

Newcomers of Catawba Valley
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President's Column

Hello Newcomers,

If you are like me, you like to know about good deals in our community, special sales, and unique opportunities.

Word of mouth is a great way to find out about travel deals, restaurant specials, events and much more. I often find that I learn the most from my newcomer friends while carpooling or attending our activities. I hope you also find sharing among friends to be helpful.

So while we all want to learn about our community and opportunities, our club must still adhere to long-standing rules set in place to protect our member's email list. These rules do not allow our email list to be used for direct promotion of commercial business activities or personal items for sale. They are in place to avoid our list from becoming solely a source for numerous business commercials.

If you have personal household items or items from a hobby to sell, please feel free to use the 'Items of Interest' column. This column consolidates items for sale directly by members in one place and is distributed via email once per week. You will find a description of the Items of Interest Column later in this newsletter and on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Jones at itsmerbj@charter.net.

Please feel free to continue to use email to seek references for service providers. The board supports these efforts as they are not direct promotion from a commercial business.

I hope word of mouth, referrals from our members, and personnel items for sale found on our Items of Interest column are helpful to you.

I look forward to seeing you at our events this month.

Carol Hoover, President
Newcomers of Catawba Valley



MONTHLY EVENTS

October Program and General Meeting

Newcomer members will make their annual trek to Asheville this month for a program at the North Carolina **Governor's Western Residence, 45 Patton Mountain Road, Asheville, NC 28804**. Your club has rented the mountaintop home with its sweeping views for one of our best programs of the year. We will hear a talk on the death of Black Beard the pirate, who was killed 300 years ago on the N.C. coast at Ocracoke. Documentary film maker Kevin Duffus of Asheville will be our speaker. His talk is funded by the N.C. Humanities Council, a nonprofit foundation and state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The morning will start with coffee and pastries on the governor's patio at 10 a.m., followed by Duffus' talk in the pavilion at 10:30 a.m. The program is open to the public but parking is limited so every driver will be asked to bring at least three passengers. Carpool and registration is required. Boxed lunches will be delivered by Jason's deli to the pavilion after the speaker. The cost is \$10 per person. Details will be announced later, but the cost of lunch will be collected in advance. R.S.V.P. with **Dianne Straley** at dfwhit@gmail.com and let her know your carpooling plans.

International Dinner

You're invited to join Newcomers members for an International Dinner presented by the Culinary Arts Program of Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute. The dinner, with a Greek theme, will be held on **Thursday, October 18, 2018** at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center, 1913 Hickory Blvd, Lenoir, NC at 6 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. You may purchase tickets in person at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Box Office, 1913 Hickory Blvd, Lenoir, NC (828-726-2404). 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 are available until noon on October 15, 2018. **When you order tickets, be sure to ask to sit at the Newcomer's table.** Please R.S.V.P. to **Patsy Lang** at patcyl@yahoo.com by **Friday, October 12th**. Future dates include November 1, 2018 Spanish Menu - 6 p.m. - Tickets are available until noon on October 29, 2018.

Lunch Out

Back by popular demand, Lunch Out will feature a "road trip" to Rutherford College on **Thursday, October 11, 2018**, where we will feast at the famous **JD's Smokehouse**. If you have not experienced their BBQ, you have missed one of the very best in the area. The restaurant is located at 500 Malcolm Boulevard, in Rutherford College (a.k.a. Connelly Springs). Because the restaurant **does not** accept reservations and is only open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, we will take a different approach to our Monthly Lunch Out. JD's opens at 11:00 a.m. **so we need to meet at 11:00 a.m.** and go through the line at 11:15 a.m. so that we can try to beat the lunch crowd and get one of the larger seating areas. Check out their website (www.jds-smokehouse.com) for their yummy choices and be ready to chow-down! FYI, you need to order and pay as you enter the restaurant and then you go find a table, so late stragglers may not be able to sit with the main group - please try to arrive by 11:00 a.m.! Please send your **R.S.V.P** to **Chuck Bethany** at bethanycw@charter.net by noon October 9th so that I can remind the restaurant that we are coming.

Coffee and Conversation

We will be going to Buffalo Cove Mercantile and Café on **Friday, October 26th at 1:00 p.m.** to take advantage of the lunch menu. *Because of the distance, we can car pool.* Hopefully, there will be some beautiful fall colors putting on a show! Contact **Sheri Binning** at ronald.binning@gmail.com to let her know if you can come 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 September, Newcomers Shooting will be on **Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday, October 25th at 12 noon**. Contact **Vince LeGrand** for further information at legravin@gmail.com.

Book Club

Book Club meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the 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. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 28th**.

Book Club is currently reading 'A Gentleman in Moscow,' by Amor Towles. (Discussion Leader: Joyce Dennis) This book immerses us in another elegantly drawn era with the story of Count Alexander Rostov. When, in 1922, he is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the count is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin.

Bowling

The Newcomers Bowling League returns to the lanes starting **October 4 and 18, 2018**. We bowl at Pin Station in Newton on Business 321 **at 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 OCTOBER

Bridge

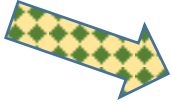
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Monday, Oct. 1 st	Helen Woodyard
Wednesday, Oct. 3 rd	Susan Perkins
Monday, Oct. 8 th	Kathy Bethany
Monday, Oct. 15 th	Carolyn Eanes
Wednesday, Oct. 17 th	Kathy Durand

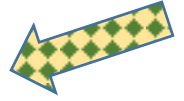
New Members: Please contact **Gloria Berg** (glomcberg@hotmail.com) for details about Bridge or how to be put on the substitute list.

Dominoes

October brings a **DOUBLE DOSE of DOMINOES! Tuesday, October 2nd AND Tuesday, October 30th** at the **Hickory Airport at 6 p.m.** Plan to arrive by 5:45 p.m. Dinner will be served promptly at 6 p.m. in order to allow us finish by 9 p.m. Whether you've played before, or want to learn, come and enjoy an evening of fun. The cost is \$7 per person, plus \$2 for the "kitty" (optional). Players will provide desserts. R.S.V.P. to **Bob Jones at itsmerbj@charte.net**



New Information for Lunch & Canasta, Games Day & Games Nights



A meeting was held in early September and it was decided that Samba and Canasta would be offered ***separately*** at the different events starting in October, 2018, in order to streamline the scheduling process (and reduce headaches) for the coordinating teams at Lunch and Canasta/Samba, Games Day and Games Nights #1 and #2, as follows:

- **Games Day** (1st Thursdays) will offer ONLY CANASTA plus other games as desired, but NO SAMBA.
- **Games Night #1** (2nd Wednesdays) will offer ONLY SAMBA plus other games as desired, but NO CANASTA.
- **Canasta and Lunch** (3rd Thursdays) will become **Samba and Lunch** and will offer only SAMBA and a learning table but NO CANASTA.
- **Games Night #2** (4th Wednesday) will offer ONLY CANASTA plus other games as desired, but NO SAMBA.

NOTE: Holidays and such the last three months of the year may throw the weeks of the month out of sync, so PLEASE be sure to check the club calendar for accuracy!

Members will be signed up for these card games on a first-come, first-served basis and, as tables are filled, 'Wait Lists' will be established and each person on the wait list will be notified as such. Members are encouraged be mindful of the effort put in by the coordinators and keep commitments and be prompt. Except for Samba and Lunch, other games *are* offered and available.

Games Day

Games Day will be held on **Thursday, October 4th at 11:30 a.m.** Join us for lunch and the game of your choice (**Canasta**, Mah Jongg, Rummikub, dominoes, etc.). SAMBA IS NOT AVAILABLE! Players should plan to arrive by 11:30 a.m. so we can have lunch and start playing at 12:00 noon. For lunch Crosswind Café will serve baked ham with a sweet potato casserole. The usual beverages (coffee, iced 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 hpuidak@gmail.com** no later than 6 p.m. Monday, October 1st. 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.

Samba and Lunch

Daytime Samba is the **Third Thursday** of each month, and this month will be on **October 18th**. Samba begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch followed by cards. CANASTA IS NOT AVAILABLE! 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**

Games Nights

Wednesdays, #1 - October 10th and #2 - October 24th at 6:00 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. **October 10th** we offer **Samba**, Rummikub, Mah jongg, Dominoes, and new this year Pinochle and Euchre (NO CANASTA). **October 24th** we offer **Canasta**, Rummikub, Mah Jongg, Dominoes, and new this year Pinochle and Euchre (NO SAMBA). 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 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 (**Games Night #1**) or **Lori Gervasio** at ljgerv@yahoo.com (**Games Night #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 Avenue NE, Hickory. Would-be players get their first "lesson" by watching 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.** on **Tuesdays** and **10:30 a.m.** on **Fridays**. Please R.S.V.P. to **Dianne Straley** at dfwhit@gmail.com.

Rummikub

Rummikub will be held on **Tuesday, October 16th at 6:00 p.m.** at Wynnshire Ridge Clubhouse and Francine Gissy will be the hostess. 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. R.S.V.P. to **Francine Gissy** at fgissy32@gmail.com by 10:00 p.m. the night before the game.

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.

Items of Interest

'Items of interest' is an email sent every Thursday or Friday to the member list. It is a place for members to notify other members of interesting items including events and happenings taking place within our four county area. An item may also be an advertisement for such things as: "For Sale by Owner", "Wanted", "Free", etc. Items will not be accepted of any religious, political or commercial nature (Ex: Realtor listings, Avon, etc.).

Submit your items on a form found on the newcomers website (under the tab "About us") or simply email Bob Jones. Be sure to include short descriptions and your contact information including the members' full name and phone number. If your submission is by email please include the subject line **Item of Interest**.

Items must be submitted each week by noon on Wednesday to be included in that week's distribution. The items will then be consolidated and distributed on Thursday/Friday via email to the member list. Ads will run for one week. If you wish to repeat an ad, simply re-send it to Bob the following week.

To minimize the impact on subscribers to Member List, all items will be consolidated into one weekly mailing. If you would like to opt-out of the Items of Interest distribution use the form found on the web site (under the tab "About us").

Items are only accepted from members for members. Businesses, non-profits and other organizations are invited to advertise on the public face of our web site. Take a look at our sponsors page and our sponsor benefits page for additional details.

Making a Difference: Fourth Quarter Charity/Toys for Tots



Our quarterly charity October to December is the U. S. Marine Corps' TOYS for TOTS. 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. The primary goal of Marine Toys for Tots is, through the gift of a new toy, to help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children. During this quarter, unwrapped toys may be brought to any Newcomers function. The U.S. Marine Corps will provide Christmas barrels around the community. Last year the Newcomers filled the barrels more than any other local organization! Thank You for your support.

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.

Van Fleet Aviation - a loud and proud sponsor (and member) of Newcomers, Susan Van Fleet, owner and operator of Van Fleet Aviation is a licensed Commercial Pilot, Flight Instructor, Instrument and Multi Engine Instructor. Susan is also a Commercial Glider Pilot, Single Engine Sea Pilot and Airline Transport Pilot and has been flight instructing since 1986. All flight training, scenic and photo flights are individualized for you and your schedule. Team teaching and aviation career counseling for my students is also available in either Blue Belle, her newest twin engine or Samantha the Swan, her sea plane.

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

SAVE THE DATE! -- D I Y TERRARIUMS!



Following the November 14th General Meeting, *the Lori's* (members, Lori Gervasio and Lori Martin) will lead a class on making your own small terrarium. The cost will be approximately \$5-6 and will include all necessary materials:-container, gravel, soil, plants and directions. They will also have some small decorations to add as you are finished. Please R.S.V.P. to **Lori Gervasio** at ljgerv@yahoo.com by November 8th if you wish to participate.

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: Games Coordinators

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



Birthdays

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
Cheryl 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

Birthdays in November

Linda Swann	11/1
Richard Brands	11/4
Bob Kidd	11/5
Christine Pfingst	11/6
Michael Shell	11/9
Larry Huggins	11/15
Heather Taliaferro	11/15
Susan Reese	11/24
Sandi Shear	11/26
Kathleen Rozea	11/27
Dottie Demarest	11/29



Please email **Brenda Ireland** at brenheart@gmail.com if your birthday is not listed or if you would prefer that your birthday not be listed.

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	
Activity	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), 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
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
Mahjonn	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, Sandi Shear (site), Adra Kryszczuk (calendar) and Michele LeGrand (roster)



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

Whenever you smile, the people around you will also feel comfortable.