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Hello Newcomers,

We have an exciting line of events planned for this next year from our newest planning committee. We are looking into trips for food tours, homes tours and art shows in Black Mountain, Blowing Rock, Winston-Salem, and to the famous Hart Square. We are making plans for socials including a Mardi Gras Party, Destination Dinner, Pool Party, New Games Dinner, and a Holiday Party. We will enjoy getting outside with geocaching at the covered bridge and a picnic with boat rides, games in a beautiful park alongside Lake Hickory. If you would like to help with any of these events, we would welcome it.

I want to encourage all members to continue to invite other members with the casual "meet up" format to see shows at the Hickory Community Theater, Green Room Theater, Sails Original Music Series, and Tuesdays at the movies at Carmike. If you want to go, chances are other members will also. Going with friends is more fun, and your invite might make all the difference.

We need help finding locations for parties and socials, where we could bring our own food and drinks, decorations and music. If you live in a community with a club house or know of locations we might be able to use, please let me know.

I want to thank our rocking Socials and Special Events Planning Committee for all of their ideas and willingness to plan our special events. This year's committee includes Dottie Demarest, Cindy Donahue, Patsy Lang, Kevin McCutcheon, Haydee Pudjak, Audrey Rozzelle, Shari Kidd, Sharon Snelling, Dianne Straley and myself. I am grateful for members that have offered to help host events including Judy and Greg Dostall, Joe and Kathy Durand, Louise Judd, Susan Reese and Hedy and Joe Paussa.

We are looking forward to many special events. Stay tuned to your newsletter and emails for upcoming details.

Carol Hoover
President, Newcomers of Catawba Valley



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Rozzelle and Sharon
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Happy Birthday to Our Members

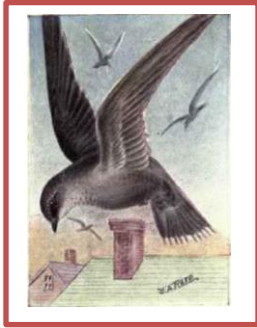
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Janis Goonan	05/01	Neil Forrest	06/02
Diane DeBusk	05/02	Amanda Black	06/03
Nancie Jaeger	05/03	Thomas Panella	06/04
Robert Leimbach	05/03	Bob Kidd	06/05
Robert Sykes	05/11	Norma Leimbach	06/08
Janet Herman	05/12	M. McDowell	06/08
Teeky Kenny	05/25	Stan Bumgarner	06/11
Robyn Wolgemuth	05/26	Kris Bowman	06/13
Marc Fedder	05/27	Betty Schwartz	06/13
Ric Johnsen	05/28	Kenneth Pujdak	06/17
Margaret Sparkman	05/30	June Chalk	06/18
		Lexy Danchak	06/18
		Mary Murgio	06/18
		Christine McCutcheon	06/20
		George Beckom	06/21
		Doak Walker	06/21
		Laurie Johnsen	06/22
		Gloria Berg	06/24
		Bev Forrest	06/26
		Carol Earl	06/30

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
2425 N. Center St., #169
Hickory, NC 28601**



General Meeting and Program

10:30 a.m. Hickory Airport

Bird talk

Come hear a 20-year birder talk at our monthly meeting on **Wednesday, May 10th**, about how to find and identify birds. Robert Williams, a retired Hickory physician, will also show photos and talk about feeding birds, and the best locations in this area to look for birds. He asks that members bring their binoculars and field guides – two of the topics of his talk.

Dr. Williams is a member of the High Country Audubon Society and the Carolina Bird Club. Our club routinely donates \$50 to speakers who represent a nonprofit organization. Your club's donation will go toward building a tower for Chimney Swifts at Valle Crucis Community Park in the Pisgah National Forest, a project of the High Country Audubon Society. I look forward to seeing you there. Carol Hoover, President.



Sponsor Spotlight

This is another in our series of articles highlighting our sponsors who support Newcomers of Catawba Valley -- 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.

Viewmont Pharmacy and pharmacist Bill Pitts have recently joined the HealthSmart independent pharmacies network which allows them more negotiating rights with insurance companies and suppliers. By joining like-minded independent pharmacies, they are able to compete with large chain pharmacies, as well as continue to give the best service and prices to their customers.

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



Catawba Valley Newcomers Quarterly Charity - April through June

The Humane Society of Burke County – Friends for Animals

Over the last 18 years, the Friends for Animals has saved approximately twenty one thousand animals from euthanasia. They urge anyone 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



Talbot's Spring/Summer Fashion Show

Newcomers are invited to come to the Talbot's store on Rte. 127 on Thursday, **June 1st at 9:00 a.m.** for an exclusive showing of the newest "Getting ready for the Beach" Talbot's has to offer. Light refreshments will be offered and a special discount will be available to our members! Please make reservations with Gloria Berg at glomcberg@hotmail.com no later than Tuesday, May 30th.

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Crawdads Baseball Game and Picnic!



See the Crawdads vs. Charleston River Dogs on Friday, May 12th. Picnic at 6:30 p.m. Ballgame at 7:00 p.m. All you can eat food and beverage is served for about 1 hour starting at 6:30 p.m. Come early for better picnic seating. All ballgame tickets are Reserved Seats in Sect. 204. Our "blocked seating" is only good until May 7th, so get your reservations in quickly! No refunds after May 7th (828-495-9349). Cost is \$18.00 per person. Email Kathy to make a reservation: kathydurand@embarqmail.com Mail your check directly to Kathy Durand, 32 Alexander Pointe Drive, Hickory, NC 28601

Payment must be received no later than May 7th, 2017

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Lunch Out



Newcomers Lunch out is doing two different things this month. The first is to announce that Lunch Out has moved to the **second** Thursday of the month, **Thursday, May 11th at 11:30 a.m!** The second is that this month we are taking a *ROAD TRIP* to Statesville! Along with the Hoovers we discovered a really nice restaurant - **Twisted Oak American Bar & Grill**, 121 N. Center St., Ste. 104, Statesville (web: www.twistedoakbarandgrill.com). Good food and a variety of interesting beers (Jalapeno beer anyone?). The menu is varied with sandwiches, salads, shrimp & grits and a host of other interesting dishes. The restaurant is located in a renovated brick warehouse that has seen many changes over the years. The location is in the well maintained down town area so you have the opportunity to walk off your lunch by visiting the various shops. Please R.S.V.P. to bethanycw@charter.net by noon on Monday, May 8th so that I can tell the restaurant how many people will be attending. Hope you will join us and enjoy great food, company, conversations and an opportunity to visit the various shops. See you soon.

Chuck Bethany



WINE TASTING - SILVER FORK WINERY

5000 Patton Road, Morganton, NC

COST: **\$7.00** per person, for tasting... (1 oz pours)

DATE: June 24th, 2017 TIME: 12:30 p.m., Potluck lunch, wine tasting to follow

We are collecting in advance for this event!

The wines are a "dry Bordeaux style... See information below. There is a 5% discount on six bottles, and a 10% discount on 10 bottles or more.

Chardonnay

Chardonnay Reserve

Rose'

Chambourcin

Four Dog Red (Red Blend)

Cabernet Franc

Nonsense (Red Blend)

Make your check payable to: **Silver Fork Winery**, and mail it to:

Susan Reese (Event Hostess), 934 3rd Street NW, Hickory, NC 28601

There are several picnic tables with benches under umbrellas for us. They can handle, 20-30 people comfortably. So the event will be first come, first serve. We should encourage carpooling, as the parking is limited.

There is entertainment that day, starting at: 2PM - **Melody Cox, Folk Singer/Song Writer**

From learning her first guitar chords at the age of 12 and writing her first song at the age of 13, Melody has never looked back. Her bluesy, soulful voice and smooth style is captivating from original tracks to covers, from such artists as Bonnie Raitt, Fleetwood Mac, Johnny Cash, Gordon Lightfoot and Patsy Cline.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYarcHd5q4E>

For more information contact, **Susan Reese, sereese62@gmail.com**



Dominoes



The games are held at the Hickory Airport, on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Crosswind Cafe caters dinner, for \$7 per person. Deadline for making reservations is 6:00 p.m. on Sunday night! Once you make your reservation, you will be obligated to pay for your meal--whether you attend or not!

The next Dominoes will be on **May 2nd**. 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. Please R.S.V.P. to Shari Kidd at kidd915sl@gmail.com.

Games Day

Join us for a light lunch and games on **Thursday May 4th at 11:30 a.m.** at the Hickory Airport for Canasta, Rummikub, Dominoes, Euchre, Pinochle, Mah jongg or other games suggested by members. Cost will be **\$6.00** for a 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 deadline they are still expected to pay for the meal that had been ordered. Please R.S.V.P. no later Monday May 1st to Brian Hoover at brianhoover@charter.net.



Games Nights

Wednesdays, May 10th and May 24th 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 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, Mah jongg, 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.

Rummikub

Rummikub will be held on **Tuesday, May 16th** at the home of Bev Forrest at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please check the website or contact Michele LeGrand at exermom@gmail.com.



Daytime Canasta

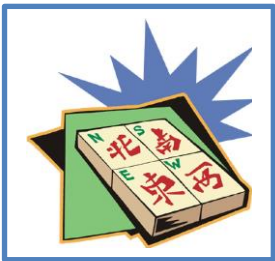


Daytime Canasta has been **changed** to the **third Thursday** of each month. Lunch and canasta begin **at 11:30 a.m. on May 18th**. Lunch, dessert, beverages and an afternoon of fun-filled canasta is \$10. If you don't want to have lunch, you can play cards and enjoy dessert and beverages for only \$5. 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!

Because of the change of time, Chris Beckom will not take over for Martha Conrad in the scheduling of Daytime Canasta until June.

During May, 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



Our group plays twice a week at Pinecrest Retirement Center, 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays. You can also find a game at Hickory airport, 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month on Games Nights. We are also playing at the airport during Games Day, on the first Thursday of each month, starting at 11:30 a.m. Lessons are available. Contact Dianne Straley: dfwhit@gmail.com.

Coffee and Conversation



Let's go to: **Just Roll With It Cafe and Bakery** in Hudson. We'll meet at **1 pm** on Friday May 26th. Let Sheri Binning know if you can come or just show up, ronald.binning@gmail.com.

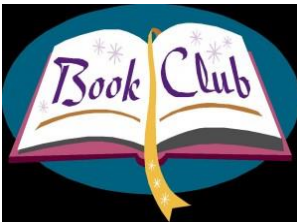


Bridge Schedule MAY

Monday, May 1 st	Kathy Rozea
Wednesday, May 3 rd	Kathy Rozea
Monday, May 8 th	Betty Stone
Monday, May 15 th	Joyce Sykes
Wednesday, May 17 th	Phyllis Kane

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.

Items of Interest

Information **must be submitted no later than 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



Bowling

Newcomers Bowling has finished for the season. It will resume in the Fall (**late September/early October**). Any member of Newcomers who would like to give bowling a try is welcome to join us. For additional information about Newcomers Bowling, contact **Vince LeGrand**, legravin@gmail.com or **828-466-8218**.

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.

Target Shooting

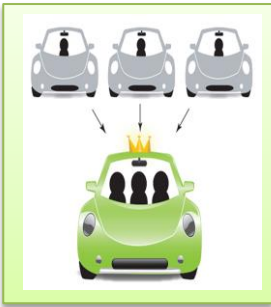


There is a group of Newcomers who head out to the gun range twice a month for target shooting. And, in keeping with Newcomers tradition, we generally go for a bite to eat after we shoot. If you are a shooter or are interested in learning to shoot, we would love to have you join us. We shoot at the **Springs 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 (May 9th)** of each month and at **noon on the fourth Thursday (May 25th)** 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

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 attending events alone



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.

Sharing what you know

Would **YOU** like to teach a workshop? So many club members have wonderful skills to share.

Maybe you could lead a class/walk in bird identification. Maybe you could 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.

Welcome New Members

- Tara and Jim Smith from Charlotte
- Joanne and Rich Colton from Springfield, Virginia