

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley**  
**2525 North Center Street #169**  
**Hickory, NC 28601**

**[www.newcomersofcv.com](http://www.newcomersofcv.com)**

**November, 2018**



### **President's Column**

Hello Newcomers,

Our club needs your help! We are an all-volunteer organization and we need everyone to help keep our club activities going. I encourage everyone to give some of your time to help our club thrive. Don't worry, we all travel and have other outside obligations. We help each other out, work in teams and cover for each other during vacations or when anyone may be away from their volunteer job. Our club is seeking volunteers to help with the following projects:

- **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.
- **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.
- **Back up Treasurer.** Our current treasurer needs a backup person in the event of an emergency.
- **Nominating Committee.** We are seeking a team of three to nominate next year's board members and volunteers.

Your help will make a big difference! Volunteering will help *you* make new friends and get the most out of your club. Please don't expect or wait for others to always do all the work for the events you enjoy.

As they say, many hands make light work. Please contact me ([carolh.home@gmail.com](mailto:carolh.home@gmail.com)) and let me know how you can help. Thank you.

*Carol Hoover,*

President,  
Newcomers of Catawba Valley



## **MONTHLY EVENTS**

### **October Program and General Meeting**

Medicare subscribers, did you know that the company you chose as your Part D insurer for 2018 may NOT be the best choice for 2019? Our speaker at the club's general meeting on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> will tell us how to get up-to-date information on this vital subject. Vickie Blevins, executive director of the Council on Aging, will talk about how to get help sorting out this ever-changing landscape of prescription coverage. Hear her at 10:30 a.m. at the Hickory Regional Airport.

### **D I Y TERRARIUMS!**

Following the November 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ljgerv@yahoo.com) by November 8<sup>th</sup> if you wish to participate.



### **Wondering What to do for Thanksgiving?**

Newcomers Club is playing matchmaker again this year! We're collecting names of club members who have an empty seat (or two or three) at their table and would like guests for Thanksgiving dinner.

And we are collecting names of those who are available to be added to your guest list.

Email Dianne Straley at [dfwhit@gmail.com](mailto:dfwhit@gmail.com) to say if you would like to be host or a guest and we will attempt to fill in your blanks. The hosts will supply the details: when, where and what to bring. This is our third year helping members fill those empty chairs.

**Happy Thanksgiving to all.**

### **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 Spanish theme, will be held on **Thursday, November 1, 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](mailto:patcyl@yahoo.com) by **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Lunch Out**

We will be meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. this month and we are going to stay closer to home, so grab your **sombrero** and **serape** and join as we visit a relatively new restaurant in Taylorsville called Casa Mexico. Kathy and I, as well as a group of friends, have tried Casa Mexico several times and the food is good enough to keep us going back, so I thought I would let you in on our secret Mexican restaurant. They have an extensive Mexican menu so I'm sure that you can find something new and different to choose from. Casa Mexico is located at 60 Liledoun Road in Taylorsville. Please send your **R.S.V.P** to **Chuck Bethany** at [bethanycw@charter.net](mailto:bethanycw@charter.net) by noon November 5th so that I can remind the restaurant that we are coming.

### **Coffee and Conversation**

We have nothing scheduled for November, due to Thanksgiving. See you all in mid-December.  
Sheri

### **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 September, Newcomers Shooting will be on **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon**. Contact **Vince LeGrand** for further information at [legravin@gmail.com](mailto:legravin@gmail.com).

### **Book Club**

Book Club meets every other month on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mebucy@hotmail.com) and **Donna McDermott** at [mcnona52gmail.com](mailto:mcnona52gmail.com). The next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**.

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 will meet on three Thursdays in November; **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>** at Pin Station in Newton on Business 321 **at 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. 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](mailto:legravin@gmail.com).

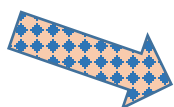
## **////////MONTHLY GAMES IN NOVEMBER**

### **Bridge**

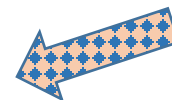
#### NOVEMBER

Monday, Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	CANCELLED
Wednesday, Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Parker
Monday, Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rose Arant
Monday, Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gloria Berg
Wednesday, Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>	CANCELLED

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



### **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** (1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays) will offer ONLY CANASTA plus other games as desired, but NO SAMBA.
- **Games Night #1** (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays) will offer ONLY SAMBA plus other games as desired, but NO CANASTA.
- **Canasta and Lunch** (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays) will become **Samba and Lunch** and will offer only SAMBA and a learning table but NO CANASTA.
- **Games Night #2** (4<sup>th</sup> 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, November 1<sup>st</sup> 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 [hpujdak@gmail.com](mailto:hpujdak@gmail.com) no later than 6 p.m. Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. **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](mailto:beckomgc@outlook.com)

## **Games Nights**

**Wednesdays, #1 - November 14<sup>th</sup> and #2 - November 28<sup>th</sup>** 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. **November 14<sup>th</sup>**, we offer **Samba**, Rummikub, Mah jongg, Dominoes, and new this year Pinochle and Euchre (NO CANASTA). **November 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:marthaconrad@charter.net) (**Games Night #1**) or **Lori Gervasio** at [ljgerv@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:dfwhit@gmail.com).

## **Rummikub**

Rummikub will be held on **Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** at Wynnshire Ridge Clubhouse. A host is needed. Rummikub is a fast-moving rummy tile game for everyone ~ male and female, beginner or experienced player, young and old. 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](mailto:exermom@gmail.com) for more information.

## **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 [bettych69@gmail.com](mailto:bettych69@gmail.com).

## **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**

Here's another in our continuing series of articles highlighting the sponsors who support the Newcomers of Catawba Valley. Again, a reminder to our members to please look to the sponsor page when you need a service. Sponsors are the first listing under the Resource tab.

The Catawba County Chamber of Commerce was voted in 2016 'Chamber of the Year' by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. Catawba County is in western North Carolina, in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Made up of 405 square miles of quaint towns, bustling cities, tranquil country sides, and beautiful lakes, Catawba County is home to endless diversions. Their longest running program, 'Leadership Catawba' has educated and equipped hundreds of Catawba County residents with information about the social, economic, and political dynamics of our community. The program challenges each participant to be an effective and influential leader, not only within their organizations, but within our greater community through personal commitment and involvement. '*Leader In Me*' is a whole school transformation process. It teaches 21st Century leadership and life skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader.

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! -- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> HOLIDAY PARTY!**

Market on Main  
\$30 per person inclusive  
Entertainment by Ulysses Long  
See flyer attached at the end of this newsletter



## **Birthdays**

### **Birthdays in November**

Linda Swann	11/1
Richard Brands	11/4
Bob Kidd	11/5
Christine Pfingst	11/6
Heather Osterer	11/9
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



### **Birthdays in December**

Rosie Bray	12/2
Kevin Fleck	12/5
Michael Kane	12/5
Steve Moline	12/5
Teresa Love Key	12/7
Betty Ann Williams	12/9
Carol Parker	12/10
Chris Beckom	12/12
Amy Chizen	12/14
Dale Pfingst	12/14
Sharon Bennett	12/15
Albert Derocher	12/15
Pam Wagoner	12/15
Penny Boyd	12/16
Millie Kaufman	12/17
Gary Staton	12/18
Kay Stone	12/18
Patrick Leininger	12/19
Kathy Durand	12/21
Joe Paussa	12/21
Howard Gayheart	12/25
Denise Bukovan	12/29
Joyce Dennis	12/29
Ginny Koch	12/29
Karen Schafer	12/31

Please email **Brenda Ireland** at [brenheart@gmail.com](mailto:brenheart@gmail.com) if your birthday is not listed or if you would prefer that your birthday not be listed.

### **Welcome New Members!**

Amy and Harlan Chizen from Connecticut

Jon Kiser from Carrollton, TX

Rob Herman from Knoxville, TN

Kathryn Lovelace from Massachusetts

Karen, Raymond and Heather Osterer from Winston-Salem, NC

Betty Houser from Vale, NC

Sharon Poovey from Hickory, NC

**A BIG Newcomer's W E L C O M E 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	
Mary Bucy	
Shari Kidd	
Adra Kryszczuk	
Dale Pfingst	
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
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
Mahjongg	Dianne Straley
Members Helping Members	Betty Schwartz, Christi Austin
Newsletter Editor	Brenda Ireland
Programs	Dianne Straley
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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, finally . . .a closing thought . . .

*One small positive thought in the morning can change the entire outcome of your day!*