

**NEWCOMERS OF
CATAWBA VALLEY**
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August 2018



President's Column

Hello Newcomers,

Summer is a busy time with travel, visitors, family, friends, playing on the lake, in our gardens, working for charities, clubs, volunteering and taking part in regional events. Our club members are active, fun, and generous. If you are new to our area we welcome you to get involved, make new friends and have some fun.

You may have noticed our new "On the Road" series. We have had a variety of trips over these past few months to Biltmore, West Jefferson, Charlotte, Boone, Conover and Mt. Pleasant. This month watch for a road trip to Montreat, a secluded village deep in a mountain cove, for a tour, lunch and stroll through the unique locally-owned shops and art galleries of Black Mountain. Also this month, a road trip to Valdese for lunch and the outdoor drama "From This Day Forward," the true story of Valdese and flagship show of the Old Colony Players.

Don't miss a very special event this month at the Summer Soirée. Get dressed up and have an evening dining, dancing and donating on Friday, August 17th at the Catawba Country Club.

Thank you to all of our members who coordinate our many weekly and monthly activities, on the road adventures, special events, serve on the board, and committees, produce news releases, newsletters and maintain our calendar, charities, sponsors, budget and web site.

We welcome and encourage all members to be part of the action. Our volunteers make our club succeed. Thank you.

Carol Hoover,
President, Newcomers of
Catawba Valley



Monthly Events

August Program and General Meeting

You don't have to wait until highway barricades and bulldozers arrive to find out about upcoming road projects. Come to our monthly meeting to meet John Pope, who represents the Catawba Valley on the N.C. Board of Transportation. Mr. Pope, a Hickory businessman, will tell us about future road projects, from the widening of US 321 to work underway now to rebuild the overloaded interchange of I-85 and U.S. 321 in Gastonia . . . and lots more! Our meeting starts at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 8th, at the Hickory Regional Airport.

Newcomers Summer Soirée on August 17th

Mark your calendar for a special evening of dining, dancing, and donating to some very worthwhile charities. On Friday, August 17th, Newcomers will hold a Summer Soirée at the Catawba Country Club in Newton from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. The Soirée committee has been very busy planning an evening complete with social hour, buffet dinner and a disc jockey who will play all of your favorite dance songs. The cost for the evening 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! **Reservations and tickets should be purchased by August 8th!** Raffle 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 South Mountain 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

This month we are dining in Hickory on **August 9, 2018** at 11:30 a.m., at an old favorite, NY Hibachi Buffet. I know many of you appreciate the variety that features Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Mexican, and American favorites. Please join us at the NY Hibachi Buffet, which is, located at [2128 US Highway 70 SE](#) in Hickory. You can visit their website (www.nyhibachibuffet.com) to review their full menu and get directions. Please send your **R.S.V.P.** to bethanycw@charter.net by noon on Tuesday, August 7th so that I can remind the restaurant that we are coming. I hope you will join us and enjoy great food, company, conversations. See you soon.

Coffee and Conversation

We'll head back to Redbone Willy's for ice cream and lunch on Friday, August 31st at 1 p.m. They have a really neat store to browse, then get sandwiches and home-made ice cream, or Pet ice cream if you just want plain. Redbone Willy's is at 6533 Fallston Rd. in Lawndale at the intersection of Hwy 18 and Hwy 27. It's about 25 minutes from Target. R.S.V.P. to Sheri Binning at 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. They offer gun rentals and a wide variety of training classes. For June, Newcomers Shooting will be on **Tuesday, August 14th at 6:30 p.m.** and on **Thursday, August 30th at 12 noon**. Contact Vince LeGrand for further information at legravin@gmail.com.

Monthly Games in August

Bridge

August Schedule

Wednesday, Aug. 1 st	Carol Parker
Monday, Aug. 6 th	Karen Schafer
Monday, Aug. 13 th	Laurie Johnsen
Wednesday, Aug. 15 th	Gloria Berg
Monday, Aug. 20 th	Karen Schafer

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

Canasta or Samba and Lunch

Daytime Canasta is the **Third Thursday** of each month, and this month will be on **August 16th**. Canasta or Samba begins at 11:30 a.m with lunch followed by cards. 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 Beckom at** beckomgc@outlook.com

Dominoes

August Dominoes will be on **August 28 th**. This is a fun game for ALL ~ male and female, beginner or experienced player, young and old. Please bring \$2 for the kitty. Crosswinds Cafe will cater dinner for \$7, SERVED PROMPTLY AT 6:00 P.M! Players will bring desserts (please label ingredients!). A minimum of 10 players is needed each month. We must pay the caterer for each meal ordered, so if you make reservations and do not cancel before the deadline of 6 p.m. the Sunday before the game, you still must pay the \$7 charge! Correct change will be greatly appreciated. For information, please contact Bob Jones at itsmerbj@charter.net.

Games Day

Join us for lunch and games on **Thursday, August 2nd at 11:30 a.m. (for all games)** at the Hickory Airport for Samba, Canasta, Rummikub, dominoes, Mah Jongg or other games as suggested by members. Cost will be \$7 for lunch or \$3 for just games. No desserts are offered or required; however, members may choose to bring a dessert to share. If a player cancels after the deadline, he/she must still pay for the \$7 lunch. **R.S.V.P.s** must be received no later than **6:00 p.m. on July 30** to **Haydee Pujdak** at (hpujdak@gmail.com).

Games Nights

Wednesdays, **#1** August 8th (contact Shari) and **#2** Aug 22nd (contact Lori) at 5:30 p.m. Hickory Regional Airport. 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 Samba, 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. Plan on arriving between 5:45-6:00 p.m. to sign in and receive game assignments. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 p.m. and the games will start at 6:30. This should make it possible to be done and gone by 9:00 p.m.. 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!

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 and Lori Gervasio at 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

Rummikub

Rummikub will be held on Tuesday, August 21 at 6:00 at Wynnshire Clubhouse and will be hosted by Dianne Straley. 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 Dianne Straley. Please R.S.V.P. to Dianne at dfwhit@gmail.com by Monday, July 16th.

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. 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:

Girl in Translation, by Jean Kwok Discussion Leader: Betty Schwartz

When Kimberly Chang and her mother emigrate from Hong Kong to Brooklyn squalor, she quickly begins a secret double life: exceptional schoolgirl during the day, Chinatown sweatshop worker in the evenings. Disguising the more difficult truths of her life like the staggering degree of her poverty and the weight of her family's future resting on her shoulders, Kimberly learns to constantly translate not just her language but herself back and forth between the worlds she straddles. Through Kimberly's story, author Jean Kwok, who also emigrated from Hong Kong as a young girl, brings to the page the lives of countless immigrants who are caught between the pressure to succeed in America, their duty to their family, and their own personal desires.

Book Club meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday of the month (our next meeting is September 26th), 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 and Donna McDermott at mcnona52gmail.com.

ON THE ROAD

August 3rd

Dinner and Play "From This Day Forward" - Meet at Roses' at 4:45 p.m. to carpool to Valdese for dinner at 100 Main Restaurant, 100 Main Street in Valdese. The Play is at the Valdese Amphitheater, 401 N. Church Street, Valdese. Make your reservations at the Special Newcomer's GROUP RATE of \$14. Tickets for the play can be picked up August 3rd until 7:45 p.m. at the box office or charged on credit card anytime for \$14 with no service charge. Make your reservations by calling Edith at From This Day Forward 828 -879 - 2120. The outdoor drama is the flagship show of Old Colony Players. Please contact Mike Sigmon at mcsigmon69@gmail.com. for information and reservations and about choices for carpooling.

AUGUST 21st

Tour Montreat and explore Black Mountain

Save the date for a tour of Montreat...a secluded village deep in a mountain cove near Black Mountain. It's best known for Montreat College, Montreat Conference Center and as the Rev. Billy Graham's home. The tour will be led by Hal Demarest (Dottie Demarest's brother), a current resident of Montreat. After the tour, we will drive down the road for lunch (at an eatery of your choice) in Black Mountain--The Little Town that Rocks--and a chance to stroll through the attractive Town Square and the downtown historical district, as well as browse unique locally-owned shops and art galleries. Or you can go for a leisurely walk around Lake Tomahawk, minutes from downtown. Mark your calendars, talk to your Newcomer friends and plan a trip to "The Front Porch of Western North Carolina." Details have been sent to all NCV members.

Please **R.S.V.P.** to Haydee Pujdak (hpujdak@gmail.com) by **August 15th**.

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.

Making a Difference: *Third Quarter Charity / Robin's Nest*

ROBIN'S NEST is a nationally accredited Children's Advocacy Center. Here child victims of sexual and severe physical abuse are provided child-specific services that include compassionate forensic interviews, medical examinations, counseling and advocacy services. Providing these services at a single site helps decrease the trauma these children face, speed the healing process, and increase the likelihood of conviction of offenders. Since we opened **Robin's Nest** in July 2011, we have provided services to over 1,000 children. Because of the support we receive we are able to pursue justice, provide hope and healing for the young, innocent victims of child abuse.

WISH LIST

GIFT CARDS

\$10 Wal-Mart Gift Cards

\$10 Grocery Store Gift Cards (Fair Value, Food Lion)

SNACKS

Juice Boxes, Individual Size Snack Packs - Chips, Cookies, Gummy Snacks, Applesauce, Crackers, Little Debbie - **these items are needed most!**

GENERAL SUPPLIES

Copy Paper (8½x11), Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, 13 Gallon Tall Kitchen Bags, Liquid Antibacterial Hand Soap, Antibacterial Cleaning Wipes, Antibacterial Spray Cleaner, Air Freshener Spray, Lysol. Heavy Duty Paper Plates, Plastic Utensils (Forks, Spoons, Knives), 12-oz Styrofoam Coffee Cups, K-cups for Keurig.

Sponsor Spotlight

We are continuing to highlight the sponsors who support the Newcomers of Catawba Valley. When you need a service, please look to the sponsor tab the club's web page to see if one of our sponsors can provide the help you need.

The UPS Store on Hwy. 127 in Viewmont has, for many years, provided a mailbox for the club's mailing address. This storefront has the capability not only for mailing and shipping, but also for printing, faxing and Notary services. It's a busy, friendly place! Their website has lots to offer too! Check it out!

When you click on any sponsor's ad, you'll automatically be taken to that sponsor's web page. And, remember, if you use one of our sponsors, please be sure to thank them for sponsoring the Newcomers of Catawba Valley!

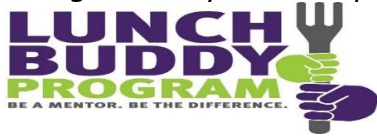
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Volunteer Opportunity

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.

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.

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.



Birthdays

Birthdays in August

Suzie Matthews	8/2
Phyllis Kane	8/4
Dennis Chalk	8/6
Bob Wolgemuth	8/6
Ed Stewart	8/7
Josette Kippenhan	8/10
Pett Brands	8/12
Jim Earl	8/19
Brenda Ireland	8/19
Patricia Mozgala	8/19
Martha Conrad	8/21
Richard Dickey	8/21
Bryan Swann	8/21
Dawn Remus	8/24
Greg Dostall	8/25
Jon Snellings	8/25
Helen Woodyard	8/25
Bob Remus	8/27
Joanie Taliaferro	8/27
Joyce Sykes	8/28
Carol Sawicki	8/29
Donna Wilson	8/29
Chuck Fahrenholz	8/30
Wyn Flo	8/30

Birthdays in September

Rose McLaughlin	9/5
Cherie Stewart	9/6
Lisa Travis	9/7
Beth Osbahr	9/8
Bob Dennis	9/9
Elizabeth Strickland	9/13
Adra Kryszczuk	9/14
Therese Winslow	9/14
Debbie Wrigley	9/15
Paige Straley	9/16
Jane Duralia	9/17
Nancy Prushinski	9/17
Hazel Shell	9/17
Richard Wagman	9/17
Carole Reising	9/19
Walter Murawski	9/20
Victoria Staton	9/22
John Schafer	9/23
John Bates	9/24
Haydee Pujdak	9/25
Mary Bucy	9/26
Lynne Montgomery	9/26
Francine Gissy	9/28
Ron Glover	9/29

Please email Brenda Ireland at brenheart@gmail.com if your birthday is NOT listed OR if you prefer that your birthday NOT be listed.

New Members

Cheryl Conway from Arkansas
Ravi and Pratibha Patel from Los Angeles, California

A BIG Welcome to all!!!

Contacts and Contributors

Officers, Directors, Activity Chairs and Committees

Officers	Position
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
Events Committee	Francine Gissy (chair), Dottie Demarest, Cindy Donahue, Mary Ellen Glover, Shari Kidd, Patsy Lang, Kevin McCutcheon, Haydee Pujdak, Audrey Rozzelle, Sharon Snelling and Dianne Straley.
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
Historian	Connie Yokum
Hospitality	Michele LeGrand, Carol Sawicki
Lunch out	Chuck Bethany
Mah Jongg	Dianne Straley
Members Helping Members	Betty Schwartz, Christi Austin
Newsletter Editor	Brenda Ireland
Programs	Dianne Straley
Publicity	Denise Bukovan
Rummikub	Michele LeGrand
Shooting Practice	Vince LeGrand
Charities	Joe Paussa
Sponsors	Dale Pfingst
Webmaster Team	Greg Gervasio, (site), Adra Kryszczuk (calendar) and Michele LeGrand (roster)



....and last, but not least....a closing thought.....

Be kind whenever possible.....and it's always possible.

Dalai Lama

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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

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c/o Mrs. Gloria Berg
76 Divot Court, Hickory, NC 28601

If you cannot come,
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Gloria Berg.

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

FREE 2019 NCV Membership
Raffle. Tickets \$1.00 each or
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divided among the charities.