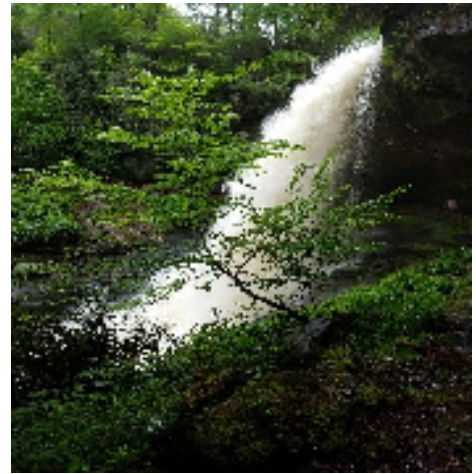


**NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA  
VALLEY**

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**June 2018**



**President's Column**

Hello Newcomers,

Calling out all scoundrels, rogues and heroes. We have another very special treat for you again this month. We are pleased to partner with North Carolina Humanities Council and the Catawba County Historical Association to bring to you a fun, fabulous and entertaining presentation by Randell Jones, historian and story teller. He will speak about the Famous and Infamous Women of North Carolina.

You will not want to miss this program on Wednesday June 13, 2018 10:30 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse on the heart of downtown Newton.

This event is free, we have seating for 200. We encourage you to invite your neighbors, friends and members from other clubs you may know. I promise you will be entertained, laugh and learn about the scoundrels, rogues and heroes of the Old North State.

I hope to see you there. Please extend this invitation, bring friends and car pool.

Carol Hoover,

President, Newcomers of Catawba Valley


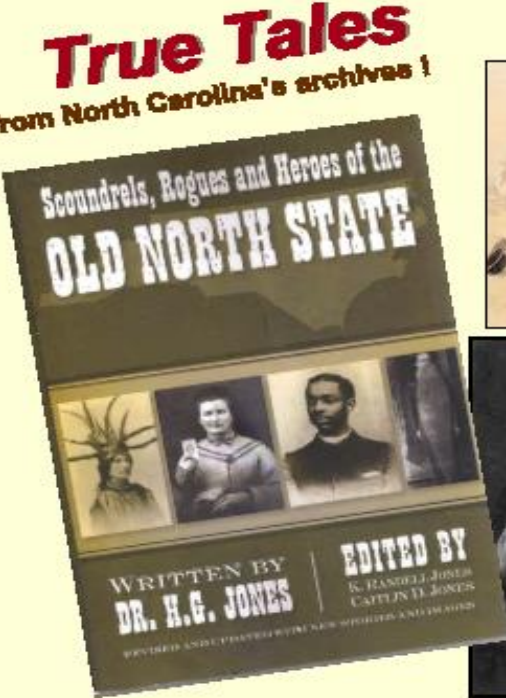


## Monthly Events


### June Program and General Meeting

"The **FAMOUS and INFAMOUS Women of North Carolina**" will be the topic, and will be presented by the storyteller, Randell Jones, Member of the North Carolina Humanities Council.

Be sure to invite your friends to this special meeting, June 13, 2018, that will be held at the **Historic Catawba County Courthouse, 30 N College Ave, Newton, NC 28658,** at 10:30 a.m.




## *Famous and Infamous Women of North Carolina*



Presentation by storyteller Randell Jones, editor of  
*Scoundrels, Rogues, and Heroes of the Old North State* by Dr. H.G. Jones

Member of North Carolina Humanities Council  
Road Scholars Speakers' Bureau



[www.DanielBooneFootsteps.com](http://www.DanielBooneFootsteps.com)

# Wednesday, June 13, 10:30 a.m.

Newcomers of the Catawba Valley / Catawba County Historical Association  
**Historic Catawba County Courthouse, Newton, NC**

## **July Program and General Meeting: Volunteer Opportunity**

Carol Hoover has been contacted by **Rachel Heck**, the Mentoring Program Coordinator of the Council on Adolescents about their program and the need for Volunteers. Rachel will be giving a brief presentation after our General Meeting and Program on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Lunch Buddy Program was started in Catawba County 2011 to help reach students who are identified by school personnel as being at-risk of potentially dropping out of school. They service all three public school systems equaling up to nine middle schools and two high schools. We have over 120 children each school year who, once a week, meet with their mentors for a lunch period and discuss things like social life, education, extra-curricular activities, etc.

In her presentation Ms. Heck will provide a brief overview of the program and give some statistics on the success of their students over the years as well as encourage our members to participate as a Lunch Buddy. Members will have the option to sign up for any school in the county for the coming school year. The goal this year is to provide mentors for over 150 students.



## **Evening Trip to Biltmore to see Chihuly Glass Show: Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00p.m. – 11:30p.m. Cost: \$50:30 per person. Deadline to pay: June 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Make checks and give payments to Brenda Ireland or Carol Hoover.**

If you would like to see the show in the evening when the glass sculptures are lit up, below are details for an upcoming trip.

**5:00 p.m.** Meet for Dinner at Food Factory. 5251 Hickory Blvd. (Rt. 321).

**6:00 p.m.** Carpool to Ashville. Arrive at 7:30p.m. Take the shuttles from the parking area to the house and gardens.

**8:00 p.m.** Entrance into the gardens. Enjoy 2 hour walking tour of dazzling brilliance and beauty of color, form and light of Chihuly art throughout the gardens.

**10:00 p.m.** Leave Biltmore and car pool home.

**11:30 p.m.** Arrive back in Hickory at Food Factory parking lot.

**Option 1:** If you don't wish to have dinner, meet at the Food Factory Parking lot at 6:00pm.

**Option 2:** If you wish to spend the night in Ashville, please make your own lodging arrangements and let Carol know so we can coordinate the appropriate car pools.

## **Newcomers Summer Soirée on August 17<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendar for a special evening of dining, dancing, and donating to some very worthwhile charities. On Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, Newcomers will hold a Summer Soirée at the Catawba Country Club in Newton from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. The Soirée committee has been very busy planning an evening complete with social hour, buffet dinner, and a disc jockey that will play all of your favorite dance songs. The cost for the dinner is only \$30 (including tax and tip) per person for members; \$35.00, for guests. A cash bar will be available. There also will be a raffle for a free 2019 Newcomers membership! Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Proceeds will be split among the charities we have selected.

That night, we are asking you and your guests to donate to charities that help children and teens in need throughout the Unifour area. Give any amount you choose to **Teen Christmas** and/or the **Children's Advocacy Center in the county where you live**.

**Teen Christmas** serves 400 low income teens each year. These are teens who may be homeless, pregnant, and/or living in a family with little or no money for Christmas presents. They are referred and qualified through their school, ensuring they are truly in need. This is an all-volunteer effort, supported by businesses and churches throughout the area, with 100% of your donation going to buy gifts! Please make your check payable to the United Way and write Teen Christmas on the "for" line.

The **Children's Advocacy Centers** provide many services for children who are victims of child abuse and neglect. They cover judicial, medical, and mental health support for the victims, as well as community educational programs, especially in the schools. They work closely with law enforcement, district attorneys, and the department of social services. All are accredited in North Carolina. Donations may be made payable to the organization in the county where you live:

- Alexander County – Dove House
- Burke County – Gingerbread House of Southmountain Children & Family Services
- Caldwell County – Robin's Nest
- Catawba County - Children's Advocacy and Protection Center

Put the check in an envelope, write the name of the organization you selected on the front, and drop it in the box at the door that night!

So, get ready to invite your friends, dress up, put on your dancing shoes, send in your reservations, bring your checks to help these children, and join us for this unique evening! A flier at the end of this newsletter has all the details about where to send your reservation. Can't attend? You may send your donation to Gloria Berg. Her address is on the flier. If you have questions, please contact one of the committee members: Karen Schafer, chairperson; Joyce Dennis; Gloria Berg; Connie Yokum; Miki Valkanoff; Hedy Paussa; or Carole Reising. We look forward to a fun evening with you and yours!



## **Lunch Out**

Let's support a sponsor of Newcomers by going to Granite Falls Brewing Co. for the June 'Lunch Out' on **Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.**

Granite Falls Brewing is a restaurant and hand crafted brewery located in a renovated manufacturing facility. The environment is very casual and perfect for a summer afternoon. Mario, owner, has offered to provide a tour of the brewery along with a 'mini' sampler of fresh ales (3 ounce glasses) – *Free for Newcomers*. Don't drink, like myself? I can definitely recommend the fresh brewed ice tea!

Please send your R.S.V.P. to Francine Gissy: [fgissy32@gmail.com](mailto:fgissy32@gmail.com) or (405) 606 - 9888 by noon on June 11th so that I can remind the restaurant that we are coming.

In your RSVP, state if you plan on lunch AND the 'mini' sampler or just lunch.

I hope you will join us and enjoy great food, company, conversations, as well as help support one of our great local restaurants.

## **Coffee and Conversation**

Coffee and Conversation will be held at Panera Bread on Hwy 127 (970 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE) on **Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** <https://www.panerabread.com/en-us/home.html>

You can check out their menu, and even order online before you go!! Lots of goodies there!! R.S.V.P. to Sheri Binning at [Ronald.binning@gmail.com](mailto:Ronald.binning@gmail.com) or just show up!

## **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](http://www.springsroadgunclub.com). They offer gun rentals and a wide variety of training classes. For June, Newcomers Shooting will be on **Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

## **Monthly Games**

### **Bridge**

#### **JUNE**

Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Karen Schafer  
Kathy Rozea  
Laurie Johnsen  
Joyce Sykes  
Gloria Berg

New Members: Please contact **Gloria Berg** at [glomcberg@hotmail.com](mailto:glomcberg@hotmail.com) for details about Bridge or how to be put on the substitute list.

## **West Jefferson Day Trip**

Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> Newcomers! Let's take a day trip to West Jefferson. We'll travel north to find a quaint town with art galleries, antique and consignment shops, restaurants and a brewery. We will be able to see cheese being made at Ashe County Cheese, and visit a working beehive at the Honey Hole. The best part is we won't have to take a tour to see everything, or even move the car. Everything is within walking distance! R.S.V.P. with Lori Gervasio at [ljgerv@yahoo.com](mailto:ljgerv@yahoo.com).

### **Canasta and Lunch**

Daytime Canasta is the **Third Thursday** of each month, **June 21<sup>st</sup>**. Lunch and canasta begins 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 Hedy Paussa on her cell A.S.A.P. at 315-263-9062. To join in the fun, **contact Hedy at [jhpaussa2@gmail.com](mailto:jhpaussa2@gmail.com)**

### **Dominos**

Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> for a special cook-out at Shari Kidd's home, 5495 Gunpowder Drive, (off Grace Chapel Rd—1<sup>st</sup> stop light over the 321 Bridge towards Lenoir) at 5 p.m. **please plan to arrive by 5:15 p.m!** Dinner will be served promptly at 5:30 p.m! Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be furnished. Please bring a dish to pass—let me know so we don't have all one thing! This month members with last names beginning with K-Z will be asked to provide desserts. Reservations must be made by Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon. Cost: \$2.00 for the "kitty" (Optional.) Whether you've played before, or want to learn, come and enjoy an evening of fun. Please email reservations to Bob Jones at [itsmerbj@charter.net](mailto:itsmerbj@charter.net) or call 828-228-0506

### **Games Day**

Join us for lunch and games on **Thursday, June 7, 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. **R.S.V.P.s** must be received no later than **6 p.m. on June 4**, to **Haydee Pujdak ([hpujdak@gmail.com](mailto:hpujdak@gmail.com))**

### **Games Nights**

Wednesdays, **#1** June 13 (contact Shari) and **#2** June 27 (contact Lori) at 5:30 p.m. Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Drive Northwest, Hickory, NC 28601

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the games 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 SERVED PROMPTLY AT 6 p.m., 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!

We also have a new style of Canasta coming soon, called "SAMBA". About 30 members have learned so far.

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](mailto:kidd915sl@gmail.com) and Lori Gervasio at [ljgerv@yahoo.com](mailto:ljgerv@yahoo.com)

### **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](mailto:dfwhit@gmail.com)**

## **Rummikub**

Rummikub will be on June 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Wynnshire Clubhouse 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. The game is a combination of luck and strategy, but it is very easy to learn. Our host this month is Michele LeGrand. Please R.S.V.P. to Michele at [exermom@gmail.com](mailto:exermom@gmail.com) by Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Bowling**

Newcomers Bowling has ended for the 2017/2018 season. Bowling will resume in the Fall. We bowl at Pin Station in Newton on Business 321 6:30 p.m. For more information their website is: [www.pinstationbowling.com](http://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. 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.

## **Book Club**

Book Club is currently reading Extra-Ordinary Adventures: a Novel by Daniel Wallace. Discussion leader is Sue Asp.

This book tells the story of Edsel Bronfman who works as a junior executive shipping clerk for an importer of Korean flatware. He lives in a seedy neighborhood and spends his free time with his spirited mother. Things happen to other people, and Bronfman knows it. Until, that is, he gets a call from operator 61217 telling him that he has won a free weekend at a beachfront condo in Destin, Florida. But there is a catch: the offer is intended for a couple, and Bronfman has only seventy-nine days to find someone to take with him. The phone call jolts Bronfman into motion, initiating a series of truly extraordinary adventures as he sets out to find a companion for his weekend getaway. Open at last to the possibilities of life, Bronfman now believes that anything can happen. And it does.

Book Club meets every other month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, at Women's Resource Center at 1:30 p.m. Our selections for 2018 are posted on the web site. Coordinators are Mary Bucy at [mebucy@hotmail.com](mailto:mebucy@hotmail.com) and Donna McDermott at [mcnona52@gmail.com](mailto:mcnona52@gmail.com).

## **Making a Difference:Charities**

Second Quarter Charity is **Bethlehem Food Pantry** Located at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church, 9379 NC HWY 127, Hickory, NC 28601 phone, 828-495-8251. The Pantry serves 185 families and 600 individuals in Alexander County. The Pantry has needs for canned corn/green beans/peas, dry beans (not commercial sizes), and dishwasher detergents and laundry soap.

Thank you, Joe Paussa

## **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 [betty69@gmail.com](mailto:betty69@gmail.com).

## **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 'Sponsors' tab on the Newcomers website.

Welcome to the newest sponsor for Newcomers of Catawba Valley, **The Hickory Hop**. The Hickory Hop airport shuttle service offers routes between Hickory, Boone/Blowing Rock and Charlotte Douglas Airport 13 scheduled times daily, seven days a week. In addition, the company offers Hickory Hop Executive Service with options to travel to Greensboro or Raleigh airports additionally as well as other specialized charter services as outlined on their website.

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

## **Birthdays**

Birthdays In June		Birthdays in July	
Neil Forrest	6/2	Rose Arant	7/6
Amanda Black	6/3	Audrey Rozzelle	7/8
Bill McLaughlin	6/4	Bob Williams	7/9
Thomas Panella	6/4	Barbara Womack	7/11
Norma Leimbach	6/8	Kitty Clark	7/15
M. McDowell	6/8	Bernadette Coffey	7/16
Stan Bumgarner	6/11	Jane Woodward	7/18
Kris Bowman	6/13	Cindy Donahue	7/21
Jeffrey McDermott	6/13	Tara Smith	7/24
Betty Schwartz	6/13	Ed Dodzian	7/29
Kenneth Pujdak	6/17	John Dybus	7/30
June Chalk	6/18	Marvin Yokum	7/30
Mary Murgio	6/18		
Cass Taliaferro	6/18		
Christine McCutcheon	6/20		
George Beckom	6/21		
Doak Walker	6/21		
Laurie Johnsen	6/22		
Bill Jones	6/22		
Gloria Berg	6/24		
Dennis Valkanoff	6/24		
Bev Forrest	6/26		
Sandy Sigmon	6/27		
Carol Earl	6/30		



## Welcome New Members

Joanie, Cass and Heather Taliaferro from Arlington, Texas  
Etta Curtis from Tennessee  
Kathy and Bob Mersinger from Raleigh, NC  
Debbie and John Wrigley from Missouri  
Petra and Howard Gayheart from Wesley Chapel, Florida  
Susan and Patrick Leininger from Washington DC  
Becky Thomas and Bob Seamans from Roswell, GA

## Contacts and Contributors

Officers, Directors, Activity Chairs and Committees

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Carol Hoover	President
Joe Paussa	Vice President
Vince LeGrand	Treasurer
Brenda Ireland	Secretary
Dianne Straley	Past President
Directors	
Mary Bucy	
Shari Kidd	
Adra Kryszczuk	
Dale Pfingst	
Activities	Chair
Book Club	Mary Bucy and Donna McDermott
Bowling	Vince LeGrand
Bridge	Gloria Berg
Charity Coordinator	Joe Paussa
Coffee & Conversation	Sheri Binning
Dominoes	Bob Jones, Cheri & Ed Stewart
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Daytime Canasta	Chris Beckom, Hedy Paussa
Games Day	Haydee Pujdak
Games Night #1	Shari Kidd, Martha Conrad
Games Night #2	Lori Gervasio, Shari Kidd
Items of Interest	Bob Jones
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Lunch out	Chuck Bethany
Mah Jongg	Dianne Straley
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Last.....but NOT Least....some closing thoughts:

"You can't be sad when holding a cupcake."

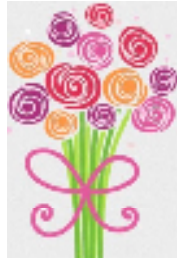


Newcomers of Catawba Valley

# Summer Soirée

An Evening of Dining, Dancing, and Donating

Catawba Country Club  
1154 Country Club Road, Newton  
Friday, August 17, 2018  
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm



Members - \$30 per person  
Guests - \$35 per person  
Includes meal, tax, and tip  
Cash Bar

***"Bring a check and help a child!"***

- Dining:** *Salad bar, pecan crusted salmon, chicken with creamy basil sauce, red potatoes, broccoli cauliflower au gratin, snap peas and carrots, rolls, fruit cobbler*
- Dancing:** *D.J. Steve Coley will be playing a wide selection of your favorite dance music.*
- Donating:** *Supporting children in need is the focus of this special evening. Bring your donation that night for Teen Christmas and/or the Children's Advocacy Center in the county where you live. Your contribution will make a difference.*



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**Reservations must be made by Wednesday, August 8, 2018. Send payment to**

Newcomers of Catawba Valley  
c/o Mrs. Gloria Berg  
76 Divot Court, Hickory, NC 28601

This is a **dressy** event. No shorts or jeans are permitted.

If you cannot come,  
you can still donate by  
mailing your check to  
Gloria Berg.

FREE 2019 NCV Membership  
Raffle. Tickets \$1.00 each or  
6 for \$5.00. All proceeds  
divided among the charities.