



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
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April 2017

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Hello Newcomers,

Spring has come to the Catawba Valley. The garden is waking up, yellow daffodils are smiling brightly, sweet pink flowers decorate delicate trees and the hosta plants are sprouting up so fast it seems like you can actually watch them grow.

If you are gardener like me, you are enjoying getting out to trim back bushes, pull away old leaves and expose new young growth. We gardeners are a crazy bunch that revel in the look and smell of fresh mulch in the gardens making them neat, clean and ready for visitors.

If you are a beginner gardener, a Master Gardener or simply an admirer of other's gardens, join us for a fun and interesting program at our General Meeting on April 12 at 10:30AM by Dr. George Place, the Director of the County Extension Office. Learn firsthand, share and discuss spring plantings. The meeting is also a place to meet new members, see friends and share ideas about fun things to do. Our agenda always includes a listing of upcoming events and trips and we welcome donations for our current charity of the quarter, The Corner Table.

Join us for the meeting, attend a trip, come out for some fun games or check out places to eat with Coffee and Conversation or Lunch Out events. Spring is here, I hope you can get out and enjoy all of its beauty.

Carol Hoover
President, Newcomers of Catawba Valley



What do you want to do next year?

Members that attended the March general meeting voted for the types of events they would like to see offered this next year. If you did not get a chance to attend the meeting, we continue to welcome your feedback. Activity leaders this month will have an activity document in which you may vote for activities. We encourage you to also check off events that you would be willing to help organize. The Events planning committee will tally these votes to help them plan for this next year. PLEASE only vote once. Thank you.

Games Nights–
Shari Kidd

Daytime Games–
Lori & Greg Gervasio

Items of Interest–
Bob Jones

Hospitality –
Michele LeGrand, Carol
Sawicki

Lunch Out –
Chuck Bethany

Mah jongg–
Dianne Straley

Members Helping Members
–
Betty Schwartz

Rummikub –
Michele LeGrand

Shooting and Bowling–
Vince LeGrand

Events Committee –
Carol Hoover, Dianne
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Cindy Donahue, Patsy
Lang, Kevin McCutcheon,
Haydee Pudjak, Audrey
Rozzelle and Sharon
Snelling

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Brian Hoover,
Adra Kryszczuk,
Michele LeGrand

Happy Birthday to Our Members

April		May	
Judy Dostall	04/04	Janis Goonan	05/01
Mike Caudill	04/05	Diane DeBusk	05/02
Mike Flo	04/08	Nancie Jaeger	05/03
John Almeida	04/09	Robert Leimbach	05/03
Don Baldwin	04/10	Robert Sykes	05/11
Margie Dickey	04/10	Janet Herman	05/12
William Waldron	04/11	Teeky Kenny	05/25
Margaret Clayton	04/15	Robyn Wolgemuth	05/26
Maureen Jones	04/15	Marc Fedder	05/27
Collette Wronek	04/15	Ric Johnsen	05/28
Dianne Straley	04/17	Margaret Sparkman	05/30
Joe Durand	04/18		
Lisa Burel	04/20		
Chad Burel	04/26		
Naomi East	04/27		
Susan Perkins	04/27		
Dale Pfingst	04/28		
Bert Perkins	04/30		
Susan Turner	04/30		

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.

2017-2018 Dues

The Newcomers new fiscal year began on April 1st. The discount period for membership renewals has expired. If you have not yet made your renewal payment, please pay the full dues amount of

\$30.00. Your payment can be given to any member of the

Newcomers Board or mailed to Newcomers at:

Newcomers of Catawba Valley

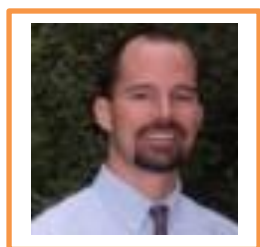
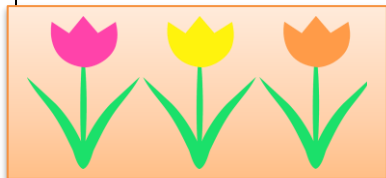
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General Meeting and Program

10:30 a.m. Hickory Airport

Count down to spring gardening



Is it too early to plant your garden? Will there be another frost?

Come hear **George Place**, head of the cooperative extension office, talk with us at our April 12 monthly meeting about spring gardening.

Dr. Place will talk about how to choose the ideal garden spot, preparing the soil and choosing the best vegetable plants for the Catawba Valley. He also will tell us how to get advice from trained gardeners.

Our meeting begins at the Hickory Regional Airport at 10:30 with time for coffee and pastries, followed by Dr. Place's presentation at 10:45.

If you are dividing plants in your flower or herb garden, you are invited to bring extras to share in a plant swap. Bring something to carry them home.

Also, president Carol Hoover hopes to see lots of us after the meeting for an informal lunch at the Food Factory, on US 321 north of the Catawba River.

Join us!

I look forward to seeing you there. Carol Hoover, President.



Sponsor Spotlight

State Farm Insurance agent Sig Holcomb III steps into the Sponsor Spotlight this month. Sig has a very nice, interactive web site that can help you with any needs you might have for auto, home, property, business, life or health insurance. Additionally, his company features banking products including annuities and mutual funds. Sig's office is conveniently located in Conover with both regular work hours and hours by appointment. Please consider him if needs arise.

This is yet another in our series of articles highlighting our sponsors who support 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 Sponsors listed under the 'About Us' tab on the Newcomers website.

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

NCV Board, Director and Activity Chairs 2017 – 2018

Below is a list of our NCV Board members, Activity Chairs and Committee members. We are looking forward to another fun year and I wish to thank these members for their volunteer service. Any member may become a volunteer. Just let me know if you would like to help with the board, ongoing activities or any one time event.

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Dominoes	Maureen & Bob Jones, Cheri & Ed Stewart
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Day Games	Lori & Greg Gervasio, Brian Hoover, Shari Kidd
Games Nights	Shari Kidd
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Catawba Valley Newcomers Quarterly Charity **April through June**

The Humane Society of Burke County – Friends for Animals

Friends for Animals the Humane Society of Burke County began in the backyard of its founders, Toni and Ed Davis, in 1997, and later moved to the adoption center in 2003. The Organization has grown into one of the largest no kill shelters in Western NC.

They receive most of our intakes from the local animal control facility. They are literally pulling dogs off of death row and placing them into forever homes. Over the last 18 years, they have saved approximately twenty one thousand animals from euthanasia.

Once an animal is in our care it is spayed or neutered, vaccinated, micro chipped, and heart worm tested before going into its forever home. They believe in giving our animals the best chance at the happy, healthy life they deserve.

Because of the huge over population of companion animals, they can match you with a variety of pets, including occasional pure-breeds. They operate on adoption income, donations and grants. They receive no county, state, or federal funding.

Friends for Animals urges anyone that is looking for an addition to their family to please check out your local animal shelter. Also, please remember to spay and neuter your pets. There simply are not enough homes for them all.

Items needed include:

Blankets	Towels	Dish detergent (with bleach alt.)
Washable pet bedding	All sizes pet dishes (stainless pref.)	Rubber/vinyl gloves
Pet carriers	Pet crates	Gauze rolls
Cat litter	Litter boxes / pans	Bandage tape
Pet shampoo	Cotton balls/ Q-tips	Leashes
Rubbing alcohol / witch hazel	Vaseline	Bleach
Hydrogen peroxide	Betadine	Band aids
Triple antibiotic ointment	Pet foods	Gauze pads
Pet treats	Small animal bedding (wood shavings)	Aluminum cans (empty)
Small animal food (rabbit, gerbil, bird)	Toilet paper	Collars
Hand soap (in pump)	Paper towels	Hand creams
Lysol spray		Laundry detergent

Upcoming Events



Trip to Greenville, SC, Saturday, April 1

Greenville, South Carolina with its picturesque refurbished West End, scenic river walk, scrumptious dining choices and artsy shops is a popular tourist destination these days. Newcomers is planning a trip to Greenville, on Saturday, April 1.

We'll begin with a visit to Mast General Store, a throwback to the old fashioned general stores of the past. It's filled with everything from candy, clothing, memorabilia, novelty items and tons more. Something for everyone.

From there we'll visit The West End where a majority of the charming shops are. There is a river walk that winds around by the river. Lots of food places, specialty shops, galleries, and stores filled with artisan gifts...

We plan to arrive at West End by 11:30 to beat the lunch rush and then do lunch. After lunch comes free time to shop, do the river walk along the Reedy. You might want to wear layers and comfortable shoes. We'll head back to Hickory around 4:00 pm.

R.S.V.P by March 30th to Respond to Teena Stewart at teenastewart412@gmail.com, or call (707) 980-0317. Also, if you are willing to transport others, indicate how many you can fit in your vehicle.

Meet at Roses Department Store parking lot on US 70 (just west of the US 321 interchange) at 8:45 a.m. on April 1.

Lunch Out



It's time for the Newcomers Monthly Lunch Out. This month on **April 6th** we are going to one of my favorite restaurants, Jason's Deli. I like it because they have a great variety of food, salad bar, sandwiches, pasta, and a critical item, free ice cream. If you have not tried Jason's Deli yet, you can review their menu, by visiting their website at, <http://www.jasonsdeli.com/menu> . The restaurant is located in the Gateway Plaza Shopping Center at 2337 U.S. 70, in Hickory. This is the same shopping center with Barnes & Noble. The meeting time for this month will be at 11:30 a.m. The routine for the luncheon is that you will proceed to the counter where you will purchase your lunch choice and then proceed to an area that has been set aside for us. Please send your **RSVP** to bethanycw@charter.net by noon on Monday, April 3rd so that I can tell the restaurant how many people will be attending. I hope you will join us and enjoy great food, company, conversations. See you soon.

Chuck Bethany

Coffee and Conversation



Let's go to **Gouda Cafe** on **April 28th at 2 pm**. Lots of good stuff to choose from there... Let Sheri Binning know if you can come or just show up, ronald.binning@gmail.com.

Rummikub

Rummikub will be held on **Tuesday, April 18th**. For more information, please check the website or contact Michele LeGrand at exermom@gmail.com



NEW Day Games (New addition)

Join us for a light lunch and games on **Thursday April 13th at 11:30 a.m.** at the Hickory Airport for canasta, rummikub, dominoes, euchre, pinochle, mahjongg or other games suggested by members. Cost will be **\$6.00** for light lunch. No desserts are offered or required however members may choose to bring a dessert to share if they desire. If a member cancels after the RSVP deadline they are still expected to pay for their meal that had been ordered. **Please RSVP no later Monday April 10th to Lori and Greg Gervasio at ljgerv@yahoo.com.**



Games Nights

Thursday, April 19th, and Monday, April 24th 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

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

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 Rummikub, 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.

Daytime Canasta



Daytime Canasta is on the **fourth Thursday** of each month. Lunch and canasta begin **at 11:30 a.m.** on **April 27th**. Lunch, dessert, beverages and an afternoon of fun filled Canasta is \$10. If you don't want to have lunch, you can play cards and enjoy dessert and beverages for only \$5. Don't know how to play? There is always a learning table offered for those who want to learn or simply brush up on their skills. 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.

Starting in May, Chris Beckom has graciously offered to take over for Martha Conrad in the scheduling of Daytime Canasta. Please thank Chris when you see her. She will be a great addition to the current group that organizes this event. In the meantime, this month will remain as is.

During April, if an emergency arises, please **call Martha Conrad on her cell ASAP at 828-320-8964**. 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

Learn to play Mah jongg

Mah jongg Celebration!

Our mah jongg players are celebrating the arrival in the mail of our 2017 cards, which we will begin using in our games ASAP. The card from the National Mah jongg League is key to our games because it lists more than 60 possible hands that players try to make. We are happily retiring our 2016 cards and are pleased to announce that four Newcomers successfully completed the entire card: Clockwise from left rear, Linda Fedder, Dianne Straley, Martha Conrad and Virginia Charlton. Want to inspect the new card, observe a game or take lessons? Meet us on the second floor of Pinecrest Retirement Center, 915 29th Ave. NE, Hickory. We play there at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays.

- Dianne Straley
dfwhit@gmail.com

Dominoes



The games are held at the Hickory Airport, 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 **April 4th, 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 Jones at itsmerbj@charter.net

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



Bridge Schedule

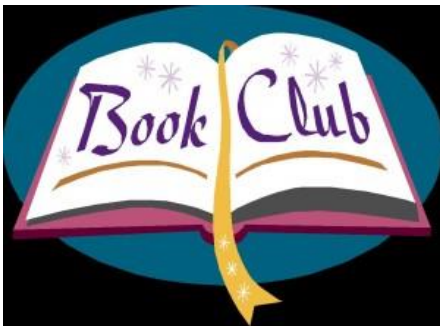
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Monday, April 3rd
Wednesday, April 5th
Monday, April 10th
Monday, April 17th
Wednesday, April 19th

Margie Dickey
Susan Perkins
Norma Leimbach
Gloria Berg
Norma Leimbach

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

Book Club



Our next meeting is: **May 24th**. The book is: "***The Boys in the Boat***," it's a non-fiction book written by Daniel James Brown and published on June 4, 2013. Out of the depths of the Depression comes a story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant. With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard

workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. The emotional heart of the tale lies with Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not only to regain his shattered self-regard but also to find a real place for himself in the world. Drawing on the boys' own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man's personal quest. (led by Ginny Koch)

Join us **at 1:30** at the **Women's Resource Center** to discuss this wonderful book. We invite anyone to come and discuss the book with us. For information please contact Sue Asp twoasps@gmail.com, or Betty Schwartz bettysch69@gmail.com.



Bowling

There are only 2 Newcomer bowling sessions left for this season: **April 6th and April 20th**. Any member of Newcomers who would like to give bowling a try is welcome to join us. Please contact **Vince LeGrand** ahead of time to let him know that you are coming. The next Newcomers bowling season will start around October 1st.

We bowl at Pin Station in Newton on Business 321 (also known as Northwest Boulevard) 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... (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 LeGrand**, legravin@gmail.com or **828-466-8218**.

Target Shooting

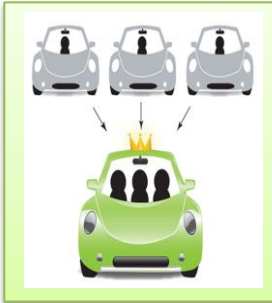


There is a group of Newcomers who head out to the gun range twice a month for target shooting. And, in keeping with Newcomers tradition, we generally go for a bite to eat after we shoot. If you are a shooter or are interested in learning to shoot, we would love to have you join us. We shoot at the **Springs 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 (April 11th)** of each month and at **noon on the fourth Thursday (April 27th)** of each month. Contact **Vince LeGrand** for information on shooting legravin@gmail.com or **828-466-8218**.

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 Betty Schwartz. For more information, contact Betty at bettysch69@gmail.com.



Ride Sharing

Newcomers of Catawba County encourage any and all members to attend any function they wish to attend. If you should find yourself unable to attend a function due to lack of a ride or nighttime driving issues, please notify the event coordinator or another club member for assistance. There are members throughout the area who are happy to help others to attend our activities. It is also a great way to meet members who may live nearby!

Individual members attending events alone



Any member is always welcome at **any** Newcomer event! Frequently individual members will be that frantically needed person to fill the last games table! As a matter of fact, the club has more than 40 members who are single. Want someone accompany you to an event? Please contact the event coordinator or a board member; we'll connect you with others who'll be going. Please let us know how we can help you enjoy the events of your club.

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.