



President's Column

Hello Newcomers!

Why does each new month surprise me? February already! I try to enjoy each month by doing fun things and meeting new people. If you need more fun in your life, get more involved with the Newcomers! Come to the General Meetings, go to Lunch Out, meet up for Coffee and Conversation. You're always welcome at the game's tables, book club, bowling, shooting and the special events. We all have different life experiences to share with our fellow Newcomers and the opportunity to build

community. We are fortunate that new people continually join our club, so let's reach out and welcome those new people and get to know each other.

February is not only the month for the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day, but it is also the month that we welcome new leadership to the Newcomers. Thank you all for your support during my reign as the President. Kudos to Cathi Montgomery for accepting the President's position and leading us into 2020.



Delilah Bragg





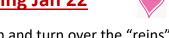








Newcomers Board Meeting Jan 22



Luncheon to express appreciation and turn over the "reins" to the newly appointed Board.

<u>Back Row L to R</u>: Cathi Montgomery, New President, Chris Beckom, New Secretary, Kathy Rozea, new Treasurer, Shari Kidd, past Director, Sandi (Shear)Johnson, past VP, Rob Herman, new VP, Suzie Matthews, Director.

<u>Front Row L to R</u>: Amy Chizen, New Director, Adra Kryszczuk, Director, Dianne Straley, former Past President.

Kneeling: Delilah Bragg, new Past President

Thank you all for all you do and all you have done!!

February Program and General Meeting

Tomato Time

George Place will help us get ready for gardening - even though it is the dead of winter - when he talks with us on Wednesday, February 12.

Dr. Place is head of the state cooperative extension office in Catawba County.

He will talk about growing tomatoes and other vegetables from seed, including advice on what varieties to buy.

Our meeting starts at 10:30 am Feb. 12 at Hickory Regional Airport.



Here are some pictures from our
January Program and General Meeting
held at CVCC's ValleySim Hospital
organized through member Naomi East.
It was amazing!







Newcomer Events...a few Photos of fun gatherings!!

LUNCH OUT Thu, Jan 9, Coach's Neighborhood Grill Hickory, 2049 Catwaba, Catawba Valley Blvd SE, Hickory, NC. WE had nearly 40 members turn out for Lunch OUT!! Great Job Fran Gissy!!







Tailgate Party Jan 25th @ The Hickory Airport















It's Membership RENEWAL Time

Newcomers Annual Renewal Time!!



For current members we are offering a discount if you pay your dues before 3/31/20, the end of our fiscal year.



Discounted Rate: \$12.50 per person (Rate after 3/31/20 is \$15.00 per person)

Mail your check to:



Newcomers of CV 2425 N. Center Street Box #169 Hickory, NC 28601



Thanks everyone, Kathy Rozea, Treasurer (If you see me around at "activities", you can pay me directly.)

RENEW NOW AND \$AVE \$\$\$\$\$\$







Special EVENTS and News from Special Events Committee

News from your Special Events Committee (SEC)

The SEC has so many ideas and plans in the works so keep your calendars out and your pencils ready! We are striving to reach as many people as we possibly can with our activities. Some activities will be free, some will require a small payment and some will be at a higher cost. There will be trips on a variety of week days – maybe even a weekend – so the same members aren't missing out due to other commitments. We are going to offer Quick Trips to local or area museums, sites, stores; Full-Day Trips to places of interest that are a bit further away and will require a longer drive and a longer visit, e.g. Renolda House, Asheville, fairs, home tours; and Socials that will celebrate the season, the holiday, or just for fun!

Our first Quick Trip is a ceramic class at **Bisque n Beads** in Hickory! Join us for a couple of hours on **Monday, February 10**th for arts, crafts and conversation. See the flier in this Newsletter.

We are working on dovetailing with the March speaker and arranging a tour of the Historical Society Museum in Newton. Stay tuned for details on that.

Also in the works is the **Annual Picnic**, a **Food Tour in Asheville** (see the note on that in this Newsletter), the Pontoon Party, a Halloween Bash and a Leaf Peeping Trolley Tour later this year, as well as Quick Trips to sites in the area. We will keep you all informed via the Newsletter, announcements at the meetings, and emails. Hope you will be joining us

often! As always, feel free to make suggestions to any SEC member or join us at our meetings. The next SEC meeting is on Monday, March 9^{th} at 1:00-3:00 at the Hickory Library.

Amy Chizen, SEC Chair

Feeling Artsy Craftsy?

Join us for a Ceramic Class at Bisque n Beads!

What is it? Bisque n Beads is a ceramic and bead shop in downtown Hickory. They allow groups to come in and each person chooses a piece of ceramics, paints it, they fire it, and you pick it up a week later. Simple!



When is it? Our group will have the studio to ourselves on Monday, February 10th from 1:00 PM. The class usually takes about 2 hours.



What will you paint? There are many pieces to choose from including mugs, plates of various sizes, vases, picture frames and bowls to name a few:



What will it cost? The cost includes the class, the item you paint, paints and brushes, and firing charges. Each piece is priced separately, but most of the items start around \$15 and go up



from there. The bigger the piece, the higher the price.



Please RSVP. Let me know if you are coming! We can have as many as 25 and I will need a count 3-4 days ahead. This is open to men as well as women. RSVP to Amy Chizen at



chizenamy@gmail.com, or (860) 428-6786. If you are interested in, or need to carpool, please let me know that in your RSVP and we can put you in contact with possible rides.













Your Special Events Committee has a proposed outing for May 15th or 16th. It would be a Food Tour in downtown Asheville. Cost would likely be \$65 per person and it would involve a two mile, three hour (facilitated) tour of food and drink at various restaurants.

We will work on a carpool if there is enough interest.

Here are a couple of links for you to review. If you are interested, which tour would you prefer? We will select the tour that generates the most interest. Please let us know by 3/5, since advance purchase will be critical. We will let you know which tour we select and which date we select. At that time, you will go on-line and make your payment. It is a rain or shine tour.

https://ashevillefoodtours.com/

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Thank you,

Jon Kiser (jaydeekay59@gmail.com) Special Events Committee member

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

BOOK CLUB

Book Club is currently reading Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home. Book Club meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday of the month, except for this November. Our next meeting is March 25, at Women's Resource Center at 1:30 p.m. Donna McDermott will facilitate our discussion. Several book club members plan to attend Lenoir Rhyne's Visiting Writers Series on March 5 when Min Jin Lee (the author of Pachinko) is scheduled to speak. The Coordinator is Mary Bucy at mebucy@hotmail.com

Bowling

This Month we Bowl on Thursdays, Feb 13th and 27th at Pin Station, 525 W A St, Newton, NC 28658, We has a BLAST and last session we had nearly 20 Newcomers bowling!! Check us out!!

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

February 2020		March 2020	
Monday, Feb 3rd	Karen Schafer	Monday, Mar 2nd	Margie Dickey
Wednesday, Feb 5th	Phyllis Kane	Wednesday, Mar 4th	Peg Baldwin
Monday Feb 10th	Adra Kryszczuk	Monday, Mar 9th	Pett Brands
Monday, Feb 17th	Betty Stone	Monday, Mar 16th	Laurie Johnsen
Wednesday, Feb 19th	Kathy Durand	Wednesday, Mar 18th	Kathy Rozea

























Coffee and Conversation

When: Fri, February 28, 2pm – 4pm LOCATION will be announced by email in the near future.

Where: Various locations in the Unifour area. (map)

Description: 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.

Dominoes

WHEN: Tuesday February 4th WHERE: Hickory Airport TIME: 6 PM (Plan to arrive by 5:45)

We will be playing Chicken Foot!! The cost is \$8.00 per person, plus \$1.00 for the "kitty" (Optional). L thru Z will be asked to provide desserts. The dinner menu will be: Meat Loaf, Real Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, rolls & butter. Tea, coffee, and ice water will be provided.



Please email Bob Jones at itsmerbj@charter.net
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 February 2nd at 6:00 PM.

Bob Jones and Ed & Cheri Stewart

Games Days and Nights

Canasta and Games DAY Thu, February 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. 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 \$8.00 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 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, February 12, 6pm – 9pm 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 Paige Straley at ipstraley@gmail.com

Samba Day (formerly called Third Thursday Samba) will be on Thursday, February 20th.

Samba Day (<u>new name</u>) is the Third Thursday of each month and will be held on Thu, February 20, 11:30am – 3:30pm at Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Dr NW, Hickory, NC 28601 (<u>map</u>)

Lunch and Samba begins at 11:30 a.m. CANASTA IS **NOT** OFFERED. Lunch, dessert, beverages and an afternoon of funfilled 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 will be held on Wednesday, February 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Canasta and Games Night is 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, Bridge, 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 A-D 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.

Lunch Out

It's February and time for a field trip to the Court Street Grille in Lincolnton for the next Newcomers Monthly Lunch Out. February's lunch at this very popular local restaurant will be held on FEB 13th at 11:30 a.m. This popular restaurant serves a wide variety of delicious food that I am sure you will enjoy. I invite you all to join us at the Court Street Grille which is located at 113 West Court Square in Lincolnton. You can review their website (www.courtstreetgrille.com) to get directions and to see the delicious items on their menu. Please send your RSVP to bethanycw@charter.net by noon on February 7th so that I can remind the restaurant that we are coming. I hope you will join us and enjoy great food, company, conversations, as well as help support one of our great local restaurants. See you soon. Chuck Bethany

Mah Jongg

Club members play at 1:30pm Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30amat 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



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. We will play Tue, February 18, 6:00pm – 9:30pm. Location to be announced. 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

We shoot at the Springs Road Gun Club on Springs Road in Hickory. Their website is www.springsroadgunclub.com Springs Road Gun Club, 3462 Springs Rd NE, Hickory, NC 28601 Shooting dates for Feb are:

Tue, February 11, 6:30pm – 8:30pm and Thu, February 27, 12pm – 3pm

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 is pleased to report a new record of 50 participants for the Dr Zhivago dinner on February 1st! Our next event will be a Kentucky Derby party on April 25th—a larger group experience at the request of our planner and a first-time variation from our usual seated dinners. We will release the first details in the March newsletter and open the reservations soon after.

















Do you like Strategic Challenging Board Games?

Do you like board games that are challenging, more strategic then random, more varying then repetitive? Do you find "Monopoly" boring or "Risk" too dependent on the roll of the dice, or "Sorry" is a good name for a sorry board game.



THE PANADEMIC GAME BOARD.

Then, consider learning to play some of the newest Challenging board games. Have you heard of **PANADEMIC**? A game where all the players collaborate attempting to save humanity from spreading contagious viruses. Either everyone wins the game or everyone loses. Or, **SPLENDOR**, where your strategy is constantly changing as the game conditions and opponents change on you. We are determining if there is any interest in having a Strategic Board Game night? If interested, email Rob Herman at Rob6Herman@gmail.com and indicate your interest and what strategic games are your favorites.

SCRABBLE anyone?????

Some REQUESTS for playing Scrabble on GAME NIGHTS/GAME DAYS has come up, and if there are others interested, we need to be asking the Game Coordinators to add it to those game dates. We always have stated, "Please bring any other game you want to play"!! The people who are interested, may have to bring their own SCRABBLE Games the first few sessions, and if we get a good turnout, the club can buy a game or two to keep at the Airport.

Sponsor Spotlight HICKORY COMMUNITY THEATRE

Hickory Community Theatre (HCT) was first visualized in 1947 by a college student and a traveling actor. Their first performance was on May 24th, 1949 and was composed of 3, One Act Plays, The Enchanted Night, The Valiant, and Curse You, Jack Dalton. The Theatre has always been located in the old City Hall, where Staff and Volunteers reverently refer to it as the "Jail", (now the scenic shop), and the "Fireman's Kitchen", both of which are nicknamed after their original functions. HCT is run by a dedicated Staff and hundreds of Volunteers, including the Managing Artistic Director, Pamela Livingston, and Managing Director, John Rambo. These two head the job of fulfilling the "Vision": "We intend to create an artistically adventurous environment that attracts and excites diverse members in the community by providing an expanded understanding of life through the art of quality theatre."

HCT is located @ 30 Third Street NW, Hickory, NC 28601, website, Boxoffice@hickorytheatre.org Phone:828-328-2283.

Quarterly Charity / Safe Harbor

Safe Harbor is a nonprofit, non-government funded Christ-centered community for rebuilding, renewing and recovery for women who have been abused and are in a TRANSITIONAL stage of their lives having completed programs regarding their addiction or offense. The programs provide evidence-based, faith-inspired resources for success.

Safe Harbor offers a three-prong approach to helping these women:

NEW DAY PROGRAMS: classes, groups and programs that are especially geared toward women and children of all walks of life. Programs include NOW (New Opportunities for Women Experiencing poverty); MINnows (Mothers and Infants Nurturing); Greenleaf Transitional Living (16 transitional apartments); On Purpose (Classes for women of all walks of life to learn their purpose in life); The Bridge (an Outreach to those in sex trafficking.)

THRIVE RECOVERY PROGRAMS: Many families and individuals in our community who find they are barely surviving due to substance use disorders. Programs include: Whole Women (residential for women); Thrive Recovery Community-Coed classes support groups and events.

RESOURCE WAREHOUSE AND GALLERY: Social Experience. A creative reuse center on Highway 70 that provides work skills training for program participants, while generating income and raising awareness for Safe Harbor.

Suzie Matthews has made plans for two tours of the facility with complimentary lunch provided by Hannah's Barbeque in March for interested Newcomer members. Interested members need to contact Suzie at 828 409-3314 by phone or text to reserve a date.

Safe Harbor has a total of 18 seats for 2 Lunch & Tours for the Newcomers of Catawba Valley.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR EITHER TOUR IS FEBRUARY 15th

What: Safe Harbor Lunch and Tour Time: 12 noon- until approx 1:30pm

When: Thursday, 3/5/2020 & Thursday, 3/19/2020 Where: Chloe Waldrop Taylor Renewal Center Address: 112

2nd Ave. SE, Hickory, NC 28602 **Phone:** (828-3267233)

WINTER WISH LIST

DISENFECTANT WIPES			
FACIAL CLEANSER & MOISTURIZER			
UNDERWEAR - SIZES 5-13 Cotton briefs or bikini cut			
PRE WRAPPED SNACKS: Breakfast Bars, Granola Bars			
Nut Bars, Crackers, Etc. Non Alcohol Cold and Flu			
medication			
Cough drops,			
Vitamin C Zinc			
rs Midol Multivitamins			
Tylenol			
8 OZ DISPOSABLE CUPS			
eakable dishes and glassware vaner without bleach			
SCENTED BODY SPRAY			
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BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays in Feb	ruary	Birthdays in March		More March Birthdays	
Christi Austin	2/1	Chuck Bethany	3/3	Brenda Panella	3/20
Larry Laufer	2/1	Debbie Elias	3/5	Dennis Donahue	3/21
Vicki Mullins	2/6	Harriet Bates	3/7	Harlan Chizen	3/22
Mike Rozea	2/6	Peggy Meyer	3/7	Diana W. Earnest	3/22
Susan Fontyn	2/8	Nancy Jones	3/8	Greg Gervasio	3/22
Marje Wells	2/9	Richard P. Taft	3/8	Addie McSherley	3/23
Donna Berger	2/10	"Kip" Kippenhan	3/10	Joe Longo	3/28
Barbara Laufer	2/11	Janet Rudisill	3/10	Helen Pope	3/28
Butch Dunlap	2/15	Judy Fahrenholz	3/11	Ann Waldron	3/28
Ron Kapnick	2/16	Lori Gervasio	3/12	Sharon Snellings	3/29
Bill Lane	2/18	Monty Matthews	3/12	Greg Conrad	3/30
Peg Baldwin	2/19	Larry Parker	3/12	Debbie Longo	3/30
Steven Berg	2/20	Carol Hoover	3/13	Susan Sanders	3/31
Sheila Cooke	2/21	Linda Fedder	3/16		
Joyce Walker	2/21	Betty A. Houser	3/17		
Cathie Lane	2/24	Jim Peppers	3/18		
Beth Keane	2/28	Kathy Mersinger	3/18		
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NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY....SPONSORS



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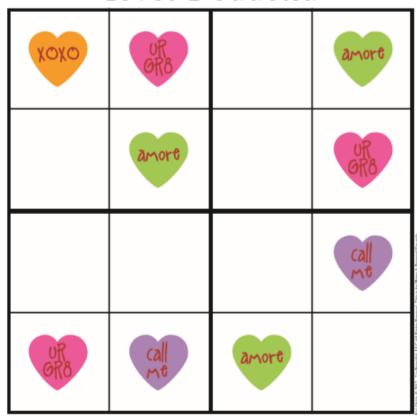






Hickory Heat & Cool

Level 1 Sudoku



Cut out the shapes below. Place the shape in a square so that no row, column or group of any 4 squares has the same shape more than once. When finished, glue in place or you can laminate the extra shapes and the board above to last longer.



Officers, Directors, Activity Chairs and Committees 2020

Officers	Position		
Cathi Montgomery	President		
Rob Herman	Vice President		
Kathy Rozea	Treasurer		
Chris Beckom	Secretary		
Delilah Bragg	Past President		
Directors			
Amy Chizen			
Adra Kryszczuk			
Suzie Matthews			
Addie McSherley			
Activity	Chair		
Book Club	Mary Bucy, Donna McDermott		
Bowling	Vince LeGrand		
Bridge	Gloria Berg		
Canasta and Games Day	Linda and Royce Dunn, Lori Gervasio		
Canasta and Games Night	Zig and Adra Kryszczuk, Addie and Lonny McSherley		
Charity Coordinator	Suzie Matthews		
Coffee & Conversation	Sheri Binning		
Dominoes	Bob Jones, Cheri & Ed Stewart		
Events Committee	Amy Chizen (chair), Chris Beckom, Dottie Demarest, Mary Ellen Glover, Shari Kidd, Jon Kiser, Patsy Lang, Kevin McCutcheon, Audrey Rozzelle, Sharon Snellings and Paige Straley.		
Items of Interest	Bob Jones		
Hospitality	Sharon Snellings, Carol Sawicki, Judy Dostall		
Lunch out	Chuck Bethany, Francine Gissy		
MahJongg	Dianne Straley		
Membership	Rob Herman		
Members Helping Members	Martha Conrad, Patsy Lang		
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	Paige and Dianne Straley, 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)		

.....and last but not least....



Sweet words are not always true. True words are not always sweet.

