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From the Board,

Of the many charities that Newcomers supports, one is especially dear to my heart – **Exodus Homes**. Here is an organization that expects much of its clients and gives much to the community. Exodus Homes – our charity of the summer quarter – focuses on helping recovering addicts and former prisoners get back to work.

One arm of Exodus Homes – *Exodus Works* – is my go-to source for work around the house. They have muscle, tools, skills and the willingness to work.

My first introduction to Exodus Work was when they helped us move from Charlotte 10 years ago. Since then we have hired them to:

- Demolish a crumbling brick sidewalk.
- Rototill
- Move my late mother's furniture to a consignment store
- Dig up shrubbery roots.
- Pick up used furniture as a donation to their thrift shop.

Two men from Exodus Works were at our house in mid-September after a neighbor's pecan tree crashed into our fence and garden shed. My husband sawed the overhanging limbs and three days later the Exodus Work men were there to drag the many branches to the curb. The work took two hours. We paid Exodus Works \$20 per hour per man. All that money goes to cover their housing costs, so we also gave each a generous tip – the only money they receive for their work.

Look for the Exodus Works button on their website to see what this worthy charity can do for you: www.exodushomes.com.

Dianne Straley, past president



Exodus Homes

Games Day -
Lori Gervasio

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Happy Birthday to Our Members

October		November	
Lonny McSherley	10/02	Linda Swann	11/01
Zig Kryszczuk	10/03	Richard Brands	11/04
Edward Sawicki	10/03	Bob Kidd	11/05
Rich Danchak	10/05	Christine Pfingst	11/06
Mike Sigmon	10/05	Pat Connor	11/07
Benny Eanes	10/06	Michael Shell	11/09
Kathy Bethany	10/11	Larry Huggins	11/15
Linda Monroe	10/13	Susan Reese	11/24
Rege Duralia	10/14	Kathleen Rozea	11/27
Cathi Montgomery	10/16	Dottie Demarest	11/29
Larry Goonan	10/21		
Shari Kidd	10/21		
Linda Dunn	10/23		
Denise Fleck	10/23		
Scott Ireland	10/23		
Bob Stone	10/23		
Connie Yokum	10/27		
Christine Almeida	10/28		
Shirley Moore	10/28		

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.



In Loving Memory of

Brian Hoover

Brian C. Hoover, age 60, a beloved husband, brother, uncle and friend, died suddenly on September 9, 2017 while home on Lake Hickory in Taylorsville, North Carolina.



Brian was born in Washington, D.C. on March 20, 1957, the sixth child and fifth son of Elizabeth Cubine Hoover and Charles Marion Hoover. He grew up in Falls Church, Virginia and attended Graham Road Elementary School and Falls Church High School. Brian met Carol Killam in 1972 when they were fifteen years old. Carol and Brian dated for eight years and were married in 1981. They were soul mates, partners and best friends for 44 years.

Brian built a career as an engineer and IT manager, retiring in 2014 from Vidar Systems /3DSYSTEMS in Virginia. He was respected for his ingenuity and problem solving abilities, as well as his patience and strong affinity to teach and mentor others. The project dearest to him was building a recording studio for the University of Texas in Austin in 1981. He later worked on similar studios for Voice of America in Washington and built sound systems for the Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts in the aftermath of two fires. He was a central part of the crew that provided sound systems for the Fourth of July celebrations at the Washington Monument and (for the National Symphony) on the Capitol Lawn.

After retiring, he and Carol followed their dream of living on a lake and bought their home on Lake Hickory the weekend of their 33rd wedding anniversary. He immediately became active in the neighborhood association and Newcomers' Club, working on developing websites, taking on his own home renovations and various projects with his neighbors.

Brian enjoyed, puzzles, games, cards, camping, hiking, fishing, bowling, biking, and hosting his family and friends. He had a passion for music and believed in supporting local musicians. Brian treasured the vibrant collection of friendships he had gathered throughout his life and was treasured in turn as a sacrificial friend with a ready smile and a joyful laugh. Brian was encouraging and nurturing to others, especially young people. Brian was always ready to help friends in need, making good use of his practical engineering and handyman skills. He was known for his ability to fix anything!

In the Newcomers Club he spent many hours on the NCV website. He wrote codes to make systems and functions automate and developed systems to battle hackers and protect members' privacy.

He looked forward to all of the Newcomers games events. He would arrive early to help set up and enjoyed visiting with newcomers members and friends. He enjoyed discussing strategies and offering guidance to others to improve their game. He was a patient teacher. Once when asked why he was designing canasta rotation cards, he said he was doing it because it was "mental gymnastics." He was down-to-earth, practical, intelligent and appreciative of his family and friends.

Brian was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Patrick, and sister in law Myong Hoover. He is survived by his wife Carol; his sisters, Ginny McBlain (David) and Melanie Wise (Dave); his foster-sister, Peggy Miller; his brothers, Michael (Patricia), Ralph (Laura), Kevin (Catherine), Christopher, as well as nieces and nephews; Evan (Becky), Jennifer (Juan), Patrick (Marcia), Kathy (Kane), Nancy, Nora, Philippa, Sasha and Jonah.

Contributions to honor Brian's memory may be made to Habitat for Humanity of Catawba Valley (PO BOX 9475; Hickory, NC 28603).

Condolences may be sent to the family website at <http://www.drumfh-hickory.com>.

General Meeting and Program



A fortunate 50 Newcomers and members of the public will meet in Asheville on **October 11th**, to hear about the role that Morganton native, Sen. Sam Ervin, played in the 1973 Watergate hearings.

We are shifting our usual monthly meeting from the Hickory airport to an Asheville mountaintop where the club has rented the state-owned **Governor's Western Residence**. There **Professor Karl Campbell of Appalachian State University** will share stories of Senator Sam.

Dr. Campbell's talk is sponsored by the N.C. Humanities Council, which requires the meeting to be open to the public. Unfortunately, the state allows only 50 people in the home, so we have already filled a list of club members who signed up to attend. *Members of the public must RSVP with me in advance to be admitted.* If we receive few public requests to attend, club members on our waiting list will be invited to hear Dr. Campbell. We will be back at Hickory airport for our November meeting. *The presentation is open to the public.*

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Catawba Valley Newcomers Quarterly Charity - October through December

TOYS for TOTS



Our quarterly charity October to December is US Marine Corps TOYS for TOTS, a funding and support organization of the US Marine Corps since 1991.

The mission of the US Marine Corps TOYS for TOTS program is to collect new unwrapped toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community. During this quarter, new, unwrapped toys may be brought to any Newcomers function. The US Marine Corps will provide Christmas barrels around the community. Last year Newcomers filled the barrels more than any other organization in Catawba Valley. Thank you for your support!

There is an extensive list on their website (*see the 'Charities' tab on the Newcomers webpage*)

Up Coming Events



"Fall into Autumn Picnic"
Glenn C. Hilton, Jr. Memorial Park,
6th Street NW, Hickory
Monday, October 9th
3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

We will welcome autumn with lots of fun! Come and share an afternoon of games (corn hole, lawn darts, Bingo) and camaraderie followed by a good old-fashioned picnic! Don't want to play physical games? That's perfectly fine - we have Bingo! There are plenty of shady spots to sit and socialize in nature or under the picnic shelter. Please bring a lawn chair if you would like one. Hamburgers and hot dogs, water, tea and coffee will be provided. Bring other beverages you would like (except alcoholic beverages are prohibited in City parks). R.S.V.P. with what food you can bring to share (i.e., appetizers, sides/salads, desserts) to **Cindy Donahue at cynthia.donahue@yahoo.com** by October 5, 2017, 6:00 p.m. *This event will be held shine or rain under the picnic shelter.* Hope to see you there!

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Dominoes



The game is held at the **Hickory Airport**, on the first **Tuesday** of the month at **6:00 p.m. October 3rd**. 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 "Pumpkin Foot," a variation of "ChickenFoot." This is a fun game for ALL ~ male and female, beginner or experienced player, young and old. Please R.S.V.P. to **Shari Kidd at kidd915sl@gmail.com**.



Games Day

Join us for lunch and games on **Thursday, October 5th 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

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Lunch Out



Chuck is staying local for Lunch Out on **Thursday, October 12th**. We're going to the Outback Steakhouse at 1435 13th Avenue Drive SE. You can review the excellent and varied menu and find the directions by going to their website www.outback.com/locations/nc/hickory. Also, check out the dessert menu, there are some really interesting choices.☺ Please R.S.V.P. to **Chuck Bethany** at bethanycw@charter.net by noon on October 9th so that he can remind the restaurant that we are coming. Hope to see you there!

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Games Nights



Wednesdays, October 11th and October 25th, 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, **October 17th**, ***contact Michelle LeGrand for host information.*** 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. We 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 if you have questions at exermom@gmail.com.

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Daytime Canasta



Daytime Canasta is the ***third Thursday*** of each month, **October 19th**. 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



Come learn to play **Mah jongg**. Club members play twice weekly at **Pinecrest Retirement Center, 915 29th Avenue NE, Hickory**. Would-be players get their first "lesson" by watching us play. If they decide the game is for them, I schedule lessons. I tell interested people that American Mah jongg is easier than bridge and harder than canasta – and it stretches the brain! We play at **1:30 p.m. Tuesdays** and **10:30 a.m. Fridays**. For more information, contact **Dianne Straley at dfwhit@gmail.com**

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Coffee and Conversation



This month on Friday, **October 27th at 1:00 p.m.**, Sheri is taking us to Redbone Willy's Trading Company, 6533 Fallston Rd, Lawndale, NC. A delightful, rustic, country store and cafe that is literally jam-packed with gifts, clothing and goodies of every description. They serve sandwiches and salads in the cafe with ice cream for dessert (very good ice cream!). Choose the homemade ice cream, not the Pet brand. We can eat outside or inside if it's raining. Hopefully, the leaves will be putting on a good show for us. You can check it out on their website: <http://www.redbonewilly.com>. Let Sheri know if you can come or just show up. R.S.V.P. to **Sheri Binning** at ronald.binning@gmail.com.

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Bridge Schedule

October

Monday, Oct. 2 nd	Gloria Berg
Wednesday, Oct. 4 th	Kathy Rozea
Monday, Oct. 9 th	Betty Stone
Monday, Oct. 16 th	Susan Perkins
Wednesday, Oct. 18 th	Kathy Durand

New members: please contact **Gloria Berg** at 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 is here! **Thursday, October 5th at 6:30pm** and **Thursday, October 19th at 6:30pm**, all dates are posted on the calendar. Any member of Newcomers who would like to give bowling a try is welcome to join us.

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**.

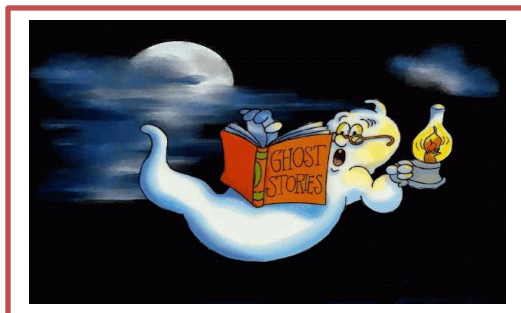
Target Shooting



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**, of each month (this month it's **October 10th**) and at **NOON** on the **fourth Thursday**, of each month (this month it's on, **October 26th**). Contact **Vince LeGrand** for information on shooting legravin@gmail.com or **828-466-8218**.

Book Club



Our next book club meeting will be held at the **Women's Resource Center** in Hickory on **Wednesday, November 15th at 1:30 p.m.** This is earlier than usual due to the **Thanksgiving holiday**.

Our book selection is . . . **The Taming of the Queen**, by Philippa Gregory.

A novel of passion and power at the court of a medieval killer, a riveting Tudor tale featuring King Henry VIII's sixth wife Kateryn Parr. Kateryn Parr, a thirty-year-old widow in a secret affair with a new lover, has no choice when a man old enough to be her father who has buried four wives--King Henry VIII--commands her to marry him. Kateryn has no doubt about the danger she faces: the previous queen lasted sixteen months, the one before barely half a year. But Henry adores his new bride and Kateryn's trust in him grows as she unites the royal family, creates a radical study circle at the heart of the court, and rules the kingdom as Regent. But is this enough to keep her safe? Discussion will be led by Joyce Dennis.

Everyone is welcome and anyone needing transportation or directions should contact **Sue Asp** at twoasps@gmail.com.



Sponsor Spotlight

This is another in a series of articles highlighting the sponsors who support the 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.

Hickory Community Theatre is an award-winning theatre in the heart of Downtown Hickory. It is housed in the Old City Hall, and the building is steeped in history. They host a full season of plays, with at least nine full length shows in addition to children's shows and one-acts. There are two stages; the Jeffers Theater, the main stage with auditorium seating and the Fireman's Kitchen in the lower level with bistro seating. Be sure to check out their great show season!

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

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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New Members in August

- Vicki and Wil Mullins, from California

