

**NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA
VALLEY**

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Presidents Column

Hello Members,

I hope you are enjoying these last days of summer before fall arrives. This month you are invited to hang out pool side to cool off, enjoy plenty of good food and conversations at the home of Vince and Michele LeGrand. Look for details about the annual pool party are found in this issue of the newsletter.

New this month, I am pleased to announce that Patsy Lang has offered to coordinate trips to the International Dinners at the Caldwell College Culinary School. Sign up and enjoy innovative, eclectic three course meals prepared by students. This month the theme will be Africa.

Our speaker at our monthly meeting on September 12th will be Paul Thompson, founder of Transportation Insight, a major employer in Hickory that brings manufacturing and haulers together. I hope to see you there.

Congratulations to our members on the Summer Soiree organizing team. They hosted an elegant evening of good food, music, lots of dancing, laughter and fun. It is so thoughtful that they included charity giving as part of the evening and collected funds to help others in need. Great job by the organizing team. We have heard all rave reviews.

Congratulation to Haydee Pujdak for coordinating a wonderful tour of Montreat and visit to Black Mountain. A large group of members signed up and it's great to see the names of new members on the roster. Thanks to Hal Demarest for an excellent tour! I heard it was uphill coming and going.

Hey folks, donations to our quarterly charity these past months have been very slow. Please don't forget to bring something to help others in need! The description of each month's charity is listed in our newsletter and announced at the general meetings. It's easy to pick up a few items as you shop and bring them to any of our events.

I hope our members going to the Charlotte Motor speedway this month have a good time and their drivers do well in the race.

Enjoy our activities this month. Our volunteers offer fun with MahJongg, Bridge, Lunch Out, Bowling, Coffee and Conversation, Shooting, Dominoes, Rummikub, Samba and Canasta.

Carol Hoover,

President, Newcomers of Catawba Valley



Monthly Events

September Program and General Meeting

Paul Thompson, the founder of Transportation Insight, a major employer in Hickory, is our speaker on Wednesday, September 12th. Mr. Thompson will speak at 10:30 a.m. at Hickory Regional Airport. The company matches freight shipments and carriers and was founded by Paul Thompson. As it expanded, the company moved from offices in downtown Hickory to an 11-acre site on NC 127 two blocks south of the SALT Block. The firm operates in the former Lyerly Mills complex, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The firm has \$1.7 billion in annual gross revenue. It has secondary operation centers in six cities and customer support offices in 50 cities.

International Dinner

You're invited to join the Newcomers Club members for an International Dinner at the Caldwell College Culinary School. Presented by **Culinary Arts Program of Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute**. The dinner, with an Africa theme, will be held on **September 13, 2018 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center, 1913 Hickory Blvd, Lenoir, NC 28645 at 6:00 p.m. and the cost is \$21.00 per person**. Enjoy innovative, eclectic three course meals prepared and served by Culinary Arts students.

To attend a Caldwell Cuisine Event, you must purchase your ticket in advance. **Tickets are available at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center during normal box office hours**. Convenience charges will be added for all online purchases. Because seating is limited, ticket sales will end on the date listed or when sold out. All tickets are sold with a no refund policy.

Tickets available until Noon on 9/10/2018

Tickets

To Purchase Tickets:

J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Box Office
1913 Hickory Blvd, Lenoir, NC 28645
828-726-2404

When you order tickets be sure to ask to sit at the Newcomers table.

Please R.S.V.P. to Patsy Lang at patcyl@yahoo.com by Friday, September 7th for the African date on the 13th of September. Future dates will include:

Greece Menu - 10/18/2018, 6:00 p.m. Tickets available until Noon on 10/15/2018.

Spain Menu - 11/1/2018 6:00 p.m. Tickets available until Noon on 10/29/2018.

Lunch Out

Lunch out will be on Thursday, September 13th at 11:30 a.m. Chuck and Kathy are out of town, so I've volunteered to take the reins and set it up this month for the Blue Moon Tavern, 100 North Main Avenue, Newton. You can find the restaurant's menu on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bluemoonnewton/. Located just off the historic downtown courthouse square, this place has great food, so I hope you'll join us. The restaurant is reserving the entire upstairs area for us (sorry, no elevator)! Please email Adra Kryszczuk at adraellen@yahoo.com by Monday, September 10th to let me know so I can give the restaurant a count. Last minute attendees are always welcome too!

Coffee and Conversation

Friday, September 28th at 1:30 p.m. We found a cafe in Lenoir by accident. It doesn't seem to be advertised and it is out of the way, but guess what...it's very popular! We almost couldn't find a parking spot. Just one left for us. Anyway, it's **Joan's Sourdough Bread at 107 Light Street SW, Lenoir 28645**, just off Harper Ave. We can have lunch and pastries, but we'll have to go at 1:30 p.m. or we won't get a table. They have bread, buns, pies, etc. for sale as well. There are plenty of Google reviews but no website for the cafe itself. **We can carpool from Walmart in Granite Falls.** Ron and Sheri Binning

Annual POOL PARTY at the LeGrand's

The Annual Newcomers Pool and Spa Party returns for its 6th year on **September 15th** at Michele & Vince LeGrand's home in Newton. Sponsors will be Vince and Michele LeGrand and Adra and Zig Kryszczuk. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share, their own lawn chairs and pool towels. The order of foods is **A-J** bring dessert, **K-R**, bring an appetizer, **S-Z** bring main dishes. Water, ice and iced tea will be provided; otherwise it's **B.Y.O.B** (Beer, Wine, Mixers, Etc.) R.S.V.P. to Vince LeGrand at legravin@gmail.com. The party starts at 5:00 p.m. and continues until the last person leaves. Directions to the LeGrand home will come in a future flyer.

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 September, Newcomers Shooting will be on **Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday, September 27th at 12 noon**. Contact Vince LeGrand for further information at legravin@gmail.com.

Book Club

September 26th at 1:30 p.m. Book Club meets every other month on the 4th 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 and Donna McDermott at mcnona52gmail.com.

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.

Bowling

The Newcomers Bowling League returns to the lanes starting on **October 4, 2018**. 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. Contact Vince LeGrand for further information, legravin@gmail.com

Monthly GAMES in September Bridge

SEPTEMBER

Monday, Sept. 3 rd	HOLIDAY
Wednesday, Sept. 5 th	Karen Schafer
Monday, Sept. 10 th	Adra Kryszczuk
Monday, Sept. 17 th	Margie Dickey
Wednesday, Sept. 19 th	Phyllis Kane

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

Canasta /Samba and Lunch

Daytime Canasta is the **Third Thursday** of each month, and this month will be on **September 20th**. Canasta or Samba begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch followed by cards. Lunch, dessert, beverages and an afternoon of fun-filled Cards 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

Due to Scheduling conflicts with the Holiday, there will be no Dominoes game in September.

Games Day

Games Day will be held on **Thursday, September 6th at 11:30 a.m.** Join us for lunch and the game of your choice (Samba, canasta, Mah Jongg, Rummikub, dominoes, etc.). **Players for all games should plan on arriving by 11:30 a.m. so we can have lunch and start playing at 12:00 noon.** For lunch Crosswind Café will serve a baked potato bar (with shredded cheese, bacon bits, steamed broccoli, butter, sour cream) and a salad. The usual beverages (coffee, tea, water) will be available. The cost for lunch and games is \$7; games only is \$3. Some of the games will have a pot. Please R.S.V.P. to Haydee Pudjak at hpujdak@gmail.com no later than 6 p.m. Monday, September 3rd. Let me know whether or not you want lunch and your first and second choice games. If you cancel after this time, you must still pay the \$7 for lunch.

Games Night

Wednesdays, **#1 September 12th** and **#2 September 26th** at 5:30 p.m. 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 5:30-5:45 p.m. to sign in and receive game assignments. Play includes a catered dinner SERVED PROMPTLY AT 6 p.m. and the games will start at 6:30 p.m. This should make it possible to be done and gone by 9:00 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! Please note on your R.S.V.P. the game you wish to play. R.S.V.P. to Martha Conrad marthaconrad@charter.net (**#1**) or Lori Gervasio at ljgerv@yahoo.com (**#2**)

P.S. We are looking for people that want to play SPADES ♠ AND HEARTS ♥

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**. Contact Dianne Straley at dfwhit@gmail.com.

Rummikub

Rummikub will be held on Tuesday, September 18th at 6:00 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. Contact Michele LeGrand at exermom@gmail.com for more information.

On The Road

Hart Square, Saturday, October 27, 2018

Here we go again – and you're invited!

Hart Square is the world's largest collection of wood buildings from the 1840s. Dr Robert Hart, a retired physician has collected over 103 historic buildings displayed in South Catawba County near Vale. Fully furnished buildings include homes, barns, churches, stores, a post office, a jail, a grist mill, a moonshine still, a two-story cotton gin building, a school and a working groundhog kiln. These are just a few examples. The buildings have over 200 live artisans, crafters, and docents in period dress demonstrating tinsmithing, gunsmithing, molasses cooking, cornshuck dolls, and numerous other items of interest. Each area is furnished in period style from the 1840s. Only open to the public on the fourth Saturday in October each year and reviewed as "much better than Williamsburg," this once-a-year celebration is an event not to be missed! Food, fun, learning, historic information, crafts and even the opportunity to be locked up in the jail is available.



Mike and Sandy Sigmon have the opportunity to pre-purchase tickets for the Saturday, October 27, 2018 Hart Square event which usually only go on sale on October 1st and all 5, 000 tickets **always** sell out in less than 90 minutes that day! Newcomers can purchase group tickets early at the same price without the hassle of waiting in line or on the phone. Tickets are \$45 each this year (due to the state requiring taxes to be collected) and the **absolute deadline** for Mike to have your check is **Wednesday, September 12th**. You must give Mike or Sandy your check before September 12th and if you don't catch them in person, please mail with a self-addressed stamped envelope to have your tickets and map mailed back to you. You must include your name, address and PHONE NUMBERS. Mail checks (*payable to Hart Square Foundation*) to

Mike and Sandy Sigmon
226 44th Avenue NW
Hickory, NC 28601

Contact Mike Sigmon for more information at **404-277-7369** or mcsigmon69@gmail.com.

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 to see if one of our sponsors can provide the help you need. Sponsors can be found on the Sponsors tab on the club's web page.

Crosswind Café owner Teresa Rozzelle has delighted customers with superior restaurant dining and formal and informal catering since 1997. Teresa opened Crosswind Café at the Hickory Regional Airport in September 2010. She and her team serve delicious breakfasts and satisfying lunches six days a week. She also caters special events, such as fly-ins and aviation seminars, held at the airport. Through her Crosswind Café facilities, Teresa caters daily with deliveries to Charlotte, Asheville, Shelby, Boone, Hickory and all points in between.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our club is seeking volunteers to help with the following projects. I encourage everyone, especially new members, to consider giving some of your time to help our club thrive. Don't worry, we all travel and have other outside obligations, so we help each other out when anyone may be away from their volunteer job. Your help will make a big difference, will help you make new friends and get the most out of our club. Please call Carol Hoover 828-514-1766.

Volunteer job: Web administrator

This position does not require previous experience in Word Press. Training and assistance will be provided to maintain web site information. Work in partnership with our current web administrator for back up and in coordination with other members of the web team who update various parts of the web site.

Volunteer job: Games Coordinators

Games Days and Nights are some of our most popular weekly events. We are seeking more volunteers to work in partnership with other games coordinators. Specifically this position will work with a partner or team and organize one games event per month.

Birthdays

Birthdays in September

Rose McLaughlin	9/5
Cherie Stewart	9/6
Lisa Travis	9/7
Beth Osbahr	9/8
Bob Dennis	9/7
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 W. 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

Birthdays in October

Lonny McSherley	10/2
William Boyd	10/3
Zig Kryszczuk	10/3
Edward Sawicki	10/3
Mike Sigmon	10/5
Benny Eanes	10/6
Susan McGowen	10/8
L. Conway	10/9
Kathy Bethany	10/11
Bob Seamans	10/12
Linda Monroe	10/13
Rege Duralia	10/14
Cathi Montgomery	10/16
Tom Hilliker	10/20
Larry Goonan	10/21
Shari Kidd	10/21
Linda Dunn	10/23
Denise Fleck	10/23
Scott Ireland	10/23
Bob Stone	10/23
Bob Mersinger	10/24
Connie Yokum	10/27
Christine Almeida	10/28
Shirley Moore	10/28
Louise Mason	10/31

New Members

Steve and Sue Moline from Brainerd, Minnesota
Helen and Al Cobb and Susan McGowan from Sarasota, Florida

A BIG Newcomer's WELCOME to all

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	
Adra Kryszczuk	
Shari Kidd	
Dale Pfingst	
Mary Bucy	
Activities chair	
Book Club	Mary Bucy, 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) , Dianne Straley, Shari Kidd, Cindy Donahue, Kevin McCutcheon, Patsy Lang, Sharon Snelling, Dottie Demarest, Audrey Rozzelle and Haydee Pujdak, Mary Ellen Glover
Daytime Canasta	Chris Beckom, Hedy Paussa
Game Day	Haydee Pujdak
Game Night #1	Shari Kidd, Martha Conrad
Game Night #2	Lori Gervasio, Shari Kidd
Items of Interest	Bob Jones
Historian	Connie Yokum
Hospitality	Michele LeGrand, Carol Sawicki
Lunch out	Chuck Bethany
Mahjongg	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)



**last but not least . . . a closing thought . . .
be kind whenever possible . . . and it is always possible.**

Dalai Lama