

Newcomers of Catawba Valley

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Hickory, NC 28601

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President's Column

Hello Newcomers!

Thank you for your confidence in appointing me as your new President! I am excited to be a part of this wonderful club. I have some big shoes to fill following Carol Hoover; but with your help, we can continue to make this club even more dynamic and a source of enjoyment for everyone.

As did many of you, I joined the Newcomers of Catawba Valley to meet people and do things! If you have thought about becoming more active and/or had good intentions of participating more, I invite you to jump in now. Contact me (bayhaute@yahoo.com) or one of the Board members and we can get you connected with the right people. I am amazed at the work of the people who organize the games, the events, the programs and the people who care about this club to keep it running smoothly. Take advantage of the many offerings and upcoming events and let's keep the Newcomers Club of Catawba Valley a lively, fun place to enjoy each other's company.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Delilah Bragg
President
Newcomers of Catawba Valley



Learn how to check out best-sellers and other books and read them on your tablet without ever leaving home. Bring your library card (any county) and your tablet to our April 10 meeting to see how its done. Or search for your ancestors with the library's electronic resources - without traveling to the courthouse. Today's libraries have far more to offer than books on the shelf. Linda Campbell, reference librarian at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library, will speak at 10:30 about technology and the library.

Newcomers meets at the Hickory Regional Airport, just beyond the Crawdads baseball stadium.

**Newcomers Crawdad Event 2019****Newcomers
Special Event!****Saturday, April 13, 2019****Take us out to the Ballgame!**

Newcomers will enjoy a picnic on the patio and reserved seating in the stadium! Hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, slaw, soft drinks, water and all the fixin's! Come on out and watch our Crawdads vs the Kannapolis Intimidators (Chicago White Sox) at L.P. Frans Stadium! Picnic from 6 to 7 p.m. with the opening pitch at 6:30 p.m.

Only \$18 per adult; \$15 for children under 12.

Make it a fun family day!

R.S.V.P. to Kathy Durand for tickets at
kcdurand@gmail.com.

Payment must be received no later than April 6, 2019!
Mail to:

**Kathy Durand
32 Alexander Pointe Drive
Hickory NC 28601**

Hi Everyone, This year's game is opening weekend. I will in and out of town over the next month and will check my email when I can. Tickets are not confirmed until I receive your check. Please make them out to Kathy Durand letting me know number of adults and children. I will send a list of confirmed attendees after the 6th and further instructions. Looking forward to seeing newcomers supporting our hometown team..

Monthly Activities**Book Club**

Book Club is currently reading The Alice Network by Kate Quinn : This story takes place in two time eras, 1947, during the chaotic aftermath of WW II & 1915, a year into WW I. It is about the women spy network that Britain used against the Germans.

Peggy Barton and Mary Bucy will facilitate our discussion.

Book Club meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday of the month (our next meeting is May 22), at Women's Resource Center at 1:30 p.m. Coordinators are Mary Bucy at mebucy@hotmail.com

Bowling

Newcomers Bowling has two sessions in **April: Thursday, April 11th and April 25th**, 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 This will be the last sessions for Bowling for this 2018-2019 season. It will start up again in October 2019.

Bridge

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Monday, Apr. 1 st	Barb Beck
Wednesday, Apr. 3 rd	Carol Parker
Monday, Apr. 8 th	Helen Woodyard
Monday, Apr. 15 th	Susan Perkins
Wednesday, Apr. 17 th	Kathy Rozea

May

Wednesday, May 1 st	Phyllis Kane
Monday, May 6 th	Karen Schafer
Monday, May 13 th	Addie McSherley
Wednesday, May 15 th	Gloria Berg
Monday, May 20 th	Betty Stone

Coffee and Conversation

An informal gathering over a cup of coffee, tea, etc., and a pastry or meal. We are introducing Newcomers to the different coffee and tea places in the area. Usually the last Friday of each month. This month we will go to Atlanta Bread on **Friday the 26th at 2 pm.** Address: [1756 Catawba Valley Blvd SE, Hickory, NC 28602](http://1756CatawbaValleyBlvdSE.com)
Let Sheri Binning know if you can come or just show up, ronald.binning@gmail.com.

Dominoes

Dominoes will be **Tues April 2nd 6 pm.** This is a fun game for ALL ~ male and female, beginner or experienced player, young and old. Please bring \$1 for the kitty. Crosswinds Cafe will cater dinner of Taco Salad with all the fixin's for \$8, SERVED PROMPTLY AT 6:00 P.M! **Players A-J** will bring desserts (please label ingredients!). 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 \$8 charge! Correct change will be greatly appreciated. For information, please contact Shari Kidd at kidd915sl@gmail.co

Games Clarification

At the most recent board meeting it was decided that there was a need to change the names of the games to make it clearer to members what was going on at each of the events. So here are the changes that were approved:

First Thursday "Games Day" will now be called "Canasta and Games"

Second Wednesday "Games Night #1" will be "Samba and Games"

Third Wednesday "Games Night #2" will be "Canasta and Games"

Fourth Thursday "Samba and Lunch" will be "Samba Day"

All these changes have been made to the club calendar and will be made on the website. Hopefully this will clear some confusion for our members.



Games Days

Canasta and Games. Thu, April 4, 11:30am – 3:00pm

Held at Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Dr NW, Hickory, NC 28601 ([map](#))

Join us for lunch and games at 11:30 a.m. at the Hickory Airport for canasta, rummikub, dominoes, euchre, pinochle, mah jongg or other games suggested by members. SAMBA IS NOT OFFERED. 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 of wraps, pasta salad and homemade pub chips, water, decaf coffee and iced tea. 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 10:00 a.m. Tuesday 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 ljgerv@yahoo.com

Samba Day Thu, April 18, 11:30am – 3:30pm

Held at Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Dr NW, Hickory, NC 28601 ([map](#))

Samba Day 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. 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 1-254-285-1611. To join in the fun, contact Chris at beckomgc@outlook.com.

Games Nights

Samba and Games Night Wed, April 10th 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Held at Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Dr NW, Hickory, NC 28601 ([map](#))

Games Night #1 is generally held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Hickory Regional Airport. All games are welcome. We will play your choice of games - Samba, Dominoes, Rummikub, Cribbage, Mah Jongg, Euchre, Bridge or your choice. **CANASTA IS NOT OFFERED.** Cards and dominoes will be provided. Please bring any other game you want to play. We are looking forward to another fun-filled evening this month. Cost: \$7, includes a catered dinner SERVED PROMPTLY AT 6:00 P.M! Players will bring desserts. We must pay the caterer for each meal ordered, so if you make reservations and do not cancel before the deadline of 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, you still must pay the \$7 charge! Please bring exact change. Reserve your spot with Martha Conrad at marthaconrad@charter.net.

Canasta and Games Night Wed, April 24th 6pm – 9pm

Held at Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Dr NW, Hickory, NC 28601 ([map](#))

Canasta and Games Night will be held at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 24th** at the 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 Rummikub, Canasta, Mah jongg, Dominoes, and new this year Pinochle and Euchre. SAMBA IS **NOT OFFERED.** Cards and dominoes will be provided. Please bring any other game you wish. Play includes a catered dinner SERVED PROMPTLY AT 6 p.m., cost is usually \$7. Players will bring desserts. We must pay the caterer for each meal ordered, so if you make reservations and do not cancel before the deadline of 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, you still must pay the \$7 charge! **Please bring exact change.** Reserve your spot with Zig Kryszczuk at zkryszczuk@yahoo.com.

Lunch Out

TBD

MahJongg

Are you curious about one of Newcomers' most popular games? It's American Mah Jongg and our club plays about 10 times each month. Members offer free lessons in learning the game, which is played with tiles and list of possible winning combinations. We play the American version, it's more challenging than canasta and less mentally taxing than bridge. The first step to learn Mah Jongg is to watch one of our games to see if you want lessons. If so, let any player know.

We play at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. and Fridays at Pinecrest retirement center, 915 29th Ave. NE, Hickory For more information, contact Dianne Straley at dfwhit@gmail.com or 328-1412.

Rummikub

Rummikub will be played on **Tues, April 16th 6:00pm to 9:30pm. Location TBA**

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. Please contact Michele LeGrand if you have questions, exermom@gmail.com. Will usually meet at member's homes. The hostess will provide a dessert and drinks. Everyone is welcome. Please R.S.V.P. to the hostess by 10 p.m. the night before the game so that they are sure to have enough tables, etc.

Shooting

Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30pm and on Thursday, April 25th at 12 noon.

Springs Road Gun Club, 3462 Springs Rd NE, Hickory, NC 28601, USA ([map](#))

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. 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

Team Cuisine

Team Cuisine will not be having a meal plan for April, but Jon Kiser did want to share a bit of humor from the March Spanish Themed meal.

Paige Straley put on an impromptu show at our 3/23 Spanish themed dinner at his home. He was caramelizing the flan that Sandi Shear brought. So many laughs!!



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

Sponsor Spotlight

Here is another in the series of articles on the sponsors who support Newcomers of Catawba Valley -- a reminder to our members to check the sponsors scrolling along the bottom of the home page **first** when you need a service.

Catawba Valley Community College seeks to serve the students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community. The vision of Catawba Valley Community College is to be validated and recognized in the achievement of its mission as the statewide, regional, and national standard of excellence for programs, services, and facilities. CVCC empowers the courageous to become champions, the bold to become life-long learners and tomorrow's leaders. Catawba Valley Community college celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2018. The faculty and staff have touched the lives of hundreds of thousands and still today, are about empowering people to achieve their dreams. Catawba Valley Community College continues as a publicly supported coeducational institution.

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.

Ride Sharing

Newcomers of Catawba Valley encourages members who may be unable to attend any of our functions due to lack of ride or nighttime driving issues to notify the event coordinator or any other club member for assistance. There are members throughout the area and we are always happy to be sure everyone is able to attend our activities. It's a great way to meet members who live nearby!

Single Members

Single members are always welcome at **any** Newcomer event! As a matter of fact, the club has more than 40 members who are single. Want someone accompany you to an event? Please contact the event coordinator or a board member; we'll connect you with others who'll be going. Please let us know how we can help you enjoy the events of your club.

Dues 2019/2020

Thank you very much to those members who have renewed. If you haven't yet renewed, please mail in your payment so it is received by March 31st or give your payment to a Board member. The big change for the upcoming year is that dues are paid per person (not per household as in the past). If you renew by the end of March, the dues are \$12.50 per person. Starting April 1st dues go up to the normal price of \$15.00 per person. If you wish to mail in your dues renewal payment, the Newcomers mailing address is: **Newcomers of Catawba Valley, 2425 N Center Street #169, Hickory, NC 28601**



Quarterly Charity

Humane Society of Catawba County WISH LIST

Special treats, toys and much needed items make waiting for a fur-ever home a little easier, especially around the holidays and all year round.



MISC

- ☒ Gift Cards to Home Improvement Stores
- ☒ Copy Paper – white
- ☒ Card Stock
- ☒ Postage Stamps
- ☒ General office supplies (tape, Sharpie Markers, etc)

FOR THE CATS

- ☒ Cat litter
- ☒ Canned kitten & cat food pate style (no fish flavors please)
- ☒ "Purina One" Smartblend Adult Cat food
- ☒ "Purina One" Kitten food
- ☒ 7 oz. ceramic or metal food bowls
- ☒ Cat Toys- interactive, "dangle" type
- ☒ Laser pointers
- ☒ Kuranda Cat beds
- ☒ Kuranda Cat Towers
- ☒ Fleece Blankets

FOR THE CLINICS

- ☒ Medical Exam gloves
- ☒ Alcohol
- ☒ Lint Rollers

FOR SANITATION

- ☒ Bleach
- ☒ bath towels, wash cloths (new or used)
- ☒ 13 gal trash bags
- ☒ Paper Towels
- ☒ Toilet Paper
- ☒ 45-55 gal trash bags or Drum Liners
- ☒ Laundry Detergent – liquid or powder
- ☒ Hand Soap refills
- ☒ Dawn dish washing liquid
- ☒ Scrub pads & Brushes
- ☒ brooms and dust pans
- ☒ Shop Vacs – small & medium
- ☒ Extra filters for above shop vacs

Needs for all The FurBabies:

- Dry Food – Dog, Puppy, Cat, Kitten
- Wet Food – Dog, Puppy, Cat, Kitten
- Cat Litter
- Metal Feeding Bowls – all sizes
- Bleach
- Liquid Detergent
- Feather Wands & Catnip Toys
- Kongs & Peanut Butter
- Kuranda Beds
- Fleece Blankets
- Towels
- Soft Dog Treats
- Slip Leashes
- and most importantly...A HOME!

FOR THE DOGS

- ☒ "Purina One" Smartblend Adult food
- ☒ Canned puppy & dog food pate style
- ☒ "Purina One" Puppy food
- ☒ Soft Training Treats & hard Milkbones
- ☒ Fleece Blankets
- ☒ Kongs (hard rubber toys)
- ☒ Kong Stuff'n paste, Cheese Whiz & Peanut butter
- ☒ Kuranda dog beds



ON THE FLOOR NO MORE!

The "Donate A Bed" program was created to enable pet lovers to help bring a bit of the same comfort to rescue and shelter animals that yours enjoy at home.

Donate a Kuranda Bed. The beds are sent directly to the shelter in the donor's name at a special discounted price.

We hope all will donate what they can of the items listed above to our Quarterly Charity. Our Newcomers Group has always been generous in giving the our sponsored charities.

Welcome to Our NEW Members

Lori Allen from Calif

Cindi Williamson from Texas

Del Liggett from North Carolina

Cheri Poulos from Calif

Ron Kapnick from New Jersey

Linda Meares from North Carolina

Priscilla Carney from Calif

Karen & Jim Peppers from North Carolina

.....and for a bit of fun...if you are still awake!!

Easter Word Hunt

Directions: Look for the ten words in the list hidden in the puzzle. The words can be forwards or backwards.



T	D	W	M	H	H	T
E	Y	D	N	A	C	E
N	E	C	H	I	C	K
N	Q	T	N	U	H	S
O	L	I	L	Y	G	A
B	U	N	N	Y	G	B
P	A	R	A	D	E	F



basket	chick	hunt
bonnet	dye	lily
bunny	egg	parade
candy		



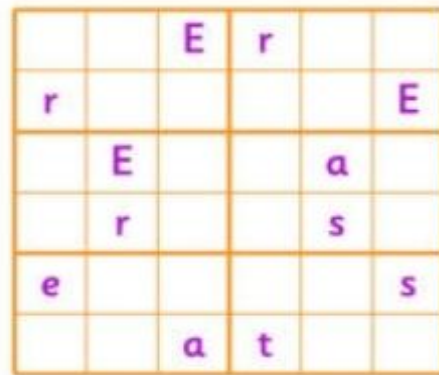
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Easter Sudoku



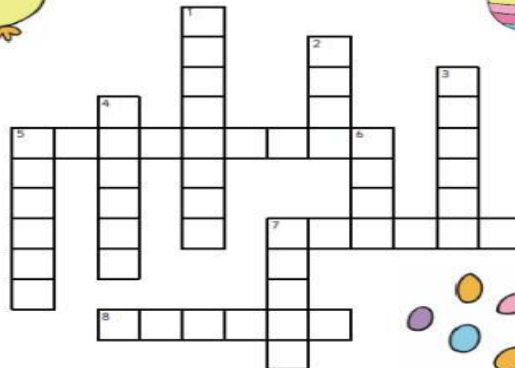
Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters E a s t e r. Don't guess - use logic



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Easter Crossword



Across

5. Easter eggs are often made out of this treat!
7. Collect your eggs in this.
8. The season in which Easter is celebrated.

Down

1. Cheerful, yellow spring flower.
2. You may go on an Easter egg ...
3. Show off your Easter bonnet at one!
4. You may wear one in the Easter parade.
5. These hatch out of real eggs.
6. We give chocolate ones at Easter.
7. Will he visit you this year?



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Birthdays in April

Andy Bucy	4/1
Judy Dostall	4/4
Mike Caudill	4/5
Sharon Hilliker	4/6
Mike Flo	4/8
John Almeida	4/9
Harold W. Mason	4/9
Don Baldwin	4/10
Margie Dickey	4/10
Donna McDermott	4/10
William Waldron	4/11
Etta F. Curtis	4/12
Debbie Dalton	4/13
Susan Leininger	4/13
Jon Kiser	4/14
Al Cobb	4/15

April, con't

Bob Jones	4/15
Dianne Straley	4/17
Joe Durand	4/18
Lisa Burel	4/20
Lori Martin	4/22
Deanna L. Clark	4/23
Chad Burel	4/26
Ray Osterer	4/26
Naomi East	4/27
Susan Perkins	4/27
Delilah Bragg	4/29
Bert Perkins	4/30
Susan Turner	4/30

Birthdays in May

Janis Goonan	5/1
Nancie Jaeger	5/3
Robert Leimbach	5/3
Al Osbahr	5/4
Chris Daniel	5/8
Robert Sykes	5/11
John Wrigley	5/11
Anna Murawski	5/12
Brenda Gordon	5/14
Elaine L. Kalber	5/20
Pratibha Patel	5/24
Teeky Kenny	5/25
Robyn Wolgemuth	5/26
Marc Fedder	5/27
Ric Johnsen	5/28
Karen Mills	5/28

If I have missed anyone's birthday, please email me so that I can keep my list up to date.



~Do What Makes
You Happy
~Be With Who
Makes You Smile
~Laugh As Much
As You Breathe
~Love As Long As
You Live

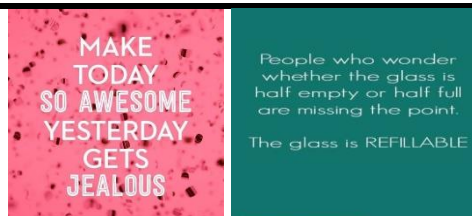


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better with
age then
I must be
getting close
to freakin'
magnificent.



Officers, Directors, Activity Chairs and Committees

Officers	Position
Delilah Bragg	President
Sandi Shear	Vice President
Dale Pfingst	Treasurer
	Secretary
Dianne Straley	Past President
Directors	
Amy Chizen	
Shari Kidd	
Adra Kryszczuk	
Suzie Matthews	
Activities chair	
Book Club	Mary Bucy, Donna McDermott
Bowling	Vince LeGrand
Bridge	Gloria Berg
Charity Coordinator	Suzie Matthews
Coffee and Conversation	Sheri Binning
Dominoes	Bob Jones, Cheri and Ed Stewart
Events Committee	Francine Gissy (chair), Amy Chizen, Mary Ellen Glover, Dottie Demarest, Shari Kidd, Jon Kiser, Kevin McCutcheon, Patsy Lang, Haydee Pujdak, Audrey Rozzelle, Sharon Snelling, and Dianne Straley
Canasta and Games Day	Lori Gervasio, Linda and Royce Dunn
Canasta and Games Night	Patsy Lang, Janet Rudisill, Zig and Adra Kryszczuk
Items of Interest	Bob Jones
Historian	Connie Yokum
Hospitality	Sharon Snellings
Lunch out	Chuck Bethany, Francine Gissy
Mahjongg	Dianne Straley
Members Helping Members	Betty Schwartz, Christi Austin
Membership Package	Sandi Shear
Newsletter Editor	Brenda Ireland
Programs	Dianne Straley
Publicity	Amy Chizen
Rummikub	Michele LeGrand
Samba Day	Chris and George Beckom, Hedy Paussa
Samba and Games Night	Shari Kidd, Martha Conrad, Mary Ellen Glover, Audrey Rozelle
Shooting Practice	Vince LeGrand
Sponsors	Brenda Ireland
Team Cuisine	John and Christine Almeida, Rob Herman and Jon Kiser
Webmaster Team	Greg Gervasio, (site), Adra Kryszczuk (calendar)



...and now, last, but not least, a little parting comment, or two