



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
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November 2017



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President's Column

Hello Newcomers,

It's time for us to think about our leadership board for next year, starting in March 2018. All of our board members are willing to serve on the board again next year, however several board members have ideas for new jobs we would develop to benefit our club. Our current board encourages you to consider joining the board next year. We have fun, laugh, get creative and take pride in serving our club. We meet just once a month in the morning of the last Wednesday of the month. All of us travel, have family functions and participate in other groups, so being a board member will not interfere with the rest of your life. We support one another if we are out of town or otherwise engaged. You may be asking why I am encouraging you to consider being part of the board if the current board is thriving and willing to re-serve next year. Clubs are strong when all members are valued and anyone may volunteer or become part of the leadership. To avoid group cliques and stale programming, we need new ideas, new eyes and new perspectives. I had only lived here for one year when I joined the board, so don't let your new newcomer status hold you back. Our newest newcomers and our longtime members each contribute to our success. I invite you to be part of our high performing team. We don't know who is out there to help unless you let us know. I am making a special request to the men in our club to step up so our board will continue to be gender diverse. Please contact me if you would be willing to serve on the board next year, as President, Vice President, Secretary or Board Member Ad Hoc so I may inform the nominating committee of your interests and willingness to give it a try.

Thank you.

Carol Hoover
President,
Newcomers Club of Catawba Valley



Games Day -
Lori 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

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Snelling

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Michele LeGrand
Joe Paussa
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Happy Birthday to Our Members

November		December	
Linda Swann	11/01	Rosie Bray	12/02
Richard Brands	11/04	Kevin Fleck	12/05
Bob Kidd	11/05	Michael Kane	12/05
Christine Pfingst	11/06	Betty Ann Williams	12/09
Pat Connor	11/07	Carol Parker	12/10
Michael Shell	11/09	Chris Beckom	12/12
Larry Huggins	11/15	Rich Colton	12/12
Susan Reese	11/24	Dale Pfingst	12/14
Kathleen Rozea	11/27	Sharon Bennett	12/15
Dottie Demarest	11/29	Albert Derocher	12/15
		Pam Wagoner	12/15
		Millie Kaufman	12/17
		Gary Staton	12/18
		Kay Stone	12/18
		Kathy Durand	12/21
		Joe Paussa	12/21
		Jeff Stewart	12/24
		Denise Bukovan	12/29
		Joyce Dennis	12/29
		Ginny Koch	12/29
		Karen Schafer	12/31

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.



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General Meeting and Program
10:30 a.m. Hickory Airport

Our November speaker will be: **Kevin McCutcheon**

Club member *Kevin McCutcheon* will show us how to get the most out of our smart phones when he is our guest speaker at the November monthly meeting. Kevin, a retired colonel with the U.S. Marine Corps, will speak at **10:30 a.m. Nov. 8 at Hickory Regional Airport**. Bring your smart phone and learn some new tricks.

The presentation is open to the public.

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ADULT LIFE PROGRAMS

CHICKEN PIE SALE



November 9th and 10th 2017 at First Presbyterian Church in Hickory, NC starting at **11:00 a.m.** Pies are **\$12** each. Cash or checks are accepted. Please make checks payable to Adult Life Programs. With an order of 10 pies or more, we will deliver. Call Kellie at 828-326-9120 by November 6th to place your order.

Adult Life Programs in Hickory, NC is a nonprofit organization 501(c)(3) that began in 1983 in a Sunday school classroom at Corinth Church in Hickory, North Carolina, to provide support, respite and education to caregivers and affordable, quality day and treatment services enabling adults to remain in their communities. Adult Life Programs offers various services that foster our mission: CAREGIVER SUPPORT and EDUCATION – providing consultation, education, training and technical assistance to staff and caregivers of adults with mental illness.

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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.

Welcome to our newest sponsor, **Trent R. Jolley of Farm Bureau Insurance**. Trent's office is located in the Viewmont area of Hickory and his company offers Auto, Home, Life, Health insurance as well as Business and Retirement investment opportunities and other financial options.

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 - October through December

TOYS for TOTS



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

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

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

Up Coming Events



Games Day

Join us for lunch and games on **Thursday, November 2nd 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

This November we are going to another great local restaurant, **Saigon Garden Vietnamese Restaurant** in Conover. This has been a local favorite for many years and I know a number

of the Newcomers have also enjoyed it. We will be meeting on **November 9th at 11:30 a.m.** at *614 Conover Blvd (US Hwy 70 E)*. If you are not familiar with this restaurant, you can find the directions as well as the menu on their website: (www.thesaigongarden.com).

Please consider my invitation and send your **RSVP** to bethanycw@charter.net by noon on **November 6, 2017**, so that I can remind the restaurant that we are coming.

See you soon, Chuck Bethany

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Games Nights



Wednesday, November 8th, 6:00 p.m.

NO EVENT ON NOVEMBER 22ND.

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

Nov. 8th - Holiday Games Night...PRIZES and HOLIDAY DINNER!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the games night 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, November 28th**, at the Wynnshire Ridge Clubhouse, 820 29th Avenue NW, Hickory. Adra Kryszczuk will be the host. 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 snacks and drinks. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Michele LeGrand if you have questions, exermom@gmail.com. Please contact the

hostess by 10 p.m. the night before the game so that they are sure to have enough tables, etc. R.S.V.P. to adraellen@yahoo.com.

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Daytime Canasta



Daytime Canasta is the ***third Thursday*** of each month, **November 16th**. 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 Ave. 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**.

- Dianne Straley, dfwhit@gmail.com

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Coffee and Conversation



Nothing schedule for November, due to Thanksgiving... See you all in mid-December. Sheri

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Bridge Schedule

November

Wednesday, November 1st

Monday, November 6th

Monday, November 13th

Wednesday, November 15th

Monday, November 20th

Karen Schafer

Peg Baldwin

Rose Arant

Susan Perkins

Joyce Sykes

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 is here!! **Thursday, November 4th 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. 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 **November 14th**. Contact **Vince LeGrand** for information on shooting legravin@gmail.com or **828-466-8218**.

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Book Club

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Book Club

Our next book club meeting will be held at the **Women's Resource Center** in Hickory on **Wednesday, November 15th, 1:30 pm**. 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, contact *Sue Asp* at twoasps@gmail.com.

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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 bettytsch69@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 October

Janet Rudisill from Hickory.

