



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
2425 North Center Street #169, Hickory NC 28601
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November 2016

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Hello Newcomers,

November is about giving thanks. I am very grateful to have found the Newcomers of Catawba Valley. I have spoken with many of our members that feel the same way and I enjoy your stories. I hope you will share your experiences and give thanks to each other at the various NCV events you participate in this month.

Brian and I moved here 20 months ago without knowing anyone here. I expected it would be difficult to get to know our new community and develop friendships but thanks to NCV we have found friends for a wonderful retirement life.

Our NCV members welcomed us, told us about interesting places to see, foods to taste, and invited us on many new adventures. I am thankful to each and every one of you. We share the joys of living in this beautiful place, friendships, family, laughs and support from each other.

I encourage you share your stories with each other this month and send me via email your message of thanks or stories about our club. I will put all of them together and send one email to all of our members on Thanksgiving Day. This will create our very own electronic thanksgiving card.

With many thanks,

Carol Hoover,
President
Newcomers of Catawba Valley



Evening Socials
Shari Kidd

Game Nights–
Shari Kidd

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Bob Jones

Hospitality –
Michele LeGrand, Carol
Sawicki

Lunch Out –
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Members Helping
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Betty Schwartz,
Kay Norusis

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Vince LeGrand

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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

November		December	
Linda Swann	11/01	Rosie Bray	12/02
Richard Brands	11/04	Michael Kane	12/05
Christine L. Pfigst	11/06	Betty Ann Williams	12/09
Pat Connor	11/07	Carol Parker	12/10
Michael Shell	11/09	Chris Beckom	12/12
Helka Freeland	11/10	Sharon Bennett	12/15
Phil Norusis	11/11	Albert Derocher	12/15
Margaret Wesche	11/13	Pam Wagoner	12/15
Larry Huggins	11/15	Millie Kaufman	12/17
Mike Ludington	11/23	Kathy Durand	12/21
Susan Reese	11/24	Hedy Pausa	12/21
Kathleen Rozea	11/27	Jeff Stewart	12/24
		Denise Bukovan	12/29
		Joyce Dennis	12/29
		Ginny Koch	12/29
		Karen Schafer	12/31

Please email Susan Reese at sereese62@gmail.com 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 Nov. 09, 2016 10:30 a.m. Hickory Airport

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

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, Nov. 9, 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.

Upcoming Events

November 1, Monday: House of Mugs in Collettsville: - join from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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, louise70@embarqmail.com.

November 3, Thursday: Talbot's Fashion Show: Please come to Talbot's for a look at the new fall fashions from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be served. All attendees will receive a 30% discount. Call Gloria for a special EXTRA 10% discount when you get your Home Instead Angel assignment. Please R.S.V.P. no later than Tuesday, November 1st to Gloria Berg at glomcberg@hotmail.com.

Let's get crafty!

Newcomers of Catawba Valley is holding dual workshops on Wednesday, Nov. 9, as members teach members how to make large ornamental bows and lighted chicken wire balls.



The workshops at the Hickory airport will follow the 10:30 a.m. monthly meeting – which will be a real treat itself as member Zig Kryszczuk shares samples of his home-smoked foods and teaches us how to use a simple backyard grill to smoke meat, fish and even cream cheese.

We'll break for a quick lunch at Crosswind Cafe and gather at 12:30 p.m. for the crafty workshops.



Club president Carol Hoover will demonstrate how to make beautiful bows like this one, using ribbon stiffened with wire. They look great on presents, Thanksgiving décor and wreaths. The \$5 charge pays for the ribbon supplies. Or the class is free if you bring your own ribbon. You will take home a finished bow – and the skills to make many more.

Board member Dianne Straley will make a 15-inch diameter chicken wire ball, which is then wrapped with 200 miniature lights. The cost of \$15 pays for wire and two packages of white lights. Or pay \$5 and supply your own lights. Take home your completed lighted ball and hang it from a tall tree!

Attend one workshop or both. Pay at the workshop but you **MUST** reserve a spot so we know the amount of supplies to bring. Any money left after buying supplies will be donated to our quarterly charity, Toys of Tots.

Sign up for the ribbon workshop with Carol at cah.home@verizon.net and Dianne's wire ball class at dfwhit@gmail.com. Each instructor will email a list of what to bring. Deadline to sign up is 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2.

NCV Budget Process

Newcomers derives almost all of its income from membership dues. We receive some income from sponsors that pay for ads on our website. Our fiscal year ends on March 31st. The balance in the account normally peaks around the beginning of the new fiscal year as members renew their memberships.

Funds are spent on various Newcomers activities over the course of the year and the bank balance declines by the end of the year. Funds are used to support events, entertainment, and supplies including stationery, equipment, tables, games, name badges and web certificates for example.

Newcomers is incorporated in the state of North Carolina as a non-profit corporation. Under the IRS code, we are a social club, not a charitable club. As such, the largest expense item in our budget is for Socials and Special Events. Given that many members wish to support charitable causes in the Catawba Valley area, our second largest expense item is Charitable Donations/Contributions.

For the past two years, our cash balance has remained fairly flat over most of the year, and then there is a significant drop at year end after payment for all large event expenses. A reserve amount is maintained and was used last year to cover the costs of incorporation.

The board provides detailed accounting at each general meeting.

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Save the Date

Holiday Party-

Friday, December 16, 2016

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

You are invited to the Newcomers of Catawba Valley's

Holiday Party

Friday, December 16, 2016

Crown Plaza

1385 Lenoir Rhyne Boulevard

Cash bar - cocktails at 5:30 p.m. followed by a 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 is \$25 per person. Payment is due to the Newcomers of Catawba Valley 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.

Van Fleet Aviation - a loud and proud sponsor of Newcomers, Susan Van Fleet, owner and operator of Van Fleet Aviation is a licensed Commercial Pilot, Flight Instructor, Instrument and Multi Engine Instructor.

Susan is also a Commercial Glider Pilot, Single Engine Sea Pilot and Airline Transport Pilot and has been flight instructing since 1986. All flight training, scenic and photo flights are individualized for you and your schedule. Team teaching and aviation career counseling for my students is also available.

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 they will be greatly appreciated.

Joseph M Paussa
Charity Chairman



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

Thursday, November 9th & 17th , 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Drive Northwest, Hickory, NC 28601, United States

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 R.S.V.P. the game you wish to play. Play includes a catered dinner. We must pay the caterer for each meal ordered, so if you make reservations and do not cancel before the indicated deadline you still must pay the charge! R.S.V.P. to Shari Kidd at kidd915sl@gmail.com.

Lunch Out

Hi Folks,

It's time for the Newcomers Monthly Lunch Out to take a field trip to Morganton to visit a scenic and popular watering hole, **Friday Friends Restaurant**. We will lunch with a view of the Catawba River and then we have an option to take a scenic walk on a 3.8-mile long, paved, walking trail along the water. For those unfamiliar with the scenic waterway, please google "Catawba River Greenway Morganton NC" to see the variety of things to do along the Greenway. The drive to Morganton also gives you the opportunity to take some of our back roads and view some of the fall colors (hopefully they will still be out). I hope you enjoy the trip.

Please join us at The Newcomers Monthly Lunch Out that will be held at 11:30 a.m. on November 3rd at Friday Friends Restaurant which is located at 315 Sanford Dr.in Morganton. For those of you who are not familiar with the restaurant you can review their menu using the following link, www.fridayfriendsmorganton.com. Please send your **RSVP** to bethanycw@charter.net by noon on Tuesday, November 1st 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

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, Nov. 2nd

Monday, Nov. 7th, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 14th, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 16th, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 21st, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

CANCELLED

Margie Dickey

Norma Leimbach

Kathy Durand

Gloria Berg



DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 14th CHRISTMAS PARTY NOVEMBER 2nd, 1pm – 4pm

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

Coffee and Conversation

Friday, November 25, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Lowe's Foods, Belle Hollow Shopping Center, Hickory.

An informal gathering over a cup of coffee, tea, etc., and a pastry or meal. We are introducing Newcomers to the different coffee and tea places in the area. Usually the last Friday of each month. This month we'll meet at the Lowe's Foods, Belle Hollow Shopping Center, Hickory. The cafe is just inside the front door. Lovely pastries and a nice selection of coffees. Let Sheri Binning know if you can come or just show up, ronald.binning@gmail.com.

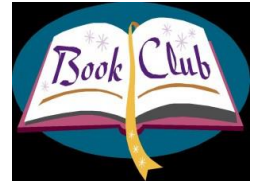
Mexican Train Dominoes



Want to have fun, meet new people come to dominoes. It's easy to learn... we will be playing chicken foot🐔 Nov 1st, 6 p.m. Shari and Bob Kidd's house
5495 Gunpowder Drive, Hickory. Bring \$2.00 for the pot and a dish to share.

Please R.S.V.P. by 2 p.m. on the 1st.

kidd915sl@gmail.comShari 828-328-4657.



Book Club

The Newcomers Book Club meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday of the month, at the Women's Resource Center at 1:30 p.m. 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 Ernest Hemingway in Chicago in 1920. After a whirlwind courtship and wedding, the pair set sail for France. But Jazz Age Paris is no place for family life and fidelity.

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

Daytime Canasta

The fourth Thursday Daytime Canasta will be cancelled in **November and December** due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.



We will have our Daytime Canasta on **December 8th for November and December**. Go ahead and put this on your calendar so you can remember to save the date! Afternoon lunch and canasta starts **at 11:30 a.m.** 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.

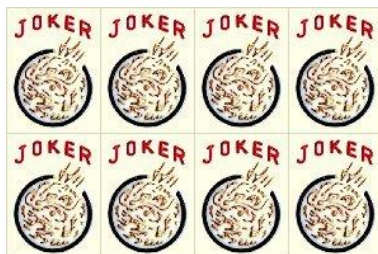
We currently shoot at **6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday (Nov 8th)** of each month and at **noon on the fourth Thursday (Nov 24th)** of each month. Contact **Vince LeGrand** for information on shooting legravin@gmail.com or **828-466-8218**.

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 p.m. on every other Thursday (with some breaks around the holidays). They open the lanes for practice at 6:20 p.m.
- 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.



Mahjongg

If you are curious about the addictive tile game called American Mahjongg, 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. 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

Rummikub

After a very hot summer, Rummikub will be back in **November**. If you have 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

Mike & Dolores Tarnowski from NH
Denise Bukovan from CT
Francine Gissy from Norman, OK
Peggy Meyer from Lansing, NC
Christine & John Almeida from Jacksonville, NC
Nilla "Mike" and Paul Ludington and Dwight Baker (Mike's son) from Bryan/College Station, TX
Sparkie Sparkman from Minnesota and
Margaret Sparkman from West Jefferson