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President's Column

Hello Newcomers!

We are nearing the end of the Newcomer's Club year and we need to take care of some business. As an all-volunteer organization, we depend on each other to keep our activities going. I certainly hope that you have participated in at least a few of the many activities and events that we have offered during the year. Otherwise, why would you be a member?

We ALL have busy lives (that's what happens in retirement for many of us). The volunteer positions aren't set up to suck the life out of you! We cover for each other, work as teams, and support one another. You don't need to know how to do everything, just a willingness to show up and let the wonderful members of this club contribute to your success.

As a newcomer to the area, I have met an amazing group of people in this club, so don't let being new to the area hold you back from volunteering. Meeting Newcomer's members has been one of the best perks of volunteering. I have depended on the wisdom and information from the longtime members, many of them have volunteered and continue to volunteer for the benefit of this club.

I invite you to seriously consider volunteering with the Newcomer's Club. It will make a difference in the club with your new ideas and fresh perspectives and in you with more involvement with the members. Reach out to one of the nominating committee members or just say "Yes" when they ask you for your help. The nominating committee members are:

Naomi East: (n_east@me.com) (828) 381-6429

Carol Hoover: (carolh.home@gmail.com) (828) 514-1766

Shari Kidd: (kidd915sl@gmail.com) (828) 838-5275



The positions that will be vacated include:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Members helping Members, Samba and Games Night, and Canasta and Games Day.

Thank you!

Delilah Bragg

President

Newcomers of Catawba Valley



*****The Following information is provided for members to see what the duties of the officer positions that are open and we are seeking volunteers to fill*****

1. The President shall be responsible for performing duties:

- Preside at all Board and General Meetings
- Prepares and makes copies of the agendas. 8 copies for board meeting and 35 copies for monthly meetings.
- Sends agenda out to the board or membership in advance of the each meeting
- Ensure annual review of financial records.
- Serve as ex-officio member of all committees except Nominating Committee.
- Create committees that reflect member interest and appoint their chairpersons.
- Hosts the annual Holiday Party.
- Respond to inquiries about our club.
- Connect the work of committees and projects.
- Update club documents.
- Write thank you cards as appropriate.

1. The Vice President shall be responsible for performing duties:

1. Perform duties of President in the event of absence
2. Assist the President in the performance of duties of that office
3. Focus on membership;
 1. Arrive at monthly to greet guests.
 2. Offer guests name tag and refreshments.
 3. Learn about guest, mention you will introduce them.
 4. Inquire if they would be willing to say a few word about themselves.
 5. Help them select a seat at a talkative table.
 6. Introduce them during the meeting and ask them to tell something about themselves.
 7. After the meeting, talk to them again and have a blank copy of our membership application.
 8. Invite them to come to one of our social events.
 9. Follow up during the following month. Invite them to join you or come with you to an activity.

2. The Secretary shall be responsible for performing duties:

1. Keep minutes of the meetings and write letters for the organization
2. Sends out draft minutes for review, comments, and edits to board members prior to approval at meetings.

3. Treasurer shall be responsible for performing duties:

3. Keep an itemized account of all income and expenditures.
4. Monthly: Reconcile Newcomers ledger with bank statement from BB&T Ban
5. Monthly: Prepare reports for monthly Board meeting:
 1. Treasurer's Report
 2. New Members Report
 3. Quarterly Charity Donations Report
 4. Monitor and advise the board on funds available for annual special events.
6. Monthly: Work with other members at General Meeting for
 1. cash receipts/payments
 2. 50/50
 3. Payments received for drinks
 4. Payment to Crosswind for service.
7. Pay all bills authorized by the approved budget.
 1. Ensure appropriate documentation/receipts/bills are submitted for all expenditures
 2. Issue checks for Newcomers expenditures.
 3. Issue a check to previous quarter's charity
 4. Update ledger with check #, date, recipient, reason and amount
8. Make deposits
 1. Make sure each received check is stamped for endorsement
 2. Document sources and amounts of all cash payments
 3. Update ledger with information about all cash and check receipts
 4. Prepare deposit slip
 5. Make deposits at BB&T

9. Prepare Quarterly Treasurer's report for General meeting.
 1. Treasurer's Report
 2. New Members Report
 3. Quarterly Charity Donations Report
10. Manage annual membership renewals.
 1. Send out emails to membership about renewal deadline and available discount
 2. Track status of membership renewals
 3. Prepare reports for Board on status of renewals
 4. Coordinate with Board members to follow-up with members who have not renewed.
11. Prepare an annual budget for review and approval by The Board.
 1. Prepare draft budget for next year
 2. Lead discussion with Board on draft budget
 3. Make agreed changes to budget
 4. Present approved budget at General Meeting in April
12. Annual reconciliation
 1. Prepare complete bank reconciliation packet as of March 31st.
 2. Submit to Newcomers President for review annually.
13. Submit Newcomers annual tax return to the IRS
 1. NC Secretary of State website
 2. Review to ensure Newcomers still listed correctly as NC Non-profit corporation.



November Program and General Meeting

WHEN: November 13, 2019 Time: 10:30 am Where: Hickory Regional Airport

Newcomers will be entertained by a quartet from the Carolina Moonlighters at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 13. The quartet is part of an all-male chorus that sings four-part barbershop harmony without musical accompaniment. Our meeting starts with coffee and pastries at 10:30 am, followed by the Carolina Moonlighters at 10:45. If you are interested in joining the group, you can find out details at our meeting.



Special Events Special Events Special Events Special Events Special Events



Day and Night Games



When: Thu, November 21, 11:30am – 3:30pm

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

Games Days and Games Nights are getting together to celebrate the season so Thursday, November 21st will be the final games event for the year at the Hickory Regional Airport. We will play Samba, Dominoes, Rummikub, Mah Jongg and Bridge. OTHER GAMES WILL NOT BE OFFERED DUE TO TIME LIMITATIONS. Cards and dominoes will be provided. There will be prizes and a special Holiday Meal and Desserts SERVED PROMPTLY AT 11:30 a.m. Decaf Coffee, iced tea and water will be available. Cost: maybe \$10, maybe less. 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, November 19th you still must pay the charge! If you don't want to have lunch, you can play cards and enjoy dessert and beverages for only \$5. Please bring exact change. Reserve your spot with Chris Beckom at beckomgc@outlook.com



Friday, December 6, 2019 for the
Newcomers Holiday Party
Details to come later.



A Newcomers tradition: place at the table for Thanksgiving

Once again, Newcomers of Catawba Valley is playing matchmaker for hosts and dinner guests at Thanksgiving. This allows folks without plans for Nov. 28 to receive an invitation for a home-cooked meal. And it lets hosts open their door to someone new at the table. In the past, we've had as many as five members who have shared their homes for this all-American holiday. **Here's how it works:**

- 1) If you want to be a host and have a spot or two or three at your Thanksgiving table, email me.
- 2) If you are interested in being a guest, email me.

It is up to the host to make arrangements for time and dishes to share.

The deadline to sign up as either hosts or guests is Saturday, Nov. 23 - although sooner would be appreciated. Contact Dianne Straley dfwhit@gmail.com or 828-308-4282

Who's coming to dinner?



Monthly Activities Monthly Activities Monthly Activities

Book Club

Book Club is currently reading *Southernmost* by Silas House. In the aftermath of a flood that washes away much of a small Tennessee town, evangelical preacher Asher Sharpe offers shelter to two gay men. In doing so, he starts to see his life anew, and risks losing everything: his wife, locked into her religious prejudices; his congregation, which shuns Asher after he delivers a passionate sermon in defense of tolerance; and his young son, Justin caught in the middle of what turns into a bitter

custody battle. With no way out but ahead, Asher takes Justin and flees to Key West where he hopes to find his brother, Luke, whom he'd turned against years ago after Luke came out. And it is there, at the southernmost point in the country, that Asher and Justin discover a new way of thinking about the world, and a new way of understanding love.

Book Club meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday of the month, except for this November. Our next meeting is November 27th, at Women's Resource Center at 1:30 p.m. Karen Mills will facilitate our discussion. The Coordinator is Mary Bucy at mebucy@hotmail.com

Bowling

Newcomers Bowling will take place at 6:30 pm on Thursday, November 7th, and on Thursday, November 21st.

Location is at Pin Station, 525 W A St, Newton, NC 28658, USA ([map](#))

Newcomers bowl on alternate Thursdays beginning October 10th and ending on April 23rd, 2020. There will be 10 minutes of practice beginning at 6:20 pm with the games beginning at 6:30 pm. We are not a sanctioned league; there are no teams. We bowl for fun, socialization, and to get a little exercise. Maybe you haven't bowled in 20, 30 or more years; don't be shy. We have bowlers of all abilities and levels of experience. The cost is \$8.00 per person for 3 games. If you don't have bowling shoes, they can be rented for \$1.50. Contact Vince LeGrand for more information at legravin@gmail.com

Bridge

November

Monday, Nov 4 th	Peg Baldwin
Wednesday, Nov 6 th	Peg Baldwin
Monday, Nov 11 th	Addie McSherley
Monday, Nov 18 th	Laurie Johnsen
Wednesday, Nov 20 th	Peg Baldwin

December

Monday, Dec 9 th	Christmas Party	Berg/Schafer
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Games Days and Nights

Canasta and Games DAY

When: Nov 7th 11:30am to 3:00pm Where: Hickory Regional Airport

It's time for Games Day on Thursday, November 7th at 11:30 a.m. at the Hickory Regional Airport. Join us for lunch and the game of your choice (canasta, mah jongg, Rummikub, dominoes, etc.). For lunch, Crosswind Café will serve Beef tips, salad, roasted potatoes. The usual beverages (coffee, tea, water) will be available. The cost for lunch and games is \$8; games only is \$3. Some of the games will have a pot.

Please R.S.V.P. to me at royce4084@gmail.com no later than 6 p.m. Monday, November 4th. Let me know whether or not you want lunch and your first and second choice games. If you cancel after this time, you must still pay for the \$8 lunch. Thank you. Let's play! Royce Dunn royce4084@gmail.com 704-325-3598

*****This Canasta & Games Day and The Holiday Party on Nov 21st are the only Games reported for November.*****

Coffee and Conversation

No Coffee and Conversation for November



Dominoes

When: Tue, November 5, 6pm – 9pm

Where: Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Dr NW, Hickory, NC 28601, USA ([map](#))

Dominoes is usually held at 6:00 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of each month. 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 Sloppy Joe's, Roasted potatoes, Tossed salad, decaf coffee, iced tea and water for \$8, SERVED PROMPTLY AT 6:00 P.M! Players O -Z 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 Bob Jones at itsmerbj@charter.net.

Lunch OUT

Thu, November 14, 11:30am – 1:30pm

It's time for the Newcomers Monthly Lunch Out. This month we are dining in Hickory on **November 14, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.**, at an old favorite, **NY Hibachi Buffet**. I know many of you appreciate the variety that features Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Mexican, and American favorites. Please join us at the NY Hibachi Buffet, which is, **located at 2128 US Highway 70 SE in Hickory**. You can view their website (www.nyhibachibuffet.com) to review their full menu and get directions. Please send your R.S.V.P. to bethanycw@charter.net by noon on Tuesday, November 12th so that I can remind the restaurant that we are coming. I hope you will join us and enjoy great food, company, conversations. See you soon.

Mah Jongg

When: Tuesdays at 1:30pm and Friday at 10:30am

Where: Pinecrest, 915 29th Ave NE, Hickory, NC 28601, USA ([map](#))

Club members play at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30am on Fridays, 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.

MAH JONGG HOLIDAY PARTY Friday Dec 13th 10am at Abingdon Glen

Our mah jongg players will celebrate another year of play and the holidays with their annual lunch on Friday, Dec. 13.....And there will be plenty of mah jongg games. We will gather at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse of Abingdon Glen for games, followed by a potluck lunch. **Save the date** for this popular gathering. More details to follow.



Rummikub

When: Tue, November 19, 6:00pm – 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 Practice

In November, Newcomers Shooting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 pm, ONLY.

There will be no shooting session on Thursday, November 28th since that is Thanksgiving.

Team Cuisine

There are no Team Cuisine events for November



Sponsor Spotlight

<https://www.granitefallsbrewing.com/>

Granite Falls Brewing Company, (who has been a sponsor since Aug 2016), ("GFB") opened locally to the public on September 6, 2013. GFB operates from the former home of Granite Bottling Works (1903-1978) and Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Hickory (1978-2012). To put the dates in perspective: **soda production and bottling started on our site the same year the Ford Motor Company was founded.** When you enter GFB's brick lobby, you're stepping inside the original Granite Bottling Works plant. Prepare to be greeted by the original Double Cola, My Cola, Flavors of the Highest Quality, Sun Drop, Cheerwine, and other surviving bottles in our lobby display case. (from the GFB website) Owner, Mario Mastroeli, holds a Master's Degree in Economic Development and specializes in Corporate Law and Private Equity (UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law '00), hails from Edgecombe County, North Carolina. Mario is a foodie, extra-amateur home brewer, cigar aficionado, and live music (jazz/funk) enthusiast. Stop on by GFB at **47 Duke Street, Granite Falls, NC** Phone: 828-212-1222 You will be glad you did!!



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Birthdays in November

Richard Brands	11/4
Bob Kidd	11/5
Christine L. Pfingst	11/6
Jim Young	11/6
Pat Connor	11/7
Heather Taliaferro	11/15
Susan Reese	11/24
Sandi Shear	11/26
Kathleen Rozea	11/27
Dottie Demarest	11/29

Birthdays in December

Rosie Bray	12/2
Steve Moline	12/5
Betty Ann Williams	12/9
Carol Parker	12/10
Chris Beckom	12/12
Amy Chizen	12/14

December con't

Dale M Pfingst	12/14
Sharon Bennett	12/15
Albert Derocher	12/15
Pam Wagoner	12/15
Penny Boyd	12/16
Millie Kaufman	12/17
Gary Staton	12/18
Kay Stone	12/18
Patrick Leininger	12/19
Kathy Durand	12/21
Joe Paussa	12/21
Denise Bukovan	12/29
Joyce Dennis	12/29
Ginny Koch	12/29
Karen Schafer	12/31



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Bryan and Deborah Wood from Washington D.C.

Craig and Lynne Hines from Carrollton, Tx

Millie Broselow from New Jersey

Jerry Johnson from St. Anthony Village, Mn

Cathie and Bill Lane from Washington D.C.

Yung Holtzman from Atlanta, Ga





4th Quarter Charity for Newcomers

TOYS FOR TOTS

Our quarter charity for October to December is the US Marine corps Toys for Tots program to collect NEW unwrapped toys as Christmas gifts for needy children in the community. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children through the gift of a new toy. During this quarter, unwrapped toys may be brought to any Newcomer function. The US Marine Corps will provide Christmas barrels around the community. LAST YEAR THE NEWCOMERS FILLED MORE BARRELS THAN ANY OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATION. Let's do it again this year! Thank you for your support.

(Toys should be for the 0-12 years age range, 0-2 is especially needed as are gifts appropriate for girls aged 9-10).

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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	
Activity	Chair
Book Club	Mary Bucy, Donna McDermott
Bowling	Vince LeGrand
Bridge	Gloria Berg
Canasta and Games Day	Lori Gervasio, Linda and Royce Dunn
Canasta and Games Night	Patsy Lang, Janet Rudisill, Zig and Adra Kryszczuk
Charity Coordinator	Suzie Matthews
Coffee & Conversation	Sheri Binning
Dominoes	Bob Jones, Cheri & Ed Stewart
Events Committee	Francine Gissy (chair), Amy Chizen, Dottie Demarest, Mary Ellen Glover, Shari Kidd, Jon Kiser, Patsy Lang, Kevin McCutcheon, Audrey Rozzelle, Sharon Snelling and Dianne Straley.
Items of Interest	Bob Jones
Hospitality	Sharon Snellings, Carol Sawicki, Judy Dostall
Lunch out	Chuck Bethany, Francine Gissy
MahJongg	Dianne Straley
Membership	Sandi Shear
Members Helping Members	
Newsletter Editor	Brenda Ireland
Programs	Dianne Straley
Publicity	Amy Chizen
Rummikub	Michele LeGrand
Samba Day	Chris and George Beckom, Hedy Pausa
Samba and Games Night	Shari Kidd, Martha Conrad, Mary Ellen Glover, Audrey Rozzelle
Shooting Practice	Vince LeGrand
Sponsors	Brenda Ireland
Team Cuisine	Chris and John Almeida, Jon Kiser and Rob Herman
Webmaster Team	Adra Kryszczuk (site and calendar), Greg Gervasio (site advisor)

Last...but NOT least.....

At the end of each day
life should ask:

