

Newcomers of Catawba Valley
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#169
Hickory, NC 28601
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President's Column

Hello Newcomers,

It's February and that makes me think of valentines and love. Warming our hearts during a cold month is a good thing.

While attending our events, I witness the care, love and respect expressed by our loving couples. You are strong role models to younger couples. *This warms my heart.*

In the past year, I learned the hard way what it's like to lose a spouse, life partner and best friend. Our club members are so special, I feel like I have not lost my couple friends once I became a widow. To all of you, thank you. *This warms my heart.*

I am touched and grateful to the many widows in our club that have reached out to me. I was so unaware of their stories. I was ignorant in my previous bliss.

So when you see someone arrive alone at our events I hope you will be more aware that they are bringing their partner with them, silently, quietly, deep in their heart. You may not be able to see them but they are there, always carried by their partner. Many of you have been helpful in greeting others and always being friendly and welcoming at all of our events. Keep up the good work.
This warms my heart.

Our Board has made it a goal to ensure all of our events are welcoming to all members, single or in partnerships through our marketing and design of events. We have set up many successful car pools. It's sometime hard and usually not much fun to drive alone to some events. Thanks to everyone that has participated in our many successful car pools this past year. Please remember offering a ride can make a huge difference to someone.

This warms my heart.

It's been proven time and time again, our members are exceptionally caring people. Thank you to each of you for making our club special.

This warms my heart.

Carol Hoover
President,
Newcomers of Catawba County



2019 Election News

Election News at NCV!

It's time to elect Officers and Board members for the Fiscal Year 2019 Newcomers of Catawba Valley Board, and also change some wording in our By Laws. During the March General Meeting, a vote will be held to determine who will serve on the Board from April 2019 to March 2020. Below is a list of nominees for each position, and the explanations for By Law wording updates. On March 13th, during the monthly general meeting, a ballot listing these nominees will be provided to all members in attendance at the meeting. At that time, there will be a call for any other nominations and the ballot will allow for write-in voting (voting for a member not listed on the ballot). **Please be sure to attend this important meeting to cast your vote!**

Nominees for the NCV Officers and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2019:

Office

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Past President
Director (4)

Nominee

Delilah Bragg
Sandi Shear
Dale Pfingst
Mary Ellen Glover
Dianne Straley
Shari Kidd
Adra Kryszczuk
Amy Chizen
Suzie Matthews

Updates to the Newcomers By Laws

At the March 13, 2019 General Meeting, members will be asked to vote on the following updates to our By-Laws.

Article XI. Section B. Standing Rules

Remove: The membership directory is not to be used for activities others than for organizational activities.

Replace: The Newcomers of Catawba Valley is a social club which organizes a variety of activities for its members. Members are not to promote their own business (or employer's or friend's businesses) at these activities nor are members to use the membership directory as a source of information for promoting their own business (or employer's or friend's businesses).

Rational: Expands the language to include events (not just the directory) to prevent businesses from using our organization for the purpose of promoting their business.

Article V. Section C. Duties of the Secretary

Remove: Prepare and distribute the newsletter.

Rational: Allows for more flexibility for different members to either perform the job of taking notes at the meeting or producing the newsletter. Twice in three years we have split these jobs between two people.

Article V. Section F. Directors

Remove: The four Director positions are a. Publicity, b. Activities, c. Programs d. Ad Hoc.

Rational: The lead projects are determined by the board. Projects include the web site, charities, sponsors, newsletter, publicity, activities, and programs. The members leading there projects may or may not need to serve on the board to perform these important functions for our club.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

- A.** The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee in November to develop a slate of candidates who have agreed to run for office. The Nominating Committee shall consist of active members. The slate shall be presented to The Board at the January Board Meeting.
- B.** Annual elections for Directors and Officers shall be held at the March General Meeting. Notice of the March General Meeting must be sent to all members between 30 and 60 days before the meeting.
1. Nominations shall be taken from the floor;
 2. Voting shall be held using a paper ballot;
 3. Votes shall be tallied by using a simple majority of members attending the General Meeting.
 4. Members are entitled to only one vote per paid membership.
- C.** Newly-elected officers/directors shall assume office April 1.
- D.** All officers/directors shall serve for a term of one year (April 1 - March 31) and may be re-elected to current office or elected to another office.
- E.** During the term of an individual Officer/Director, only one person from each paid membership may be a Board Member.

Proposed changes

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

- A.** The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee in September to develop a slate of candidates who have agreed to run for office. The Nominating Committee shall consist of active members. The slate shall be presented to The Board at the October Board Meeting.
- B.** Annual elections for Directors and Officers shall be held at the December General Meeting. Notice of the December General Meeting must be sent to all members 30 days before the meeting as noted in the November newsletter.
1. Nominations shall be taken from the floor at the December general meeting.
 2. Voting shall be held using a paper ballot;
 3. Votes shall be tallied by using a simple majority of members attending the General Meeting.
 4. Members are entitled to only one vote.
- C.** The Board will hold a joint board meeting between current and new board member in January.
- D.** Newly-elected officers/directors shall assume office February 1.
- E.** All officers/directors shall serve for a term of one year (February 1 – January 31) and may be re-elected to current office or elected to another office.
- F.** During the term of an individual Officer/Director, only one spouse, partner or family member may be a Board Member.



"Bidding" Farewell to Norma



Norma Jean Leimbach died peacefully at home with her family by her side on Tuesday, January 22nd. She was 83.

Norma and Robert moved to Hickory from Georgia in 2007 and her first action was to find a Newcomers club as she had belonged to Newcomers wherever she lived. The local club had no bridge groups so in January of 2008, Norma formed the first bridge group which was a couple's group that met on first and third Mondays. Later that year, in June, Norma established another group to meet on Wednesdays. Both groups are still going strong today.

Norma was diagnosed with I.P.F. (Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis) about five years ago which put her on oxygen full-time but didn't slow her down a bit until these last few months. She traveled, danced at her granddaughters' wedding and played bridge religiously as long as her health allowed. The smile you see in this photo is the one you always saw on Norma's face

Those lucky enough to know Norma can attest to her spirited playfulness, and flowing dance moves with her husband Robert on the dance floor. She shared her love of bridge with many friends through the years, especially her Newcomers and Oliver's Landing bridge clubs. She also enjoyed golfing and reading mysteries. She was excellent with needlework and her many crochet projects are treasured by her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Catawba Regional Hospice, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658, catawbaregionalhospice.org or Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church, 9379 NC Hwy 127, Hickory, NC 28601.

Catawba Memorial Park has been entrusted with the interment arrangements which will be private. A memorial celebration of Norma's life will be held at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church, 9379 NC Hwy 127, Hickory, NC 28601 on February 15th, 2019 at 4:00 pm.



Monthly Events

February Program and General Meeting

Newcomers will hear an update on the local economy at our meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Scott Millar, president of the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation, will talk about challenges and successes in bringing in jobs.

One of the biggest recent success is the start of the Trivium Corporate Center, a business park financed by Catawba County, the city of Hickory and Millar's nonprofit group. The 270-acre business park has announced its first tenants - Corning's cable manufacturing plant and a German firm, ITM, which will make radiopharmaceuticals for treatment of cancer.

Millar was one of the leaders who helped bring Apple's data center to Catawba County in 2009. Apple initially said it would invest \$1 billion in the site in Maiden. Since then it has spent almost \$5 billion and is Catawba County's single largest taxpayer.

Book Club

Book Club is currently reading Garbage Bag Suitcase by Shenandoah Chefalo : Garbage Bag Suitcase is the true story of Shenandoah Chefalo's wholly dysfunctional journey through a childhood with neglectful, drug-and alcohol addicted parents. She endured numerous moves in the middle of the night with just minutes to pack, multiple changes in schools, hunger, cruelty, and loneliness. Overcoming her many adversities, Shen became part of the 3% of all foster care children who get into college, and the 1% who graduate. She became a successful businesswoman, got married, and had a daughter. Despite her numerous achievements in life though, she still suffers from the long-term effects of neglect, and the coping skills that she adapted in her childhood are not always productive in her adult life.

Betty Schwartz will facilitate our discussion.

Book Club meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday of the month (our next meeting is March 27), at Women's Resource Center at 1:30 p.m. Coordinators are Mary Bucy at mebucy@hotmail.com and Donna McDermott at ncnona5@gmail.com.

Bowling

Newcomers Bowling has two sessions in February: **Thursday, February 14th and 28th** at Pin Station in Newton **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. 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



Bridge

FEBRUARY

Monday, Feb. 4 th	Carolyn Eanes
Wednesday, Feb. 6 th	Phyllis Kane
Monday, Feb. 11 th	Betty Stone
Monday, Feb. 18 th	Carol Parker
Wednesday, Feb. 20 th	Peg Baldwin

MARCH

Monday, Mar. 4 th	Peg Baldwin
Wednesday, Mar. 6 th	Gloria Berg
Monday, Mar. 11 th	Adra Kryszczuk
Monday, Mar. 18 th	Margie Dickey
Wednesday, Mar. 20 th	Karen Schafer

Coffee and Conversation

This is an informal gathering over a cup of coffee or tea or soda and maybe a pastry. We are introducing Newcomers, old and new, to the different coffee shops and bakeries in the area. We've been to some interesting places: a cafe in a corporation's cafeteria, a bakery at an orchard and places out in the middle of nowhere! Looking forward to finding more in 2019.

For this month we'll be going to a new place in February plus a new-to-us place. The Nutmeg Bakery has taken over the old Cornerstone Bakery location on Hwy 127 and has been joined by The Dapper Doughnut, who moved from Morganton. The bakery has bars, brownies and cupcakes, while the doughnut place makes hot mini doughnuts as you watch. They have quite a few toppings to choose from, and some awesome hot chocolate! We will meet on **Friday February 22nd at 2 pm.**

<https://www.facebook.com/tddhickory/>
<https://www.facebook.com/NutmegBakeryViewmont/>

Dominoes

WHEN: Tuesday February 5th

WHERE: Hickory Airport

TIME: 6 PM (Plan to arrive by 5:45)

Cost is \$7.00 per person, plus \$1.00 for the "kitty" (Optional).

Desserts will be on a rotating basis—this month members with last names beginning with J thru Z will be asked to provide desserts. The dinner menu includes: Ham and sweet potato casserole, Salad & Rolls. Tea, coffee, and ice water will be provided. Please email Bob Jones at itsmerbj@charter.net OR call 828-228-0506._

Games Days

Join us for lunch and games. **Game Day #1 at 11:30 a.m. February 7th** at the Hickory Airport for canasta, rummikub, dominoes, euchre, pinochle, mah jongg or other games suggested by members. SAMBA IS NOT OFFERED AT GAMES DAY. Canasta players will be assigned to tables on a first-come, first-play basis. I will confirm your request to play, as we fill up tables of four. Players for all games should plan on arriving by 11:30 so we can have lunch and start playing at 12:00 noon. Cost will be

\$7.00 for lunch. No desserts are offered or required however members may choose to bring a dessert to share if they desire. R.S.V.P. with your choice of game no later than 6:00 p.m. Monday of the same week. If a member cancels after the R.S.V.P. deadline they are still expected to pay for the meal that had been ordered. R.S.V.P to Lori Gervasio at ligerv@yahoo.com.

Game Day #2, "Third Thursday" is February 21st. Samba and Lunch is the Third Thursday of each month. Lunch and Samba begins at 11:30 a.m. CANASTA IS **NOT** OFFERED. Lunch, dessert, beverages and an afternoon of fun-filled Samba 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. **Contact Rick Wagman at (828) 228 0975 by cell or email him at rickwagman@yahoo.com**

****Third Thursday Samba will be February 21st, with the first invitation emailed on Feb 11. Get your RSVP's in ASAP! In January we had 33 players sign up in the first day! ****

Games Nights

Wednesdays, #1 **February 13th, Samba ONLY**, and #2 **February 27th, Canasta ONLY** 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. 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



For our Games Days and Nights we have choices for Samba, Canasta, Rummikub, Dominoes, Cribbage, Hearts... you name it we can have it, we just need enough players for it!! So get your group together and come and join us. We like new games and would love to get more Newcomers to join in the fun!!

Lunch OUT

It's time for another field trip to downtown Statesville to visit a great local restaurant called **Mezzaluna II Restaurant**. The date will be **February 14th** and we will **meet at 11:30am** at the The Mezzaluna II. It's a small local restaurant, located at 115 South Center Street in Statesville, serving fresh and tasty specialties from northern Italy with a "Tuscan" flavor. The wait staff is responsive and helpful, and the savory dishes are prepared by Chef/Owner Alex. Our lunch falls on one of the busiest days of the year, Valentine's Day, so Chef Alex is providing a special menu for our group. We will enjoy the special fixed price menu (\$12.95) in the private banquet room. You can obtain more info about the restaurant and its location on www.mezzaluna2.com.

Please send your **RSVP** to bethanycw@charter.net by noon on February 11th so that I can remind the restaurant that we are coming. Come and join us and support a great local restaurant. I'm sure you will find something on the menu that is outstanding.

Mah Jongg

Have you ever wondered what **Mah Jongg** is all about? Newcomers play the American version of the ancient Chinese tile game that stretches the mind and encourages the players to look for patterns. Don't worry, you do not have to learn Chinese.

We tell prospective players that the game is easier than bridge and harder than canasta. It is possible to play up to 10 times a month at the various gaming events run by Newcomers, both day and evening. That makes **Mah Jongg** one of the most popular games in the club.

Curious? Come watch us play and see if you want lessons.

Contact Dianne Straley for information: dfwhit@gmail.com. Or show up at one of our games, pull up a chair and watch. **We play 1:30 p.m. each Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. each Friday at Pinecrest retirement center.**

Rummikub

Rummikub is on **February 19th from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm**

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. Susan Reese will be the host this month. She will provide a dessert and drinks. Everyone is welcome. **Please R.S.V.P. to Susan at sereese62@gmail.com by 10 p.m. the night before the game so that she is sure to have enough tables, etc.**

Shooting

We shoot at the Springs Road Gun Club at 3462 Springs Rd NE, Hickory, NC 28601. Their website is www.springsroadgunclub.com Dates and times for February are:

Feb 12th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Feb 28th from 12 Noon to 3:00 pm

They offer gun rentals and a wide variety of training classes. If you are a shooter or are interested in learning to shoot, we would love to have you join us. And, in keeping with Newcomers tradition, we generally go for a bite to eat after we shoot. **For more information, contact Vince LeGrand at legravin@gmail.com**

Mardi Gras Party

Let the good times roll! Dust off your wigs, hats and wild outfits and join your NCV friends at a Mardi Gras party (a celebration of earthly delights!).

When: Tuesday, March 5, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Where: Olde Hickory Station, 232 Government Avenue SW, Hickory

Cost: \$25 per person, tax and gratuity included

Please see attached flyer for complete details.

Grab your beads and join the fun, it's time to celebrate Mardi Gras!!!



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.

Allen Tate Realty – Allen Tate Realty is an independent real estate company that is locally run. They are a multi service office offering not only home buying and selling opportunities, but also mortgage services and full-coverage insurance for you and all your properties and personal assets. The company, founded in 1957, has grown to a family of companies that is designed to assist customers with every facet of homeownership.

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



Making a Difference: First Quarter Charity/ Women's Resource Center

125 3rd Street NE, Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 322-6333

Women's Resource Center (WRC) of Hickory has been serving area women and families since 1986 by providing resources, information, enrichment programs and transitional services. Items donated to this program will be distributed to women who would not be able to afford them otherwise. **Products need to be regular size, new, and unopened.** These items are important for self-esteem and healthy personal hygiene. Families receiving government food assistance cannot use their allotment for these items.

Personal Products Pantry (for women and families)

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| 1. Toothbrushes | 7. Toilet Paper |
| 2. Toothpaste | 8. Tissue(Kleenex) |
| 3. Shampoo | 9. Dental floss |
| 4. Conditioner | 10. Shaving razors |
| 5. Soap/body wash | 11. Paper Towels |
| 6. Feminine Products: tampons or pads | 12. Deodorant |

Cleaning Products:

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| 1. Laundry Detergent (box or bottle form) | 6. Dish Soap (liquid) |
| 2. Canned Powered Cleaner (ex. Ajax, Comet) | 7. Paper Towels (roll) |
| 3. Toilet Bowl Cleaner (ex. Lysol) | 8. Toilet Paper |
| 4. Floor Cleaner (ex. Pine Power, Pine Sol) | 9. Bleach |
| 5. Window/Mirror Cleaner (ex. Windex) | 10. Dryer Sheets (fabric softener) |

WRC WOMEN2WORK CLOTHING CLOSET:

Unemployment and underemployment are still at alarmingly high levels yet there are resources to assist women in their search for work. These women may be changing careers or returning to work after years at home. To be able to interview properly, attire makes a big difference in the impression made on a prospective employer. The center works to provide women with the opportunity to choose an outfit or two to wear during their job search, or with basic uniform pieces needed before they can begin a new position. Clothing must be clean, ready to wear and on hangers. (Rule of Thumb: Classic, up-to-date styles. If you wouldn't wear it, please don't donate it.) Due to space constrictions we are not able to take handbags, accessories, hosiery, underwear, or shoes.

1. Slacks and Skirts in basic colors
2. Blouses and button downs (solid or small print)
3. Dresses (solid or small print)



Birthdays

Birthdays in February

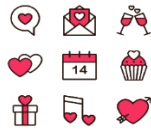
Christi Austin	2/1
Larry Laufer	2/1
Vicki Mullins	2/6
Mike Rozea	2/6
Susan Fontyn	2/8
Donna Berger	2/10
Barbara Laufer	2/11
Butch Dunlap	2/15
Peg Baldwin	2/19
Steven Berg	2/20
Sheila Cooke	2/21
Joyce Walker	2/21
Beth Keane	2/28

Birthdays in March

Bob Holden	3/1
Chuck Bethany	3/3
Helen Reed	3/6
Harriet Bates	3/7
Peggy Meyer	3/7
Nancy Jones	3/8
Richard P. Taft	3/8
Corwin "Kip"	
Kippenhan	3/10
Janet Rudisill	3/10

More March Birthdays

Judy Fahrenholz	3/11
Lori Gervasio	3/12
Monty Matthews	3/12
Larry Parker	3/12
Carol Hoover	3/13
Doris Wallace	3/13
Linda Fedder	3/16
Betty A. Houser	3/17
Kathy Mersinger	3/18
Brenda Panella	3/20
Dennis Donahue	3/21
Harlan Chizen	3/22
Diana W. Earnest	3/22
Greg Gervasio	3/22
Jim Smith	3/22
Addie McSherley	3/23
Jim Bennett	3/28
Joe Longo	3/28
Ann Waldron	3/28
Sharon Snellings	3/29
Greg Conrad	3/30
Karen Dybus	3/30
Debbie Longo	3/30



Welcome to our NEW Members

Maureen Goger from Virginia
Marsha and Bob Holder from Dallas
Donna and Benny Barger from Hickory



Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 – “Fat Tuesday”



6:00 – 9:00 p.m.



Olde Hickory Station (adjacent to the R.R. tracks)

Get out your beads, masks and dancing shoes! The Newcomers of Catawba Valley will be hosting a celebration of Mardi Gras. Our hosts will put on a spread of traditional Mardi Gras fare: Jambalaya, Red Beans and Rice, Po'Boy Sliders, King's Cake, Beignets, non-alcoholic drinks (incl. Hurricanes). Alcoholic beverages available separately. Cost is \$25 per person (tax & gratuity included). So, get your RSVP to Haydee Pujdak by Mon., February 25th. [Send payment to Newcomers of Catawba Valley, 2425 North Center Street #169, Hickory, NC 28601](#)

RSVP to Haydee Pujdak: Email: hpujdak@gmail.com, Cell: 828-639-1281

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, Rick Wagman
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)
Webmaster Team	and Michele LeGrand (roster)



...and final closing thought.."When everything is coming your way.....You are in the wrong lane!!!"

