



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
2425 North Center Street #169, Hickory NC 28601
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January 2017

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Hello Newcomers,

Welcome to the New Year of 2017!

Perhaps this year will you try something new? Perhaps you will try a new food, a new place or reach out to make a new friend. New adventures may feel uncomfortable or even scary but why not "try it, you might like it"? Our Newcomers Club will try to offer new trips, restaurants, social events and games this year. I hope you will join us and give some new activities a try. Now about those New Year's resolutions. Really? I have given up the fantasy that I will be able to keep with a new year's resolution which left me feeling frustrated or a failure because I have not exercised more, learned a new language or eaten less chocolate (the horror of it).

A few years back a friend suggested instead to choose just a word. Choosing a single word can give you clarity and focus. It's not a huge goal but a word that inspires you. It's a word to think about each day and throughout the year. Examples might be; grateful, purpose, and hope, reflection, courage, trust, balance, focus, listen, openness, compassion, brave, learn, explore, faith, or love. Consider how you want to feel this year, how to you want to manage your life and all of the challenges and wonderful opportunities it set before you.

"The New Year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story" quote by. Melody Beattie.

I look forward to a new year ahead filled with fun and new adventures with our Newcomers Club.

Carol Hoover,
President
Newcomers of Catawba Valley



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Adra Kryszczuk,
Michele LeGrand

Happy Birthday to Our Members

January		February	
Floyd Clark	01/01	Christi Austin	02/01
John Murgo	01/01	Larry Laufer	02/01
Lee Wagoner	01/01	Teena Stewart	02/02
Patricia Lang	01/04	Kay Norusis	02/03
Eric Koch	01/07	Mike Rozea	02/06
Hedy Paussa	01/07	Carol Rozea	02/08
Dennis Valkanoff	01/10	Fred D. Parnell	02/09
Kevin McCutcheon	01/16	Barbara Laufer	02/11
Sandra Thompson	01/18	Denise Kapuscinski	02/12
Sue Asp	01/21	Butch Dunlap	02/15
Barbara Beck	01/21	Elaine Applegate	02/19
Gene Clayton	01/22		
Sue Bumgarner	01/23		
Betty Stone	01/23		
Bob Connor	01/28		
Ricki Hall	01/29		
Ginny Heinrich	01/29		
Steve Womack	01/29		
Edie Ashman	01/30		
Carolyn Eanes	01/30		
Mary Ellen Glover	01/30		

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

**January 11th, Meeting - The meeting starts at 10:30 a.m.
at Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Ave. Dr. NW.**

Program "Spending Hickory Bond Money"

You will have a chance to learn details about Hickory's plan to connect its lakefront parks with a paved greenway at our Jan. 11 monthly meeting. Brian Frazier, the city's planning director, will show sketches and details of the construction plans for the Riverwalk, which will begin in Geitner Park and follow the river beneath the future U.S. 321 bridges. He will also talk about Citywalk, a broad pedestrian and bicycle connector that will be built along Main Avenue, linking Lenoir-Rhyne University and downtown. Both will be funded with proceeds from a \$25 million bond issue approved by Hickory voters. Another \$15 million in bonds will be used for economic development, including development of an industrial park on Startown Road. The presentation begins at 10:30 a.m. at Hickory Regional Airport, just past the Crawdads stadium. We meet in the old terminal building, near Hickory Hop and Crosswind Cafe. To learn more about the bond projects, go to www.hickorync.gov. Click on "government" and "bond information."

**February General Meeting: February 8th,
10:30am**



Calling all Artists! **Competition for new Newcomers of Catawba Valley logo**

The NCV Board invites members to participate in a contest for a new mast head/banner or logo to be used for business cards, stationery and our web site. For banners please submit a digital file minimum size 1,200 by 1,200 pixels. For logos please submit a digital file minimum size 256 x 256 pixels. If you need help creating a digital file please contact President Carol Hoover. The person who designs the winning graphic will be awarded a years' membership and authorship for the design. Submissions may be given to any board member and need to be received by no later than Friday January 20th. We hope you will consider submitting your ideas. Thank you.

Sharing what you know

Would **YOU** like to teach a workshop? So many club members have wonderful skills you can share. Maybe you could lead a class/walk in bird identification. Maybe you can get us started on researching our family history with a genealogy workshop. Maybe we can come to your kitchen and learn how to make sushi. You have lots of skills. Let's share them.

Contact Dianne Straley, dfwhit@gmail.com, if you have an idea for sharing your talents.

Upcoming Events



"Big Chill" DJ/Karaoke Party

You are invited to our mid-winter DJ/Karaoke dance party on **Saturday January 28th** with an inclement weather date of Saturday February 4th. We will meet at Oliver's Landing Golf Course in Bethlehem at the Old Still Restaurant. They will be setting up a buffet for us to include appetizers, salad, four different entrees, dessert and beverage for the all-inclusive price of \$20.00 per person (Includes tax and tip). We will begin at 6 o'clock to socialize (cash bar). Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and music at 7:30 p.m. Greg Conrad will be your DJ/Karaoke King while singing and playing the hits. It will be lots of fun. Make plans to come and listen or shake your booty. Please make payment by no later than **Thursday January 5th**. Payments may be given to Greg or Martha Conrad, or mailed to NCV, 2425 N. Center Street, #169. Hickory NC 28601. Hope to see you there!

Sponsor Spotlight



We are continuing to highlight the sponsors who support the Newcomers of Catawba Valley. When you need a service, please look to the sponsor page to see if one of our sponsors can provide the help you need. Sponsors are the first listing under the Resource tab.

The UPS Store on Hwy. 127 in Viewmont has, for many years, provided a mailbox for the club's mailing address. This storefront has the capability not only for mailing and shipping, but also for printing, faxing and Notary services. It's a busy, friendly place! Their website has lots to offer too! Check it out!

When you click on any sponsor's ad, you'll automatically be taken to that sponsor's web page. And, remember, if you use one of our sponsors, please be sure to thank them for sponsoring the Newcomers of Catawba Valley!

Adra for the Web Team

Quarterly Charity

January through March

This quarter charity is the Corner Table. The Corner Table is a soup kitchen located at 122 North Main Street, Newton NC. They provide nutritious meals to men, women, and children who are in need, in and around the Newton area. They can use fresh produce, canned goods, as well as meat, and "to-go-bag" material. For more information call 828-464-0355.

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 who may live nearby!

Single Members

Did you know that Newcomers of Catawba Valley has 40 members who are single? Single members are ***always*** welcome at ***any*** of our events! If you feel you'd like to



have someone accompany you, please contact the event coordinator or a board member and we'll endeavor to connect you with others who'll be going. Please let us know how we can help you enjoy the events of your club.



Game Nights

Thursday, January 11th & 19th, 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. We offer Rummicub, Canasta, Mahjongg, Dominoes, and new this year Pinochle and Euchre. Get your group together or just come on out and try a new game. Please note on your R.S.V.P. the game you wish to play. Play includes a catered dinner, cost is **\$7**. 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

On **January 5, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.**, we will be dining at an old favorite, **NY Hibachi Buffet**. There you'll find a variety of cuisines, features Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Mexican, and American favorites. Please join us at the NY Hibachi Buffet, located at **2128 US Highway 70 SE in Hickory**. You can view their website (www.nyhibachibuffet.com), to see a full menu.

Please send your **RSVP** to bethanycw@charter.net by noon on Tuesday, January 3rd so that I can remind the restaurant that we are coming. I hope you will join us and enjoy great food, company, conversations.



NCV Bridge
Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.
Hosted by Gloria Berg
glomcberg@hotmail.com

JANUARY

Monday, Jan. 2nd
Wednesday, Jan. 4th
Monday, Jan. 9th
Monday, Jan. 16th
Wednesday, Jan. 18th



Coffee and Conversation

We will go back to **Taste Full Beans** in downtown Hickory on **January 27th at 2 pm.** We always have a good time there. Let Sheri Binning know if you can come or just show up, ronald.binning@gmail.com.

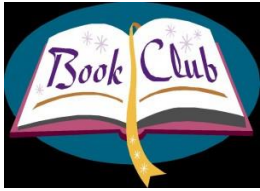
Dominoes



The games are held at the Hickory Airport, still on the first **Tuesday** of the month at **6 PM**. The Crosswinds Cafe at the airport provides us with dinner, for \$7 per person. The same rules apply as for Game Nights: Deadline for making reservations will be 6 pm on Sunday night! Once you make your reservation, you will be obligated to pay for your meal--whether you attend or not!

When making your reservations, please express if you want to play regular Mexican Train Dominoes; otherwise it will be assumed you want to play "Chicken Foot" Dominoes. The next "Dominoes will be on **January 3rd, at 6 PM**. We will be playing "Chicken Foot". There will be a learning table for those of you who want to learn, or brush up on your skills. If enough members want, we will have regular Mexican Train Dominoes also.

If anyone has questions feel free to contact Bob or Maureen at 828-302-2385, email is itsmerbj@charter.net.



Book Club

Book Club members enjoyed a Christmas potluck luncheon at Sue Asp's lovely home overlooking Lake Hickory. We've enjoyed getting several new members over the last six months and it was wonderful to get to know them better. Thank you Sue for being our hostess for such a wonderful get together! Our first meeting for 2017 will be on **January 25th at 1:30** at the Women's Resource Center. The book selection schedule is not quite set yet as we are working on securing a guest author. As soon as the schedule is set we will have it posted on the Newcomer's website, and an email will go out to all current book club members. For information please contact Sue Asp twoasps@gmail.com or Betty Schwartz bettysch69@gmail.com.

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



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 (January 10th)** of each month and at **noon on the fourth Thursday (January 26th)** 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...

January 12th & 26th, 6:30pm

(There are 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.

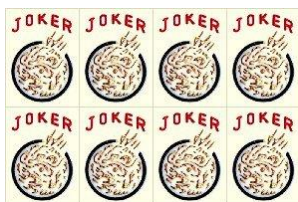
Daytime Canasta



We will have our Daytime Canasta on **January 19th**. 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**.

Mah Jongg

Interested in Mah Jongg?



If you are curious about American Mah Jongg, come watch us play, to see if you want lessons. We play twice weekly at Pinecrest retirement center, 915 29th Ave. NE, on the second floor. Newcomers are there at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, and 10:30 a.m. Fridays. We enjoy going out to lunch after our Friday game. On Dec. 16, we treated member Pam Moody to lunch at The Food Factory on Lake Hickory. Pam and her husband Pat are moving to Arizona in late December. Pam is the former club secretary and a member for 10 years – and a heck of a mah jongg player. We wish the Moodys' well in their new home. Dianne Straley dfwhit@gmail.com

Rummikub

Rummikub will be held on **January 17th**, **Adra** will be our hostess. For more information, please check the website or contact Michele LeGrand at exermom@gmail.com



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 betty69@gmail.com.

Welcome New Members

- Richard Wagman from Pennsylvania