Newcomers of Catawba Valley
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Presidents Column

Hello Newcomers!

As you might know from attending the General Meeting in May, this quarter's contributions from the Newcomers will be given to the Humane Society of Catawba County. I have a five-year-old friend (in photo) from one of the many shelters. Her name is Tess, she's part lab and part hound. She has been with us for the past four years. If you want to improve an animal's life, the Humane Society could use your help with everything from supplies, walking and cuddling to adoption. If you have any questions regarding donations to the Humane Society, please contact Suzie Matthews (mysuzieq2@qmail.com)

The Newcomers of Catawba Valley have received *Thank You* letters from Alexander County Partnership for Children, South Mountain Children and Family Services, Children's Advocacy and Protection Center of Catawba County, and the Women's Resource Center for the financial contributions that NCV has made to those organizations as a club. With your donations, the Newcomers are making a positive contribution to Catawba County and the surrounding areas! Keep up the good work!

It's our turn now to do some *Thanking*! We have so many wonderful volunteers that keep this club functioning and you all are very much appreciated! I would like to recognize two of those special volunteers that just happen to make a great couple. **Greg and Lori Gervasio**. Greg has spent countless hours rebuilding the website for the Newcomers. We appreciate his technical know-how, the time he has spent to make it workable for us all and the ideas and thoughts that he has shared in order to make the Newcomers website. Lori has been a great asset in keeping the Canasta and Games Day's running smoothly. Her enthusiasm and positive spirit make these events a treat for everyone. When you see Greg and Lori, give them a BIG Thank You!

With the contributions of everyone, both volunteers and participants, our Newcomers of Catawba Valley continues to provide a source of fellowship and good times.

Thanks to everyone!
Delilah Bragg
President/NCV
President
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JUNE Program and General Membership Meeting Wed, June 12, 10:30am -12:00pm Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Dr NW, Hickory, NC 28601

Hickory police officer Clayton Albrecht, a K-9 officer, will talk with Newcomers on Wednesday, June 12, about how specially trained dogs are used by the department. His dog will also come and the two will give a demonstration on the lawn near our airport meeting room. Our monthly meeting starts at 10:30 a.m.







Pics from our Newcomers Picnic at The Stump on May 20th...great food, great location, and best of all.....great FRIENDS!!







Our Host, Toby







A BIG Thank you for the EVENTS Committee for putting this FUN day together!!











Mama Mia Meet Up!! May 24th

Just a fun shot of a great night at the Hickory Community Theater to see Mama Mia. Thank you all for getting together for this photo to be taken!! (:>) (:>)

In Memory of Helen Reed

In Memoriam

Helen Roberts Reed, a long-time Newcomer member, passed away on May $1^{\rm st}$ at age 89 at the Carolina Cares Hospice House. Helen had been an active member of



the club, participating in many of the card games, including bridge, canasta and samba. In addition to her club activities, Helen was also a very creative quilter, making many beautiful quilts by hand and she served as a docent every year at Hart's square as a quilter.

She was a member of St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Hickory and was extremely active in numerous church and community organizations who passionately put the needs of others (and especially those less fortunate) above the needs of herself.

Those of us who knew Helen will remember her as a fun-loving individual; a joy, loved by all who knew her. She was indeed a gracious lady! A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 3rd at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 629 8th Street NE, Hickory. The family invites all who wish to celebrate her life to stay for a 'potluck' luncheon in the fellowship hall at the church immediately following the service. A private burial will be held at a date to be determined in the St. Andrews memorial garden.















MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Book Club

Book Club is currently reading This is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel. In her novel, Laurie Frankel takes real-life experiences of people who have transgender children and puts them into a story of a family. Penn and Rosie are a close, loving couple, living in Madison, Wisconsin with their five boys. But it becomes evident before long that their youngest, Claude, feels like he should have been born a girl. So how do these strong, supportive parents go about helping their son live as the person he wants to be?

Book Club meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday of the month (our next meeting is July 24), at Women's Resource Center at 1:30 p.m. Barb Beck will facilitate our discussion. The Coordinator is Mary Bucy at mebucy@hotmail.com

Bowling

Newcomers Bowling is on hiatus for the Summer. It will return in early October.

Bridge			
June		July	
Monday, June 3 rd	Kathy Rozea	Monday, July 1 st	Helen <u>Woodyard</u>
Wednesday, June 5 th	Susan Perkins	Wednesday, July 3 rd	Susan Perkins
Monday, June 10 th	Laurie Johnsen	Monday, July 8 th	Barbara Womack
Monday, June 17 th	Margie Dickey	Monday, July 15 th	Karen Schafer
Wednesday, June 19 th	Kathy Durand	Wednesday, July 17 th	Karen Schafer

Coffee and Conversation

Coffee will be at **Buffalo Cove Mercantile and Cafe on Friday June 24th**. We'll go early at 1 pm for lunch. Hopefully, we will see 6 miles or so of rhododendrons. We're going a week because of the lunch outing on the 28th. It might put us closer to peak flower viewing anyway. Here's a link: https://www.facebook.com/buffalomercantilecompanyandcafe

Dominoes

<u>Tuesday</u> June 4th @ 6pm (<u>Plan to arrive by 5:45</u>) @ Hickory Airport We will be playing Chicken Foot!!

Cost is \$8.00 per person, plus \$1.00 for the "kitty" (Optional).

>>>> 5 thru Z will be asked to provide desserts. <<<<

<u>The dinner menu will be</u>: Beef Tips, Real Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Salad, Rolls & Butter. Tea, coffee, and ice water will be provided.

A > Please email Bob Jones at itsmerbj@charter.net OR call 828-228-0506.

Once you make your reservation, you will be obligated to pay the caterer for your meal—whether you attend or not, <u>unless you cancel before the deadline of Sunday June 2 at 6:30 PM.</u>

Bob Jones <u>itsmerbj@charter.net</u>

Ed & Cheri Stewart

Games Days and Nights @ HICKORY AIRPORT

Canasta and Games DAY Thu, June 6, 11:30am - 3:00pm

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. <u>SAMBA IS NOT OFFERED</u>. 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 \$8.00 for lunch of Taco Salad & bread sticks, decaf coffee, iced tea and water. 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 Royce Dunn at royce4084@gmail.com.

Samba and Games Night Wed, June 12, 6pm - 9pm

Hickory Regional Airport (map)

Usually 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. <u>CANASTA IS NOT OFFERED</u>. 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: \$8, 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 \$8 charge! Please bring exact change. Reserve your spot with Martha Conrad at marthaconrad@charter.net.

<u>Samba Day Thu, June 20, 11:30am - 3:30pm</u>

Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Dr NW, Hickory, NC 28601 ($\underline{\text{map}}$)

Held on 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

Canasta and Games Night Wednesday, May 29th at 6:00 p.m.

Will be held at the Hickory Regional Airport. We are looking forward to seeing everyone this month, so come eat dinner and play the game of your choice. We offer Rummikub, Canasta, Mah jongg, Dominoes, or any game you choose! SAMBA IS NOT OFFERED AT CANASTA AND GAMES NIGHT. Cards, Rummikub and Dominoes will be provided. Please bring any other game you want to play. I will confirm your request to play as we fill up tables of four. We are looking forward to another fun-filled evening this month. Get your group together or just come on out and try a new game. Please note on your R.S.V.P. the game you wish to play. Play includes a catered dinner SERVED PROMPTLY AT 6 p.m., cost is \$8. Players E-K 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 \$8 charge! Please bring exact change. Reserve your spot with Zig Kryszczuk at zkryszczuk@yahoo.com.

Lunch Out

'Lunch Out' is June 13th at Food Factory at 11:30am. We will be dining on the veranda which is a glass enclosed room over-looking Lake Hickory. Level parking is limited. The good news is that the entrance is on the upper area which is flat.

Interested in a 'mini' cruise to the restaurant? Two members have offered to transport members to the restaurant on their pontoon boats! *Limited to 20 and departing at 11:00am from*

the Whittenberg Boating Access. [Whittenberg is just past the bridge to Bethlehem. Take 127 to Shiloh Church Road and then Wildlife Access Road. I will provide detailed information for those going by boat.] 'Mini' cruise requires stairs to access the restaurant - moderate activity level.

RSVP to: Francine Gissy @ fgissy32@gmail.com or (828) 578 - 8488

Include your RSVP for the 'mini' cruise.

DEADLIINE: June 7 (Friday)

Mah Jongg

Lots of players

Our mah jongg group is consistently attracting enough players to fill three tables. That's a strong showing for our group, which late last year had one or two tables of players.

And on May 24, we had four tables of players. What a great turnout!

You can join us. The club regularly offers lessons in American-style mah jongg, a game of tiles that is often described as more difficult than canasta and easier than bridge. It is good for our aging brains because it forces you to look for patterns and then adjust when that first pattern becomes impossible. The first step in signing up for lessons is to watch a few games to see if this is something you want to pursue. Then we will have lessons.

We play at Pinecrest retirement center at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays. You may also watch us play at the Hickory airport. Questions?????Dianne Straley: 308-4282 or dfwhit@gmail.com Here is a photo of our 4 table day we had just last week!!!



Rummikub

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.

Rummikub will be held on June 18 at Wynnshire Clubhouse hosted by Millie Kaufman

Shooting

Shooting will be held on Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30pm and on Thursday, June 27th 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

Next Meal will be June 8th. The Yokums planned a NOLA themed meal. The menu is very authentic, with a seafood gumbo entree, with crab puff and mushroom appetizers. We will enjoy an overnight layered salad and a four layer roux cake. The host homes may serve a signature drink, I.e., daiquiris. Team Cuisine is still finding its way, but we have had many enthusiastic participants. Right now we have 34 diners for our 6/8 meal, which is incredible. We have four host homes. We aim to have various folks plan a menu, hosting or not. The menu should speak to those who who are foodies, and be manageable for 4-5 cooks per house.

Going forward, we aim to have a viable and committed group of people who enjoy cooking and socializing with others who enjoy it as well. This is a structured club, not a pot luck. Diners need to enjoy the challenge of following a recipe that they are assigned, and take it to a home that they are assigned to. No one is a stranger in our Newcomers club. I am so proud of all you and others do, and I hope that Team Cuisine is sustainable. No one expects perfection.

Contact Jon Kiser @ jaydeekay59@gmail.com or Christine Almeida @

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SAVE THESE DATES

June 14th 9am to 3 pm Asheville River Arts District (RAD) Walk and Lunch

The Asheville River Arts District (RAD) consists of a vast array of artists and working studios in 23 former industrial and historical buildings. The District is spread along a one mile stretch of the French Broad River with more than 200 artists working in the RAD. Types of art include clay, paints, pencil, pottery, metal, fiber, glass, wax and more. Parking is FREE!

Lunch is scheduled at 12:30pm at the 12 Bones Smokehouse

This is a scheduled Newcomers event.... Just in case you weren't sure.

I have four reservations so far, and I think we'll keep this event at around 20 members.

<u>I'll close the event around June 10^{th} </u>, and send out more information to those attending.

Contact Susan Reese @ sereese62@gmail.com

Mint Restaurant Indian Luncheon

On Friday, June 28th, the Newcomers will be traveling to Boone, NC for an Indian Luncheon at 12 Noon. The restaurant is "Mint", and is an easy drive up Hwy 321, approximately 1 hour away. Mint has gotten rave reviews and is rated #2 of 93 restaurants in Boone with Trip Advisor. The cost for the buffet is \$10 per person + drinks, but you can also choose to order from the menu.

After lunch, you may wish to stop on the way home at the Tanger Outlets in Blowing Rock, or even stop at Kilwin's in Blowing Rock for ice cream or more shopping.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Margie Dickey via email at mmdickey@gmail.com (828-495-1230) no later than June 25th. If you wish to go and cannot arrange your own carpool, let Margie know. Others wishing to carpool can meet at Rose's (1149 US-70, Hickory) and leave by 10:45 from there.

PONTOON PARTY: Flyer with detailed information will be emailed the first week in June.

July 15th: 11:30am - 3:00pm

July 22nd: 11:30am - 3:00pm (Rain Date)

Sign up for the Newcomers' boat party for an afternoon of fun, food, and friendship. By 12:30pm, pontoon boats will join up with Lake Hickory Adventures and tie up to it for a potluck dinner, swimming, etc. Pontoon boat captains will determine and communicate with you the exact departure place and time.

A - I: DessertsJ - R: Side DishesS - Z: Main Dish

Boat Captains AND Members RSVP to the following members. You will receive an email the week prior to the party, confirming all the details. When you RSVP include name, cell number, home number and email address. Space is limited, so submit your reservations ASAP.

Sharon Snellings: scsnellings@qmail.com or (301) 502 - 7907

Kevin McCutcheon: kevinmccutcheon76@gmail.com or (828) 443 - 1560

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.

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 Highlight



Our Sponsor HIGHLIGHT is on one of our newer Sponsors, Life Enrichment Travel and its owner, Mike Sigmon. Mike joined Newcomers in June 2017 when he and his wife, Sandy, moved back to Hickory, where he was born and they were married. Mike has been in the Ministry for over 50 years, some of which was in Georgia from 1975 to 2017. His passion now is in Travel, which he has been a Travel Agent for more than 25 hears. He has been to 6 continents.

48 countries, and 47 states so far. He has also written various travel articles. So, if you are looking for a GREAT ADVENTURE,

7/2 7/6 7/8 7/9 7/15 7/16 7/16 7/18 7/21 7/30

Please contact Mike at 404-277-7369!!

Birthdays

Birthdays in June		Birthdays in July
Neil Forrest	6/2	Mike Baretsky
Amanda Black	6/3	Rose Arant
Bill McLaughlin	6/4	Audrey Rozzelle
Verna McDowell	6/8	Bob Williams
Stan Bumgarner	6/11	Barbara Womack
Kris Bowman	6/13	Kitty Clark
Jeffrey McDermott	6/13	Helen Cobb
Muriel Galluzi	6/13	Bernadette Coffey
Betty Schwartz	6/13	Jane Woodward
Kenneth Pujdak	6/17	Cindy Donahue
June Chalk	6/18	Marvin Yokum
Cass Taliaferro	6/18	
George Beckom	6/21	
Doak Walker	6/21	
Laurie Johnsen	6/22	
Bill Jones	6/22	
Gloria Berg	6/24	
Dennis Valkanoff	6/24	
Bev Forrest	6/26	
Sandy Sigmon	6/27	
Carol Earl	6/30	





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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

- ▼ 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)

- ▼ 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
- ✓ 13 gal trash bags
- Paper Towels
- ▼ Toilet Paper
- ☑ Laundry Detergent liquid or powder
- ✓ Hand Soap refills
- ☑ Dawn dish washing liquid
- ✓ Scrub pads & Brushes
- ✓ 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



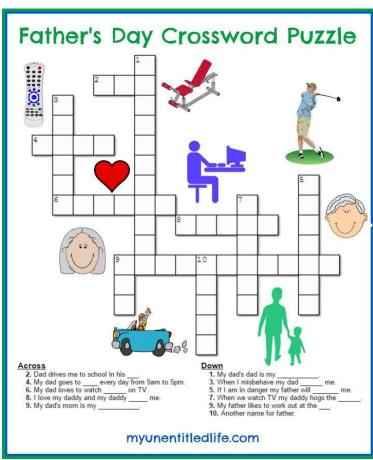
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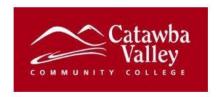
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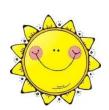




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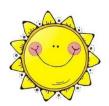












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Dominoes	Bob Jones, Cheri and Ed Stewart		
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Canasta and Games Day	Lori Gervasio, Linda and Royce Dunn		
Canasta and Games Night	Patsy Lang, Janet Rudisill, Zig and Adra Kryszczuk		
Items of Interest	Bob Jones		
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Mahjongg	Dianne Straley		
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.....and last but not least.....a lil' parting thought.....











