



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
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Hello Newcomers,

Fall is on the way and pumpkins are decorating door steps. My wind chimes are singing to a refreshing cool morning breeze. To celebrate fall, this month we going for fun, funky and wicked in a variety activities for you. Full details about each event are listed in this month's newsletter.

A dyno team of three members have organized their first trip to beautiful Hendersonville NC on October 19th featuring antique shops, numerous restaurants, and lots of unique boutique stores. It's sure to be a wonderful day.

Another member has created a fun and funky evening starting with sipping wine and socializing surrounded by original art by local artists on display and for sale at the Bottega gift shop followed by the musical "Junk," a play about yard sales at the Hickory Community Theater on Oct 14. It's a cool combination to create this entertaining event.

You won't want to miss our Halloween Party on October 28th. Come for the food, the costumes, get your palm read and be amused by all of the scary decorations. If you need help with a costume, give me a call.

Can't get enough unique this month? Consider joining us for our trip to see the crazy Mug House, made from 25,000 mugs in Caldwell County. We will enjoy the changing leaves on this afternoon drive to picnic and see the house on November 1.

I am delighted to see many of our members organizing and hosting events. If you have something you want to do, please contact any of our board members and let's plan it! It's fun and easy. Your ideas and suggestions are encouraged and always welcome.

I hope you will enjoy participating in any of our on-going weekly and monthly volunteer led club activities including bowling, book club, games nights, Bridge, Canasta, Dominoes, Mah Jongg, Rummikub, shooting practice, lunch out and coffee and conversations. I hope to see you having some fun this month.

Carol Hoover,
President, Newcomers of Catawba Valley



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Shari Kidd

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Brian Hoover,
Adra Kryszczuk,
Michele LeGrand

Happy Birthday to Our Members

October		November	
3	Zig Kryszczuk	1	Linda Swann
3...	Edward Sawicki	2	Lonny McSherley
6	Benny Eanes	4	Richard Brands
11	Kathy Bethany	6	Christine L. Pfingst
13	Linda Monroe	7	Pat Connor
14	Rege Duralia	9	Michael Shell
20	Patrick Moody	10	Helka Freeland
21	Larry Goonan	11	Phil Norusis
27	Connie Yokum	13	Margaret Wesche
28	Shirley Moore	15	Larry Huggins
		24	Susan Reese
		27	Kathleen Rozea

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 Learn meat-smoking tricks Wednesday Oct. 12, 2016 10:30 a.m. Hickory Airport

Learn meat-smoking tricks

You don't need an expensive smoker to produce delicious smoked foods. With the right technique, you can produce savory, smoky meats and other foods on a typical backyard grill, says talented griller Zig Kryszczuk.

Zig, one of our members, will share his skills on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the monthly meeting of Newcomers of Catawba Valley. He will show slides of his setup and how he smokes meats - and even cream cheese. Zig also will pass out samples for the audience to enjoy.

The meeting starts at 10:30 a.m. at Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Ave. Dr. NW.

Visit the House of Mugs in Collettsville

You are invited to join us on November 1st from 11:00 to 3:00 to visit a unique house covered with over 30,000 mugs. It was described in the Hickory Daily Record on July 17, 2016. We will plan to carpool and have a brown bag picnic on a riverside picnic table and enjoy a beautiful fall outing. Contact: Louise Judd if interested.



**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 28, 2016**



Newcomers Halloween Fright Night

The Witching Hour is 6:30 PM



Your hosts: The Conrads & The LeGrands

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

***Costumes Encouraged,
but not required***

***Be sure to have
your palm read***

Coffee, hot
apple cider,
and water will
be provided

B.Y.O.B.



Starting letter of Last Name:

Bring a dessert -- A - D
Bring a main dish -- F - L
Bring a side/salad -- M - R
Bring an appetizer/starter -- S - Z

RSVP to Martha Conrad
marthaconrad@charter.net

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





Calling all antique shoppers!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 19th, to travel to beautiful downtown Hendersonville. Main Street in Hendersonville stretches for 7 blocks and has several antique shops, numerous restaurants, and lots of unique boutique stores (Crazy Lady Emporium and Tribal Trends should probably be visited just on general principle!). There is ample parking available and our plan is to arrive mid-morning and spend the day shopping, browsing and eating! We will keep lunch plans flexible since there's a wide variety from which to choose, including several ice cream parlors (just sayin')! For those of you who have not been there, Hendersonville is south of Asheville and about a 2 hour drive from Hickory. As always, carpools will be available for those who prefer not to drive. **If you have not already signed up, please respond to Debbie Brooks at dkbrooks51@gmail.com if you plan to make the trip and indicate if you would like a ride or if you can offer a ride and how many you can take.**

Theater party to see JUNK

Join us on Friday, October 14, for a theater party at Hickory Community Theater to see the Molly Bass comedy, JUNK. We will begin at 6:30 pm at Bottega on the Square to "Sip & Shop" (snacks and beverages). Bottega is a unique shop with original art, funky clothes and jewelry as seen on Facebook. At 7:30 we will progress to the theater lounge to discuss our best deals in the JUNK world through photos or stories. Join the fun:

1. indicate interest by calling or emailing Louise: 326-9059 / louise70@embarqmail
2. Call HCT box office: 327-3855 and purchase tickets in Newcomer section under my name & #500092. The group rate is \$16. and
3. Look forward to a great evening!



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 entrainment 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

Here's another in our continuing series of articles highlighting the sponsors who support the Newcomers of Catawba Valley. Again, a reminder to our members to please look to the sponsor page when you need a service. Sponsors are the first listing under the Resource tab.

Wine & Design Hickory is an interesting franchise operation whose motto is 'sign up, show up, sip up, paint.' Bring your favorite bottle of wine to a two-hour class with a local artist who guides students with stroke-by-stroke instructions to ensure unique masterpieces! Looking for unique party and team building ideas? There are many customizable party options tailored to meet your needs. Art Buzz for kids, Wine & Design on wheels, Paint it Forward, etc.

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 October through December

U.S. Marine Corps - Toys for Tots is a funding and support organization for the U.S. Marine Corps since 1991.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Reserve Toys for Tots program is to collect new unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to the needy children in the community

During this quarter, unwrapped toys may be brought to any Newcomers function and will be greatly appreciated.

Joseph M Paussa
Charity Chairman
Joseph M. Paussa
Cell 315-263-8229

Left Over Goodies!

Ever wonder what happens to the food left over from Newcomers functions? We have made so many deliveries there that the Hickory Soup kitchen crew knows us by name:_"Hello, Darlin" Newcomers also donates leftover food to The Corner Table in Newton.

Here Skip and Nolan take charge of leftover desserts from Daytime Canasta.

- Dianne Straley



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, Oct 12 & Thursday, Oct 27 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 October will be held on the 6th at 11:30 a.m. at one of our great new local restaurants, **Ole Still Cafe**. This is a new and popular restaurant in our area serving delicious Thai specialties as well as a variety of American favorites. I invite you all to join us at the **Ole Still Cafe**, which is located at 1157 Players Ridge Road, Hickory, NC 28601. The Café has a Hickory address but you can easily reach it by going North over the NC-127 bridge. For you golfers, it may be useful to know that the Café is part of the Ole Still Golf Club, formerly known as Rivercrest Golf Club. You can review their menu by using the following link, <http://www.olestillgolf.com/wp-content/uploads/Ole-Still-Cafe-Menu.pdf> or the attached PDF file to see the nice variety of delicious foods that you can enjoy.

Please send your **RSVP** to bethanycw@charter.net by noon on Tuesday, October 4th so that I can remind the restaurant that a large group is visiting. I hope you will join us and enjoy great food, company, conversations, as well as help support one of our great new local restaurants.

See you soon.
Chuck Bethany

Bridge

OCTOBER

Monday, October 3rd
Wednesday, October 5th
Monday, October 10th
Monday, October 17th
Wednesday, October 19th

Barb Beck
Norma Leimbach
Joe Strickland
Shirley Strickland
Susan Perkins



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 be going to Apple Hill Orchard in Morganton on Friday the 28th at 12 noon. People can bring a picnic lunch. The bakery closes at 2, so we should have plenty of time for goodies. They have a nice view there. Should be pretty with colored leaves. Any questions contact Sheri Binning at ronaldbinning@gmail.com

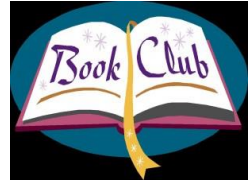


Mexican Train Dominoes

Oct 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** 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, November 16 (due to Thanksgiving) We will be discussing *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain (Joyce Dennis is discussion leader)

Hadley Richardson met Earnest Hemingway in Chicago in 1920. After a whirlwind courtship & wedding, the pair set sail for France. But Jazz Age Paris is no place for family life & fidelity.

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

Daytime Canasta

Afternoon lunch and canasta will be held on **Thursday, Oct 27 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.

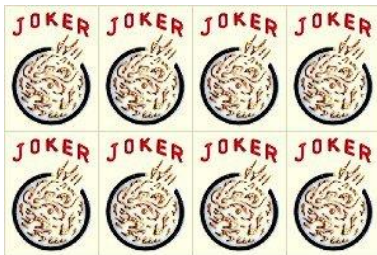
We currently shoot at **6:30 PM on the second Tuesday (Oct 11)** of each month and at **noon on the fourth Thursday (Oct 27)** of each month. Contact **Vince LeGrand** for information on shooting legravin@gmail.com or **828-466-8218**.

If you are interested in having fun and getting a little exercise, Newcomers bowling is the perfect activity for you. Newcomers' bowling starts its 6th season on September 29th.

This year we will bowl at Pin Station in Newton. It is on Business 321 (also known as Northwest Boulevard) and is directly across from the Catawba County Government Complex. For more information their website is: www.pinstationbowling.com

- We bowl 3 games each session and the cost is \$8.00.
- We start bowling at 6:30 pm on every other Thursday (with some breaks around the holidays). They open the lanes for practice at 6:20 pm.
- If you don't have your own bowling shoes and ball, rental shoes are available for a fee and balls are available for free.
- We don't have teams...every bowler is his/her own team.
- The focus is on camaraderie and getting some exercise, not competition. We have bowlers of all skill levels.

For additional information about Newcomers Bowling, contact Vince.



Join us for Mah Jongg

If you are curious about the addictive tile game called American mah jongg, come watch us play. If the game interests you, sign up for free lessons.

We play twice a week at Pinecrest retirement center, 915 29th Ave. NE. We play in the second floor billiard room at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays.

You often can watch a game on our Game Nights, held twice monthly at the airport. Questions? Contact Dianne Straley at dfwhit@gmail.com or 308-4282.

Busy Hands Activity Group

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

Rummikub

After a very hot summer, Rummikub will be back on October 11 at the home of Michele LeGrand at 6:30. 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 bettysch60@gmail.com.

Welcome New Members

Kenneth J and Haydee Pujdak from Long Island, NY
Jim and Elaine Harrison from Denver, NC
Thomas and Diane DeBusk from Madison, WI
Jeff and Teena Stewart from Beneca, CA