

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley**  
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## **President's Column**

Hello Newcomers!

Summer is a lot of fun around here. I'm not quite acclimated to the hot/humid temperatures, but I'm having fun despite the temperature (and downpours). The Newcomers are an active group and I have joined in for listening to music, site seeing, eating, conversation, and generally just getting to know folks and the area. We all have our reasons for participating in this club and I'm thankful that we have such wonderful people coming up with ideas and implementing them for the benefit of us all.

One of the many Newcomer events is the NCV Book Club. The Book Club meets every other month at the Women's Resource Center and although I have not joined the book club, I have heard about the lively discussions from the group. Thanks to the guidance of **Mary Bucy**, the Book Club continues to provide food for thought and spirited discussions. Kudos go out to Mary for the efficiency of her synopsis of the suggested books. If you would like to join in on this dynamic group, please contact Mary at [mebucy@hotmail.com](mailto:mebucy@hotmail.com) for more information.



Let's all be safe and enjoy the season!

**Delilah Bragg**

President

NCV

## July Program and General Meeting..July 10 @ 10:30/Hickory Airport

### Learn about the Catawba

Catawba River Keeper Brandon Jones will speak with Newcomers on Wednesday, July 10, about the health and future of the Catawba River.

Brandon is a local expert on water quality, runoff, development and other issues that affect our river. He will be introduced by club member Chad Burel, who is on the board of directors of the Catawba River keeper Foundation.

The 220-mile long river rises in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and after a name change, reaches the Atlantic Ocean as the Wateree River. The river has 11 dams in the two Carolinas.

The July 10 meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Hickory Regional Airport.

## Special Events



### **July Boat Party Social Monday, July 15 Rain Date: Mon Jul 22 11:30 am – 3:00 pm**

Sign up now for the Newcomers' boat party hosted by the Newcomers Special Events Committee and the Burel's on July 15th. This promises to be an afternoon of fun, food, and friendship as always. We currently have a number of boats with captains. We need more! You must sign up now because seating is limited -- first come, first serve. We will board the boats around 11:00 pm for a ride on Lake Hickory. Your captain will determine and communicate with you the exact departure pickup place and time. By 12:30 pm we will join up with the Lake Hickory Adventure's yacht and tie up to it for a potluck dinner, swimming, etc. Wear your bathing suit, bring sunscreen and towel as we will be in a location with less shade than previous years.

**RSVP: Sharon Snellings at (301) 502-7907 or [scsnellings@gmail.com](mailto:scsnellings@gmail.com); or Kevin McCutcheon at (828) 443-1560 or [kevinmccutcheon76@gmail.com](mailto:kevinmccutcheon76@gmail.com).** Be sure to sign up early as seating is limited. Please indicate if you are willing to captain a boat. Boats will be captained by Lake Hickory Adventures and those that sign up (TBD). When you rsvp, please include your phone numbers (home and cell) and email. You will receive an email the week prior to the party, confirming all the details.

**Food:** It is easiest to bring "picnic style" foods. There will be limited cooler space and no way to heat anything, so plan accordingly. **Bring enough food for 12+ people.** Boat owners will provide a few simple snacks for the boat tour. Food assignments by first initial of your last name are as follows:

- A – I                      Desserts
- J - R                      Side Dishes
- S – Z                      Main Dish

**Beverages:** Everyone, including boat owners, must **bring ALL of your own beverages** (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic).

**Paper Goods:** Paper goods, eating utensils, cups, garbage bags will be provided.

**Plan B:** In case of inclement weather, the party will be held the following Mon, keeping the same protocol.

**Need to Cancel???** We anticipate a waiting list since space is limited. If you need to cancel for any reason, please let Sharon or Kevin know as soon as possible so someone else can have your spot.



# ***Newcomers Pool & Spa Party!!***

***Saturday, July 27th – Rain or Shine***

***From 5:00 PM until ???***

## **Potluck at the LeGrand's home**

1404 Redmon Court, Newton

*(Directions to follow in an  
upcoming flyer)*

### **Your hosts:**

**The LeGrand's and  
The Straley's**

### **Starting letter of Last Name:**

Bring a dessert -- A - G

Bring an appetizer -- H - O

Bring a main dish -- P - Z

**RSVP to Vince**  
**[legravin@gmail.com](mailto:legravin@gmail.com)**



Water, iced tea and  
ice will be provided

**B.Y.O.B.\***

*\*Beer, Wine, Mixers,  
etc.*



**Photos  
from  
2017  
Party**



**No photos  
from 2018  
due to**

**Hurricane Florence**



***Please bring lawn chairs to ensure seating for everyone***

# Monthly Activities

## Book Club

Wed, July 24, 1:30pm - 4:00pm Women's Resource Center, 125 3rd St NE, Hickory, NC 28601 ([map](#))  
The book for July is "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? The nuances and unforeseen pitfalls of trying to protect your child from fear and hate while nurturing a sense of acceptance is daunting. What is private and what is a secret, and what is, really, nobody's business? Sometimes secrets have a way of materializing in the blink of an eye or the span of an innocuous question, and this novel is about the lengths we will go, as parents and siblings, to protect each other. The novel is an incredible read that speaks to the heart of what it means to love and be loved by family. Facilitator: Barb Beck. Book Club meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Women's Resource Center. Our selections for 2019 are posted on the web site. Coordinators are Mary Bucy ([mebucy@hotmail.com](mailto:mebucy@hotmail.com)) and Donna McDermott ([ncnona5@gmail.com](mailto:ncnona5@gmail.com)).

## Bowling

Bowling is on hiatus until early October.

## Bridge

### July

Monday, July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Helen Woodyard
Wednesday, July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Susan Perkins
Monday, July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Womack
Monday, July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Rozea
Wednesday, July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Schafer

### August

Monday, Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gloria Berg
Wednesday, Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	Gloria Berg
Monday, Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Bethany
Monday, Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gloria Berg
Wednesday, Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	Kathy Durand

## Coffee & 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. Let Sheri Binning know if you can come or just show up, [ronald.binning@gmail.com](mailto:ronald.binning@gmail.com)  
The next two months are for ice cream! Yay! We will go to Taste Full Beans at the Furniture Mart on Friday July 26th at 2 pm to 4 pm.... Enter at the South Entrance.



## Dominoes

Tuesday July 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6pm (Plan to arrive by 5:45) at the Hickory Airpor

We will be playing Chicken Foot!!

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

>>>> A thru J will be asked to provide desserts. <<<<<

The dinner menu will be: Loaded Potato Bar, Mixed Green Salad, Rolls & Butter. Tea, coffee, and ice water will be provided.

Please email Bob Jones at [itsmerbj@charter.net](mailto: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, unless you cancel before the deadline of Sunday June 30th at 6:00 PM.

## Games Days



Due to Canasta and games falling on July 4th, we will skip this month.



Thu, July 18, 11:30am - 3:30pm @ the Hickory Airport

**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](mailto:beckomgc@outlook.com).

## Games Nights

**Samba and Games Night / Wednesday, July 10, 6 to 9 pm @ Hickory Airport.**

Samba and Games Night 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: \$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](mailto:marthaconrad@charter.net).



**Canasta and Games Night/Wednesday, July 24th at 6:00 p.m.** 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 **S-Z** 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. the Tuesday before play, you still must pay the \$8 charge! **Please bring exact change.** Reserve your spot with Zig Kryszczuk at [zkryszczuk@yahoo.com](mailto:zkryszczuk@yahoo.com)

## **Lunch Out**

**'Lunch Out' is JULY 11th (11:30am) at Fresh Chef in Conover, NC.** There is plenty of parking and easy access (no steps) to the restaurant. This is a new restaurant in Conover. There are four other restaurants in the Charlotte metro area. Members recommended this restaurant for 'Lunch Out' and this venue is definitely worth supporting. I had the best-ever portobello sandwich and grilled asparagus. *The restaurant serves fresh not frozen food, all house-made salad dressings and every item is prepared on a grill or flat-top range - no microwaves.*

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

**DEADLINE:** July 9th (Tuesday)

**FRESH CHEF** 201 Conover Station, Suite. A, Conover, NC 28613  
**(828) 994 - 4187** [www.freshchefkitchen.com](http://www.freshchefkitchen.com)

## **Mah Jongg**

Club members play on Tuesday's at 1:30pm and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at **Pinecrest Retirement Center, 915 29th Ave. NE, Hickory.** We play the American version, it's more challenging than canasta and less mentally taxing than bridge. Contact me and we will arrange a time for you to take lessons or just watch several of us play. Lots of fun! **Dianne Straley, [dfwhit@gmail.com](mailto:dfwhit@gmail.com)**

## **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](mailto:exermom@gmail.com). This month the game will be held on **Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Wynnshire Ridge Clubhouse, 820 29th Avenue NE, Hickory.** Sharon Snellings will be our hostess. She will provide a dessert and drinks. Everyone is welcome. Please R.S.V.P. to Sharon at [scsnellings@gmail.com](mailto:scsnellings@gmail.com) by 10 p.m. the night before the game so that they are sure to have enough tables, etc.

## **Shooting**

In July, Newcomers Shooting will be held on **Tuesday, July 9th at 6:30 pm and on Thursday, July 25th at 12 noon.** We meet at **Springs Road Gun Club, 3462 Springs Rd NE, Hickory, NC 28601, USA** ([map](#))

## Team Cuisine

Team Cuisine has been to France, Spain, and New Orleans, now get ready for **Italian Cuisine**—with a twist! Jon Kiser has planned a four course menu (plus dessert) of traditional Italian foods prepared not quite the way you might expect! We will begin with a Bellini, a base of freshly made peach puree topped off with Prosecco, the sparkling white wine of Italy.



We'll begin our soiree at 4:00pm (as an experiment) instead of our usual 6:00pm to accommodate those who are not able to stay up late. We are hoping for hosts to volunteer a table of eight so that, "La Dolce Vita" may spread throughout the Catawba Valley.

Jon will post the menu with the complete recipes on July 5th so that everyone may see what treats lie in store. Send us your RSVP now or anytime before July 19th, which will be our deadline for reservations. For those of you who are willing, we still need hosts!

**SAVE THE DATE!**      **Italian—with a twist**  
**Saturday, August 17, 2019**  
**4:00 pm**  
**At various host homes**



## 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](mailto:bettysch69@gmail.com)

## Quarterly Charity/ HICKORY SOUP KITCHEN

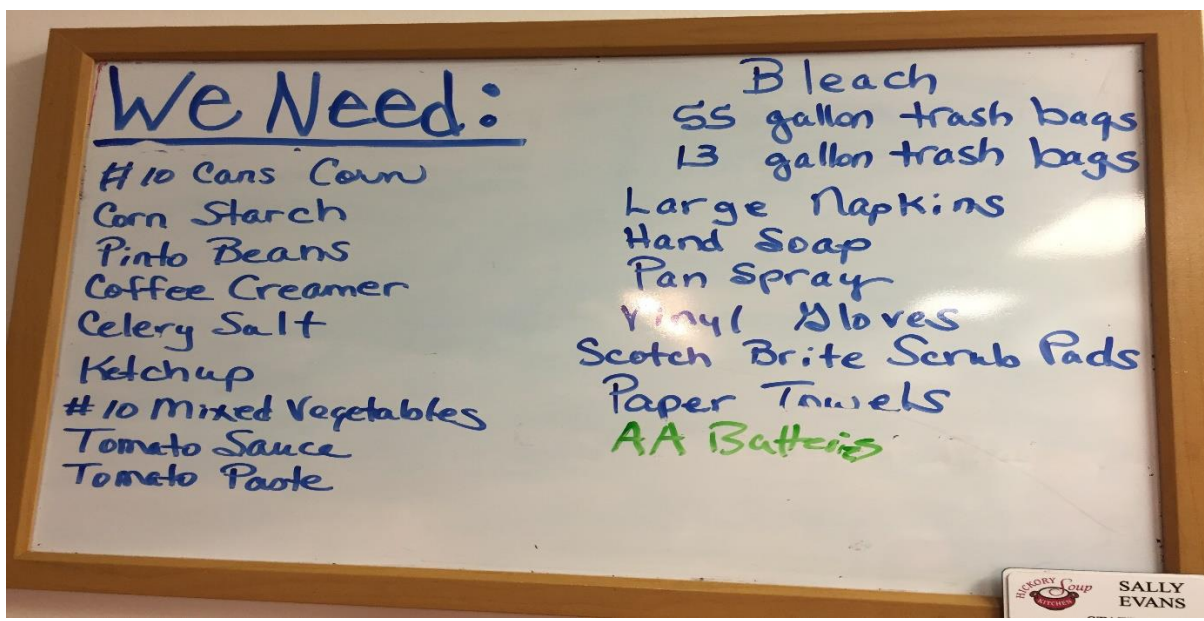


As the only Soup Kitchen in Hickory, we serve an average of 215 people, 325 plates daily---plus a providing safe shower facilities, take-home groceries, and much more.

Each year HSK participates in a variety of events to raise funds and awareness, collect goods and more. We rely on volunteers to make our mission a reality...can you lend a hand??

HSK has a WISH LIST board...and a photo of the current board is below!!

Board Member, Suzie Matthews has spoken to Austin Pearce @ HSK, and he states HSK has a budget of a mere \$2000 a year to pay 4 workers, and they have up to 20 volunteers a day with 7 people on the serving line. Austin said that he learned that people DO WANT TO WORK! So doughnuts and coffee are offered in am. Some of these people walk 45 minutes to get to the soup kitchen by 6:00 am! A shuttle leaves the center at 6:00 am taking 9 people to jobs.. So HSK is requesting bicycles.  
<https://hickorysoupkitchen.org/>



In Memoriam



Donna Wilson



Former long-time member, Donna Wilson, lost her battle with COPD on June 28, 2019. Donna had had surgery to repair a hole in her lung, but did not recover. Donna was Shari Kidd's sister and was known for her feisty wit and willingness to play a game anywhere, any time! Until this past year, Donna had lived here in Granite Falls with Shari and Bob. She recently returned to Virginia to live with her son. Those who knew Donna will remember her for her tenacity and propensity to speak her mind! She was a true character and dear friend to many. Please keep Shari and Bob and Donna's family in your prayers.





Frank and Donna Coletto have been in business in Hickory and Catawba County since 2011 and have been Sponsors for Catawba Valley Newcomers since 2012.

Their web address is <https://hickorync.hbcarpetcleaning.com/> They provide numerous cleaning services such as Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning, Duct and Dryer Vent Cleaning and Sanitizing, Tile and Grout Cleaning and Sealing, Hardwood Floor Polishing, and Marble Polishing. They use environmentally friendly and proprietary cleaning products, safe for children, babies and pets!! Call them at 828-759-5225 and get an estimate for your cleaning needs!!



## BIRTHDAYS



### Birthdays in July

Mike Baretsky	7/2
Rose Arant	7/6
Audrey Rozzelle	7/8
Bob Williams	7/9
Barbara Womack	7/11
Kitty Clark	7/15
Helen Cobb	7/16
Bernadette Coffey	7/16
Jane Woodward	7/18
Cindy Donahue	7/21
Marvin Yokum	7/30

### Birthdays in August

Suzie Matthews	8/2	Patricia Mozgala	8/19
Phyllis Kane	8/4	Martha Conrad	8/21
Dennis Chalk	8/6	Richard Dickey	8/21
Bob Wolgemuth	8/6	Dawn Remus	8/24
Cheri Poulos	8/7	Greg Dostall	8/25
Ed Stewart	8/7	Jon Snellings	8/25
Josette Kippenhan	8/10	Helen Woodyard	8/25
Linda Meares	8/13	Bob Remus	8/27
Judy Young	8/15	Joanie Taliaferro	8/27
Jim Earl	8/19	Carol Sawicki	8/29
Brenda Ireland	8/19	Chuck Fahrenholz	8/30



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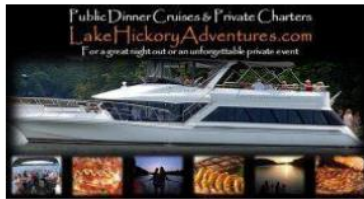
**Hickory Community Theatre**



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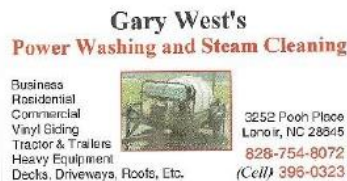
**Crosswind Café**



**Catawba County Chamber of Commerce**



**The Hickory Hop**



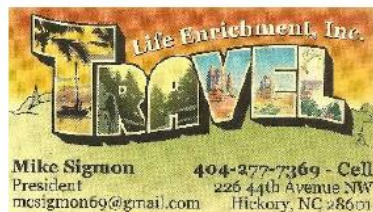
**Gary West's Power Washing**



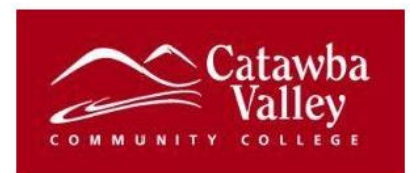
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Adra Kryszczuk	
Suzie Matthews	
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Bowling	Vince LeGrand
Bridge	Gloria Berg
Charity Coordinator	Suzie Matthews
Coffee and Conversation	Sheri Binning
Dominoes	Bob Jones, Cheri and Ed Stewart
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Canasta 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
Historian	Connie Yokum
Hospitality	Sharon Snellings
Lunch out	Chuck Bethany, Francine Gissy
Mahjongg	Dianne Straley
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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 as a final passing thought....

.....be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision.

The road of life is paved with **FLAT SQUIRRELS** who couldn't make a decision!!

