



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
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President's Column

Hello Newcomers,

We have a very exciting month of July planned for you!

Dr. Robert Hart, founder of Hart Square, will speak at our July 12 meeting. Dr. Hart has created the largest 19th century village in the U.S. using 90 original log structures that he brought and reassembled on his Catawba County farm. This is one program you won't want to miss!

He opens the farm only one day a year - the last Saturday in October - (Oct. 28) to see these amazing buildings. The highlight is the dozens of talented docents - blacksmiths, farmers, weavers, storekeepers - all in period costume and working their crafts. I hear the tickets are hard to get but stayed tuned as our program director extraordinaire Dianne Straley will get us group tickets. Dianne has been bringing us amazing programs this year at our general meetings; I hope to see you there.

We are pleased to announce that we are repeating the very successful "Boat Party" from prior years, BUUUT, with a twist. This year we are partnering with Chad Burel, club member and owner of Lake Hickory Adventures. We will have boat captains of pontoon boat assemble alongside and tether to Chad's beautiful yacht at a quiet location on the main channel of Lake Hickory. We will use Chad's boat as our potluck-staging venue and a place where we can use the restrooms. Swimming off the boats is allowed and as usual, there will be no shortage of great food. Thanks to our rocking team of coordinators working with Chad; Joe Paussa and Kevin McCutcheon and historical help from Betty Schwartz, it will be a great party on Monday, July 31.

As the weather gets hot and steamy in Hickory, head into higher elevation up to the town of Blowing Rock for its amazing homes tour. Sharon Snelling will host this July 28 trip to see gorgeous mountain homes. Enjoy lunch and a fun day trip. Who knows, you may be inspired.

I am thrilled about this month's events and hope you will also look forward to playing games, boating, feasting, traveling and spending time with a great group of club members.

Carol Hoover
President,
Newcomers Club of Catawba Valley



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Happy Birthday to Our Members

July		August	
Rose Arant	07/06	Donna Major	08/02
Audrey Rozzelle	07/08	Suzie Matthews	08/02
Bob Williams	07/09	Maureen Jones	08/04
Barbara Womack	07/11	Phyllis Kane	08/04
Kitty Clark	07/15	Dennis Chalk	08/06
Terry Yow	07/15	Mike Tarnowski	08/06
Bernadette Coffey	07/16	Bob Wolgemuth	08/06
John Major	07/16	Josette Kippenhan	08/10
Jane Woodward	07/18	Pett Brands	08/12
Cindy Donahue	07/21	Jim Earl	08/19
Tara Smith	07/24	Brenda Ireland	08/19
Marvin Yokum	07/30	Patricia Mozgala	08/19
		Martha Conrad	08/21
		Richard Dickey	08/21
		Bryan Swann	08/21
		Dawn Remus	08/24
		Greg Dostall	08/25
		Jon Snellings	08/25
		Helen Woodyard	08/25
		Bob Remus	08/27
		Joyce Sykes	08/28
		Carol Sawicki	08/29
		Donna Wilson	08/29
		Chuck Fahrenholz	08/30
		Wyn Flo	08/30

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 **10:30 a.m. Hickory Airport**



Our **July 12th** speaker created a true treasure in the Catawba Valley - a village of 19th-century cabins, stores, schools, churches, barns and homes called Hart Square. **Dr. Bob Hart**, a retired physician, personally disassembled, transported and reconstructed more than 90 log structures to his farm in rural Catawba County. He will show slides of the village, which opens again to the public on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Hart Square is open only once a year, when dozens of volunteers in period costume fill the log cabins, working their crafts like they would have done more than 150 years ago. Dr. Hart is a marvelous storyteller and will undoubtedly tell us about the time he fell off a Hart Square roof and was able to stitch up his own wounds. **Come hear him speak at our monthly meeting, at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, at Hickory Regional Airport.**

- Dianne Straley



Let the "New Schedule" Begin!!

Many of you have noticed that we have updated our monthly schedule. We are pleased to have large turnouts for our daytime canasta and due to this popularity we developed a new games day now offering several games. After trying this new games day with success we then mapped out the entire year and have developed this new schedule to respond to daytime games interests, provide games events each week, avoid numerous exceptions to the schedule during the year and avoid games nights and game days falling back to back on some months. We hope you will enjoy this new schedule and that it does not wreak havoc with your other obligations outside of our club. As nothing lasts forever, we will keep track of your interests and attendance, reflect on your comments and tweak our scheduled as best possible.

Thank you. Carol Hoover, President

Weekly

Every Tuesday afternoon (1:30-4) and Friday morning (10:30-1) – Mah Jongg
Every other Thursday (approximately) – Bowling (6:30-9:30) [September thru April]

Monthly

- 1st Monday - Daytime Bridge (1-4 p.m.)
- 1st Tuesday – Night Dominos (6-10 p.m.)
- 1st Wednesday - Daytime Bridge (1-4 p.m.)
- 1st Thursday – Day Games (11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)
- 2nd Tuesday - Daytime Bridge (1-4 p.m.)
- 2nd Tuesday - Night Shooting (6:30-8:00 p.m.)
- 2nd Wednesday - Daytime General Meeting (10 - 11:30 a.m.)
- 2nd Wednesday - Games Night #1 (6-10 p.m.)
- 2nd Thursday - Day Lunch Out (11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)
- 3rd Monday - Daytime Bridge (1-4 p.m.)
- 3rd Tuesday - Night Rummikub (6-10 p.m.)
- 3rd Wednesday - Daytime Bridge (1-4 p.m.)
- 3rd Thursday Daytime Canasta (11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)
- 4th Wednesday - Daytime Board Meeting (10 a.m.- noon)
- 4th Wednesday - Book Club (1:30-3:30) [*except November - 3rd Wednesday*]
- 4th Wednesday - Games Night #2 (6-10 p.m.)
- 4th Thursday - Daytime Shooting (noon- 2 p.m.)
- 4th Friday - Daytime Coffee and Conversation (2-4 p.m.)

Exception to the schedule

June: Move Games Night #2 to the 3rd Wednesday (June 21st) from the 2nd Wednesday (June 14th) to avoid back to back games days between Wednesday night and Thursday Daytime Canasta the next day (June 15th) during that month.

Note from the President:

Events at the Hickory Airport

I am pleased to report that the Hickory airport has been very responsive to our recent requests for more tables, a screen for presentations and allowing us to add a second storage cabinet for our games supplies at no cost. We use this same location often and storing all of our games material there is super helpful so our coordinators don't have to haul them around town.

The airport charges \$75 for the use of the room. We have the option to pay for the room by collecting funds per person from those attending events to pay for the room rental. Or we may purchase a meal from Cross Wind Café instead of paying rental costs if we have a minimum of 15 persons purchasing the meal. While we admit it's not a fine dining establishment, we have opted for the purchase of meals so that members at least get something for their payment, and enjoy each other's company while eating, and members don't have to prepare or pay to eat out before coming for games events, and then still need to pay for the room rental. We understand some members might not want to purchase the meal on any particular date so we charge for the room so that all members attending help contribute collectively to the rental of the room.

We have been working on a meal rotation so the same meals are not repeated back to back by different coordinators. We are also working with Cross Wind Café to identify meals our members enjoy and those we wish to take out of the rotation. We are currently offering the following:

Daytime Canasta - entrée, sides, drinks and desserts for \$10.

\$5 rental fee if not having the meal.

Dominos - entrée, sides, and drinks with members bringing desserts \$7.00.

\$3.00 rental fee.

Games Nights - entrée, sides, & drinks & members bringing desserts \$7.00.

\$3.00 rental fee.

Games Day - light meal of sandwiches with salad or soup, no dessert \$5.50.

\$3.00 rental fee

The board is actively seeking other venues for our events. While it's helpful to have our games events at the Airport because we store a large quantity of equipment in our locked storage cabinets, we do not have the same constraints for other socials or our general meeting. The board is seeking information about other venues that provide food and some that will allow us to rent for a small fee, and bring our own food and drinks for pot luck socials. Watch for a special general meeting location this coming October 11 in Asheville at the Governor's Western Residence!

If you live in a community with a clubhouse that might be available to us with your help or have other ideas about venues across our area, please let me know.

Thank you. Carol Hoover, President



Sponsor Spotlight

Here is another in the series of articles on the 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.

Granite Falls Brewing Company is located in the historic Granite Bottling Works (1903-1978) and Pepsi-Cola Bottling (1978-2012) plant near downtown Granite Falls. The Brewery is a craft beer production facility. They brew onsite and within sight of their Southern Gastropub restaurant and attached Tasting Room. The brewpub features a wraparound 103-foot-long tasting counter, copper/penny-topped wine bar, and serves as a world-class music venue.

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.

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for the Web Team

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Catawba Valley Newcomers Quarterly Charity - July through September

Exodus Homes

Helping people break out of the bondage of destructive lifestyles, addiction and incarceration.

Exodus Homes is a faith-based United Way agency, offering transitional and permanent supportive housing for homeless recovering addicts, alcoholics, and formerly incarcerated people returning to our community from treatment programs and prison. Exodus Homes has a comprehensive array of services to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our residents. Exodus Homes currently has 62 beds with 8 program locations. We have four major programs: **Supervised Independent Living * Prison Ministry and Post Incarceration Aftercare * Family Preservation and Family Reunification * Exodus Works Social Enterprises.**

There is an extensive list on their website (*see the 'Charities' tab on the Newcomers webpage*) but the major items we can provide are:

Clothing in good condition, including X-large sizes for men and women	Dishes, silverware, cups, glasses, pots, pans, other kitchen items, etc.	Welcome packets with personal hygiene items for men and women
Household items of all kind in good condition	Recreational equipment/games/board games	Linens, pillows, comforters for beds
Laundry detergent and bleach	Bibles and inspirational materials	First aid supplies
Cleaning supplies	Latex gloves	Office supplies
Audio cassette players	Basketballs, footballs	Magazine subscriptions
Outdoor play equipment	Toys	Seasonal decorations

Exodus Homes also accepts household furnishings, appliances, vehicles in fair condition, electronics, TVs, VCRs and DVD players. Bring your donations to club events or to their home office at 122 8th Ave. Dr. SW or call 828-324-4870 for pick-up. And, of course, tax deductible donations (money) in any amount.

Upcoming Events



July Boat Party Social
Monday, July 31st
Rain Date,
Monday, August 7th
1:30 p.m. – Dusk

Sign up now for the Newcomers' boat party hosted by the McCutcheons, Burels & Paussas on July 31st. This promises to be an afternoon of fun, food, and friendship as always. We currently have 4 boats with captains. **We need more!** You must sign up now because seating is limited - first come, first serve. We will board the boats around 12:30 p.m. for a ride on Lake Hickory. Your captain will determine and communicate with you the exact departure place and time. By 1:30 p.m., we will join up with the Lake Hickory Adventure's yacht and tie up to it for a potluck dinner, swimming, etc. Wear your bathing suit, bring sunscreen and towel as we will be in a location with less shade than previous years.

R.S.V.P. to Joe Paussa at (315) 263-8229 or jhpaussa2@gmail.com; or Kevin McCutcheon at 828-443-1560 or kevinmccutcheon76@gmail.com. Be sure to sign up early as seating is limited. Boats will be captained by Lake Hickory Adventures, Paussa, McCutcheon, and others (TBD). When you reply, please include your phone numbers (home and cell) and email. You will receive an email the week prior to the party confirming all the details.

Food: It is easiest to bring "finger foods" or "picnic style" foods. There will be limited cooler space and no way to heat anything, so plan accordingly. **Bring enough food for 12+ people.** Boat owners will provide a few simple snacks for the boat tour. Food assignments by first initial of your last name are as follows:

- **A – I** Desserts
- **J – R** Side Dishes
- **S – Z** Main Dish

Beverages: Everyone, including boat owners, must **bring ALL of your own beverages** (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic).

Paper Goods: Paper goods, eating utensils, cups, garbage bags will be provided.

Plan B: In case of inclement weather, the party will be held the following Mon, keeping the same protocol.

Need to Cancel??? We anticipate a waiting list since space is limited. If you need to cancel for any reason, *please* let Joe or Kevin know as soon as possible so someone else can have your spot.

Join Newcomers for a "Home Tour"



In Blowing Rock!

On July 28th, we are travelling up the mountain to the beautiful town of Blowing Rock for a tour of four stunning homes. The tour is organized by St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Church and the Chamber of Commerce and all profit derived from the tour is donated to charitable organizations that benefit the Blowing Rock residents. The cost is \$30 per person which includes a shuttle bus service from the church to the four locations. Walking instructions are also provided and you may choose to ride or walk to the designated homes. We will carpool from Hickory Airport and leave at 9:30a.m. The homes are open until 4:00 p.m. so we'll have plenty of time to tour and eat lunch at any of the restaurants or enjoy the lunch offered at the church. Tickets can be purchased online at www.stmaryofthehill.org; by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 828-295-7851; or at the church when we arrive on the 28th. If you are interested in this event, please contact **Sharon Snellings** at sharon.snellings@verizon.net by July 20th.

Lunch Out



This month we are staying in Hickory and visiting another fine local restaurant, **Kobe Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar**. It is an interesting experience to sit in front of the large Teppanyaki (flat iron grill) and watch the chef cook your food right in front of you. If you have not tried the **Kobe Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar**, you can review their full lunch and dinner menus by visiting their website at www.kobesteak.com. The restaurant is located at **1103 13th Avenue Drive SE, in Hickory**. Please send your **R.S.V.P.** to **Chuck Bethany** at bethanycw@charter.net by noon on Monday, July 10th, 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 in this beautiful restaurant.

See you soon. Chuck Bethany



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!

NO Dominoes in JULY, due to Holiday. 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 **Bob Jones**, itsmerbj@charter.net, 828-302-2385.

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Games Day

Join us for a light lunch and games on **Thursday, July 6th, 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 **\$5.50** 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. to **Lori Gervasio** at ljgerv@yahoo.com

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Games Nights

Wednesdays, July 12th and July 26th, 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 at the home of Michele LeGrand on Tuesday, **July 18th**. For more information, please check the website or contact **Michele LeGrand** at exermom@gmail.com.

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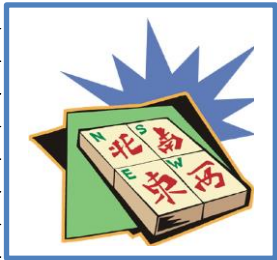


Daytime Canasta

Daytime Canasta is the **third Thursday** of each month, **July 20th**. Lunch and canasta begin **at 11:30 a.m.** 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. If an emergency arises, please **call Chris Beckom on her cell A.S.A.P. at 254-285-1611**. To join in the fun, contact **Chris** at beckomgc@outlook.com.

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Mah Jongg



Our Mah Jongg group has added more games to our already busy schedule. In addition to the twice weekly (Tuesdays and Fridays) games at Pinecrest Retirement Center, we also are playing at both Games Nights and the new Game Day. Here is our schedule if you want to watch a game to see if you would like lessons:

Tuesdays (1:30 p.m.) and Fridays (10:30 a.m.) Pinecrest;
First Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Hickory airport;
Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., Hickory airport.

Add all that up, and you can play 11 or more games of Mah Jongg each month. For lessons or to watch a game, contact **Dianne Straley** at dfwhit@gmail.com

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Coffee and Conversation



We are going to **Huffy's** in Granite Falls for **ice cream** on **Friday, July 28th** at **2:00 p.m.** Let **Sheri Binning** know if you can come or just show up, ronald.binning@gmail.com.



Bridge Schedule

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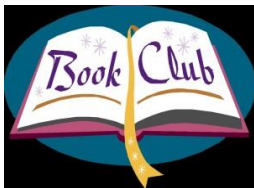
Monday, July 3rd
Wednesday, July 5th
Monday, July 10th
Monday, July 17th
Wednesday, July 19th

Joyce Sykes
Gloria Berg
Laurie Johnsen
Carol Parker
Susan Perkins

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

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Book Club



Our next meeting is: July 26th, the book: *With Love from the Inside*, is a novel by [Angel Pisel](#) an author who is from Hickory, and this is her first novel. It's about a woman on death row for the murder of her infant son. She and her daughter get back in touch with each other as the woman's death becomes more eminent. So it's a story about the mother/daughter relationship, family secrets and what it's like for women on death row. It's fiction, but Angela did a lot of research about when writing the book. Angela will be attending our book club to discuss the book! It will be very insightful to hear her process about writing the book and getting it published. Please join us for this very special book club meeting! Discussion will be led by Beth Osbahr at the **Women's Resource Center** at **1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26th**. 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.

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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 "[About Us](#)", & 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 icons. If you respond to any of these business ads, PLEASE mention that you saw their ad on our website. This is how we get sponsors 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**, of each month, at **NOON**. This month it's **July 11th**, and at **NOON** on the **fourth Thursday**, of each month. This month it's on, **July 27th**. Contact **Vince LeGrand** for information on shooting legravin@gmail.com or **828-466-8218**.

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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 bettyesch69@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!

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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.

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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.

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Welcome - New Members in June

Deborah Godwin from Florida
Mike and Sandy Sigmon