



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
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Hello Newcomers,

Do you remember when you first joined newcomers?

I will never forget my first general meeting. I had just moved and we had no family or connections in this community. I knew no one at the meeting and had to muster the strength just to be there. Several members said hello and introduced themselves. It was so nice and made an impression on me. There was one member in particular that I fondly recall. She spent extra time talking with me and at each event afterwards she continued to make an effort to reach out to me. I will never forget her kindness.

At our August meeting, I watched this same scenario. Another member was sitting with a new couple as they contemplated joining our social group. She offered extra help in getting acclimated to the area and our club activities. She was not a board member, but a member attending the meeting. After watching this, I thanked her extra effort. Her response to me was "when I was new I remember someone spending time with me and made me feel welcome. They even invited me out to lunch a week later. It made me feel so much better."

To all of you that do this, thank you for spending time greeting new members or guests. You are making a big difference. It takes each one of us to collectively make our club special.

Perhaps you will think back and reflect on what made you feel welcome when you first joined. How did others reach out to you? Did they invite you to coffee, lunch, or to join them for an event? Might you be able to do the same for others? Let's all remember, we were all new once.

Carol Hoover

President,
Newcomers Club of Catawba Valley



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Happy Birthday to Our Members

Shari Kidd

Games Day-
Lori Gervasio

Items of Interest

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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

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Ed Stewart	09/06	Edward Sawicki	10/03
Lisa Travis	09/07	Rich Danchak	10/05
Beth Osbahr	09/08	Mike Sigmon	10/05
Bob Dennis	09/09	Benny Eanes	10/06
Rob Herman	09/11	Kathy Bethany	10/11
Elizabeth Strickland	09/13	Linda Monroe	10/13
Adra Kryszczuk	09/14	Rege Duralia	10/14
Therese Winslow	09/14	Cathi Montgomery	10/16
Paige Straley	09/16	Larry Goonan	10/21
Hazel Benau	09/17	Shari Kidd	10/21
Jane Duralia	09/17	Linda Dunn	10/23
Deborah Godwin	09/17	Denise Fleck	10/23
Richard Wagman	09/17	Scott Ireland	10/23
Carole Reising	09/19	Bob Stone	10/23
Dolores Tarnowski	09/20	Connie Yokum	10/27
John Schafer	09/23	Christine Almeida	10/28
John Bates	09/24	Shirley Moore	10/28
Haydee Pujdak	09/25		
Mary Bucy	09/26		
Lynne Montgomery	09/26		
Joanne Colton	09/28		
Francine Gissy	09/28		
Ron Glover	09/29		

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 **September** speaker will be: *Professor Melinda Ratchford*



The story of the sinking of the Titanic will be told at **10:30 a.m. September 13th**, by *Professor Melinda Ratchford* at our monthly meeting at Hickory's airport. Dr. Ratchford has studied the Titanic for more than 50 years. She has visited Belfast, where the ship was built, and Southampton, where she sailed 105 years ago, as well as Nova Scotia where many bodies were buried and the North Atlantic site where the ship sank.

Dr. Ratchford, an associate professor at Belmont Abbey College, has made her presentation on the Titanic more than 240 times. This project is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The presentation is open to the public.

Newcomers meets at Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Drive NW.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY



Our State Magazine

Our State Magazine offers Newcomers of Catawba County members a \$5.00 subscription to the monthly magazine. What you will find in this magazine - stories, photography and articles about places and events throughout North Carolina. If you are interested, just use the promo code DSNCV at checkout. To subscribe visit OURSTATE.COM or call 800- 948-1409.



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.

Western Piedmont Symphony - Western Piedmont Symphony's mission is to provide musical performances of distinction that enrich and enliven the community's classical music experience; and to nourish new audiences through school concerts and family outreach programs. WPS features the Tesla Quartet returning for their third year, a Masterworks Series and several Special Events.

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

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Catawba Valley Newcomers Quarterly Charity - July through September

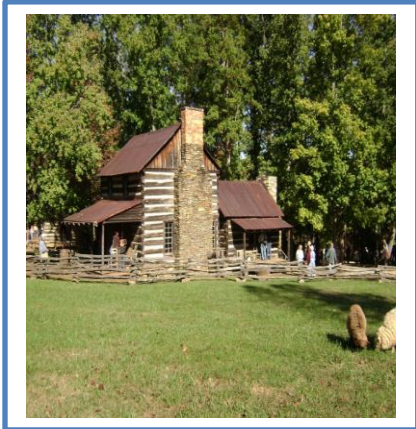
Exodus Homes

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*)

Upcoming Events



The club is organizing a group ticket purchase to the annual Hart Square Festival, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 28. The 200-acre site has more than 90 restored log structures and is the largest collection of its type in the U.S. This is a chance to buy tickets two weeks before they go on sale to the general public. Tickets are \$40 each (free for ages 5 and younger). Make a check to Newcomers of Catawba Valley and mail it to the club at 2425 N. Center St. # 169, Hickory, NC 28601. Monies **must** be received by Wednesday, Sept. 13th.

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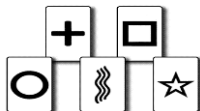
Dominoes



The games are held at the Hickory Airport, on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., **September 5th**. 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! 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 at itsmerbj@charter.net.

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Games Day



Join us for lunch and games on **Thursday, September 7th, 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 **\$7** for 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

Lunch Out



Chuck Bethany has selected a cool 'destination' location for the September Lunch Out on **Thursday, September 14th** at 11:30 a.m. We'll be off to Root and Vine, 139 West Union Street in Morganton. This relatively new restaurant features scratch prepared meals and a wood grill plus 42 craft draft beers! Please send your **R.S.V.P.** to bethanycw@charter.net by noon on September 12th so that I can remind the restaurant that we are coming. See you soon.

Chuck Bethany

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Games Nights

Wednesdays, September 13th and September 27th, 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!

P.S. We are looking for people that want to play SPADES ♠ AND HEARTS ♥
R.S.V.P. to Shari Kidd at kidd915sl@gmail.com.

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Rummikub



Rummikub will be held on Tuesday, **September 19th**. Rummikub is a fast moving rummy tile game. Players make sets of tiles with the same numbers in different colors or build runs of tiles in the same color. Will usually meet at member's homes. The hostess will provide a dessert and drinks. Everyone is welcome. Please R.S.V.P. to the hostess by 10 p.m. the night before the game so that they are sure to have enough tables, etc. Please contact Michele LeGrand if you have questions, exermom@gmail.com.

Daytime Canasta

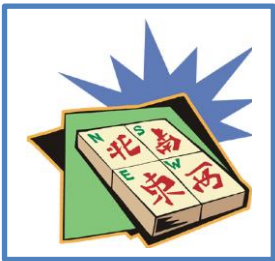


Daytime Canasta is the **third Thursday** of each month, **September 21st**. Lunch and canasta begin **at 11:30 a.m.** Lunch, dessert, beverages and an afternoon of fun-filled Canasta is \$10. If you don't want to have lunch, you can play cards and enjoy dessert and beverages for only \$5. Don't know 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



What is the best way to learn American mah jongg? Watch a few games and then take lessons. If you are curious about this fun game, come watch Newcomers play on the second floor of the Pinecrest Retirement Center, 915 29th Ave. NE, Hickory. We play at 1:30 p.m. **Tuesdays** and 10:30 a.m. **Fridays**. You will find mah jongg a good mental exercise. It is harder than canasta and, some say, easier than bridge. You do not have to remember what tiles have been played because they are right there; face up, on the table.

For information about mah jongg, contact Dianne Straley at 308-4282 or dfwhit@gmail.com.

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Coffee and Conversation



We'll go to **Marie and Twannette's** in Newton on **Friday, September the 29th at 1 pm** (a little earlier this month because this shop closes a little early). The History Museum is right across the street if anyone is interested. Sheri



Bridge Schedule

September

Monday, Sept. 4th
Wednesday, Sept. 6th
Monday, Sept. 11
Monday, Sept. 18th
Wednesday, Sept. 20th

HOLIDAY - No Bridge
Gloria Berg
Norma Leimbach
Carol Parker
Phyllis Kane

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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Bowling

The new bowling season starts (**October 5th**), all dates are posted on the calendar. 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 **September 12th**, and at **NOON** on the **fourth Thursday**, of each month. This month it's on, **September 28th**. Contact **Vince LeGrand** for information on shooting legravin@gmail.com or **828-466-8218**.

Book Club



On July 26th, Book Club members were honored to have visiting local author Angela Pisell as their guest. Angela's novel "Love from the Inside" was the subject of discussion and it was such a wonderful experience to hear of her experiences and emotions as she wrote this very compelling book. Book Club will meet next on **Sept. 27th** at the Women's Resource Center when we will discuss "**Carolina Gold**" by Dorothy Love. *The story revolves around a southern woman who returns to rebuild her family's rice plantation after the devastation of the Civil War. She finds it in ruins, her former slaves have been freed, and she has very little money.* While this can be classified as a love story, the book does paint a vivid picture of the difficulties experienced in the south as it tried to rebuild following the war. The discussion will be led by **Betty Schwartz**.

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.

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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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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.



New Members in August

Gail Miller – *Home at last!!!*