfwhit@gmail.com).

Men and women are invited. Contact me, Dianne Straley, for more information:  
[dfwhit@gmail.com](mailto:dfwhit@gmail.com) or 308-4282.

### **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](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 [betty60@gmail.com](mailto:betty60@gmail.com).

### **Welcome New Members**

Fred and Rachel Parnell moved from New Bern NC  
Denise and Greg Kapuscinski moved from Texas