

## NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY

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<https://newcomersofcv.org/>

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## President's Column

**"It's Not Whether You Get Knocked Down, It's Whether You Get Up." – Vince Lombardi**

**Hello Newcomers!**

**Happy Fall Y'all!**

We are getting back in business and hope you can join us! September 30<sup>th</sup> brought us a picnic with about 20 attendees.....it is a start. September 30<sup>th</sup> also brought back bowling. October 8<sup>th</sup> will bring a cards game evening. December 9<sup>th</sup> will bring a holiday social at Market on Main in Hickory. Please see more information in this newsletter. We care about your health and safety! Social distancing, masks and hand sanitizer are always guests at our events. We hope to hold our first general meeting in January 2021, and to begin scheduling speakers and outings.

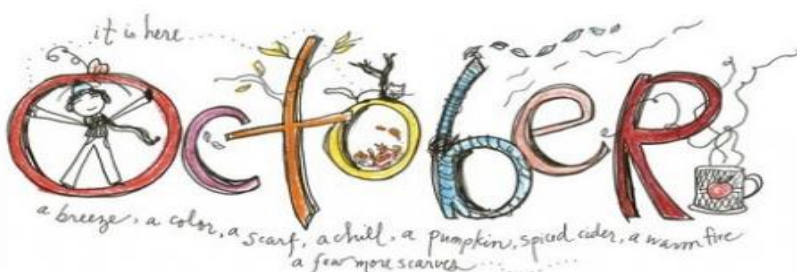
Thank you for your kind donations to our last quarter's charity, **Robin's Nest**! We collected \$250 and the NCV will add \$125, making a donation of \$375. October 1<sup>st</sup> starts our season for **Toys for Tots** and the donation boxes will be in the usual spots at the airport. Newcomers are known for their generosity and it is very much appreciated.

Whatever you do, or are doing, please take good care of yourselves, stay healthy and be happy! Enjoy the cooler temps and colors of fall.

Don't forget to use our Sponsors if you need services.

Warm regards,

**Cathi Montgomery**  
President, NCV



## **SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Hello from the Special Events Committee!

Although we are taking things slow and easy, we are hoping to get in a couple events in the coming months. The governor will be making his next "Phase Announcement" on, or around, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, so plans could change, but let's give it a shot! We are hoping this will be an opportunity for us to try some things, make adjustments, and have comfort levels reached for future activities.

The shopping trip wasn't of current interest, but we'll try again as it gets closer to the holidays, or go after the first of the year for some great bargains.

**WE WILL HAVE A PICNIC!** Outdoor activities seem to be the best and safest way to start getting back together, so we went ahead with our Annual Picnic on September 30<sup>th</sup> at Glenn C. Hilton Park in Hickory. At the time of this editing, we have 23 people in attendance, required masks except when eating, and provided box lunches. Games will be the order of the day and hand sanitizer will flow as we play Horse Shoes, Yard Darts, Corn Hole, Bingo and Samba.

### **TEASER ALERT!!! LOOK FORWARD TO GREAT PICS IN THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**



We have been in touch with the trolley company again and find that they are going to be running the Leaf Peeping Trolley trips in October. However, because of the restrictions and the advance commitment necessary for this activity, we have decided to take a look at this for next Fall. If you are interested in going yourself, they will be running the Trolley Tours, but limiting the number of participants per trip and lunch will be a box lunch rather than at

a restaurant. To get details, go to [www.RidgelineTrolleys.com](http://www.RidgelineTrolleys.com). If you go, let us know how it is!



**Mark your Calendar! On December 9<sup>th</sup>**, (our regular meeting date), we are going to have a Holiday Social. The Board of Directors has decided, under the current circumstances, to skip the Holiday Party this year. However, we would like to have a chance to indulge in some cookies, tea/coffee and holiday cheer. Watch your e-mail for more details as we get closer to the date. Let's toast to our health and give 2020 the boot! I'm sure we are all looking forward to a "closer to normal" 2021!

**Amy Chizen, Chair, SEC**

## **BOOK CLUB**

Book Club is reading A White Wind Blew by James Markert: Dr. Wolfgang Pike would love nothing more than to finish the requiem he's composing for his late wife, but the ending seems as hopeless as the patients dying a hundred yards away at the Waverly Hills Tuberculosis sanatorium. If he can't ease his own pain with music, he tries to ease theirs — but his boss thinks music is a waste, and in 1920s Louisville, the specter of racial tensions looms over everything. When a retired concert pianist arrives, Wolfgang is thrust into an orchestra of the most extraordinary kind that emerges to change everything.



Book Club meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday of the month, except for this November. Our next meeting is November 18, at Women's Resource Center or by zoom at 1:30 PM Barb Beck will facilitate our discussion.

**Currently, Mary Bucy is taking suggestions for 2021 book reads. We will vote to choose our list.**

The Book Club Coordinator is Mary Bucy at [mebucy@hotmail.com](mailto:mebucy@hotmail.com)



## BOWLING



Newcomers Bowling returns to the lanes at Pin Station on Wednesday, September 30. Just as last year the cost is \$8.00 per person for 3 games of bowling. We will start bowling at 6:30pm with a 10 minute practice session starting at 6:20pm.

**We will bowl on alternate Wednesdays.**

**The schedule through the end of 2020 is :**

September 30

October 14

October 28

November 11

December 2

December 16

December 30

Additional dates will be scheduled for 2021.

We currently only have 8 people signed up to bowl which means we will only be reserving one pair of lanes. If you wish to bowl, please let me know ASAP so that I can request a second pair of lanes.

Vince LeGrand [LaGravin@gmail.com](mailto:LaGravin@gmail.com)

**COVID-19 advisory:** Please be aware that almost all people who are bowling at Pin Station are NOT wearing masks. Many people wear masks when

entering and leaving Pin Station and when going to the snack bar or bathroom. But very few people are wearing masks at the lanes when they are bowling.

## MAH JONGG



Many members of the Mah Jongg group have continued to play Online Mah Jongg. <https://realmahjongg.com/>

**The photos here are what the opening page and sign in/up page looks like.**

Just like in the old days - pre-Covid 19 - Newcomers' mah jongg enthusiasts play every Tuesday and Friday. But instead of playing at Pinecrest retirement center, we play in our own homes online. Look for other Newcomers, many who have used Hickory in front of their name, hickorybrenda, hickorydianne, hickorychris, hickoryhoover...(we have several Carol's..lol)...come online and join us!!



## GAMES NIGHT HAS RETURNED!!! Thursday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm to 9:00pm

Are you ready to get back in the swing? **Masks are required** (except while eating) and hand sanitizer and tissues will be provided for each table as will clean cards and game components. Each meal will be individually packed (no buffet).

Join us for dinner and games at 4 p.m. at the Hickory Airport for canasta or samba, rummikub, dominoes, euchre, pinochle, mah jongg or other games suggested by members. Canasta or Samba will be decided by majority rule and 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 3:45 p.m. so we can start playing at 4:00 p.m.** Individually packed dinners of Shepherd's pie with peas, carrots and cheese and Apple Cobbler will be served at 5:30 p.m. Water, iced tea and decaf coffee will be provided. Cost will be \$8.00 for Dinner. R.S.V.P. with your choice of game no later than 10:00 a.m. Monday October 5th. 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 Adra Kryszczuk at [adraellen@yahoo.com](mailto:adraellen@yahoo.com). Sign-ups limited to the first 25 to register.



## MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

At this time, I wanted to share with you some news about some of our members. Hazel Poppe, (Members helping Members Co-Chair) has recently had shoulder surgery. She is at home, recouping and doing well. She also, would love to hear from her friends. Cards and calls are welcomed. Her information is on the website.

Members Helping Members shares this information with you so that we can all reach out to our members who might need a bit of cheer at these times. It always makes someone feel good to hear from someone who cares enough to call or send a card to them.

We would do the same for you. Enjoy your time and be safe. Sandi [ncvalegirl@gmail.com](mailto:ncvalegirl@gmail.com)



## Fourth Quarter CHARITY.....TOYS FOR TOTS



The primary goal of Marine Toys for Tots is, through the gift of a new toy, help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to

America's less fortunate children. The mission of the Marine Toys for Tots

Foundation is to assist the U. S. Marine Corps in providing a tangible sign of hope to economically disadvantaged children at Christmas. This assistance includes providing day-to-day leadership and oversight of the Program, raising funds to provide toys to supplement the collections of local Toys for Tots Campaigns, to provide promotional and support material and defray the costs of conducting annual Toys for Tots Campaigns. Local campaigns are generally organized and coordinated by the Marine Corps League Detachments.

While Toys for Tots Coordinators organize, coordinate and manage the campaign, the ultimate success depends on the support of the local community and the generosity of the people who donate toys.



Local business leaders play key roles. They allow Coordinators to locate drop-off/collection boxes in their stores; provide free warehouse space for storing and sorting toys during October, November and December; provide vehicles to collect toys from drop-off sites; sponsor toy raising events; and help Coordinators arrange media exposure for Toys for

Tots in the local community

**During this quarter, unwrapped toys may be brought to any Newcomers function.**

**The U.S. Marine Corps will provide Christmas barrels around the community.** Last year the Newcomers filled the barrels more than any other local organization! Thank You for your support. So you can start Christmas shopping any time and we'll have the collection bin out at the Hickory airport as usual or you can bring items to any club event in the next 3 months. OR as always, you can send a check to club treasurer Kathy Rozea, made out to: Newcomers of Catawba County, 2425 N Center Street #169, Hickory, NC 28601

**And mark the check "For Toys for Tots"**

**Thanks! Nancy Geiger, Charity Chair**



HUGE THANKS to all of you who have answered my pleas for what you all have been doing to pass the time in “quarantine sequester” , or during “covid craziness”!! Here is our current installment of cunning creativity and mindful musings.

**To start off ....here is an email from Member, Verna McDowell:**

You wanted to know what we have been doing these past months that we have been stuck at home. Here you go. I have been reading all sorts of books.

**#1 books that my son-in-law gave me** – books written by C.S. Forester entitled Horatio Hornblower – 11 books in a series. I am currently on No. 8 called Flying Colors. I would have never chosen these books under normal circumstances, but I didn’t have any spare books I wanted to read so I asked my daughter and she told her husband and he said he had complete set of Hornblower and also the complete set of Harry Potter. So I started the Hornblower books but didn’t really know much about them. For the uninformed these books took place during the Napoleonic era and were about Hornblower and Sailing Ships. I have had to have a dictionary handy while I read, because I knew nothing about sailing ships during that time. **I have enjoyed reading them and I am not through. I have also looked up one of the places in the Mediterranean called Cape Creux and since I like to paint, I have sketched a picture from this website on a canvas, which I intend to paint**



I have done many other things but this is the most significant of my accomplishments during this time. I am not a fast reader, so other people can read these books faster than I have, but I have really enjoyed them.

I also read a book my daughter. Gave me called Girls of Atomic City, which took place in Tennessee prior to the Atomic Bomb. And because my birthday came during this time, my daughter and her husband gave me an electronic book called NOOK from Barnes and Noble where I can order whatever books I want. One I have ordered was a John Grisham book – I like him. So much for one of the things I have done during this time. **Verna McDowell**

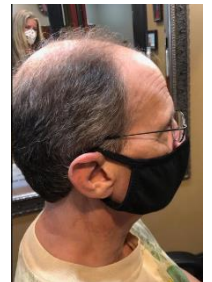
**Thank you Verna...I hope you will send in a picture of your drawing/painting....**

**The next contribution was shared by Rick Wagman:**

What I did on My Covid 19 vacation from a regular life.

I spent time reading books and playing video games and learning how to use Zoom and watching Bad TV (Peaky Blinders, Breaking Bad, The Last Kingdom, etc.) and taking walks listening to music on shuffle (Tchikovski to Hank Williams to Herbie Hancock to Doobie brothers to Joni Mitchell).

Of Interest I discovered Kale has beautiful blooms, I baked my first cheesecake and I finally got a haircut because the positive testing rate in the county finally got under 5%. See pictures below. I am still fearing my rescheduled trip to Greece in April 2021 will be cancelled.



**Here are a few nice pics from member, Mike Sigmon...the first is the sunset from his home at Moores Ferry.**



Mountain trip up new river near Sparta and West Jefferson  
Cows at Ashe county cheese, Christmas tree farm near Sparta and new river water....Great day trip.



Samples of Ashe county cheese at half price includes mild cheddar, Tomato and basil, Habanero and Ghost pepper, Justo, and Jack and dill.

## City of Hickory 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hickory Landmark Society Presents

In celebration of the City of Hickory's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Hickory Landmarks Society Executive Director Patrick Daily will present a three-part lecture series highlighting significant times in Hickory's history.

Daily is an accomplished author and has served on numerous historical, preservation, and museum organization boards and committees. As executive director, he manages five historic landmark properties, three of which are historic house museums. And he has helped to develop the largest collection of Hickory's material culture and historical records to be found.

**The first lecture, titled "Hickory Tavern: Origins and History," will be held Saturday, October 3 at 2 PM in the Drendel Auditorium at the SALT Block.** The lecture will discuss the city's early roots as a tavern.

**The next lecture, titled "1870 Hickory: It Was A Good Year," will be held Thursday, October 29 at 6 PM in the Drendel Auditorium at the SALT Block.** This lecture will revisit the year 1870 in Hickory and describe what life was like in the post-Civil War village of Hickory Tavern. Facts and stories compiled from letters written between 1870 and 1880 by early resident Frank Clinard will provide further insight into this pivotal time in Hickory history.

**The final lecture, titled "The Piedmont Wagon Company: Hickory's First Industry," will be held Thursday, November 12 at 6 PM in the Drendel Auditorium at the SALT Block.** During this lecture, Daily will present the industry's rise and fall over a nearly 90-year period and share the exciting story of the historic factory building's preservation and revival as a major adaptive re-use project in Hickory.

**All lectures are free and open to the public. The Drendel Auditorium is located in the SALT Block at 243 Third Ave. NE in Hickory. Masks are required for all event attendees. Anyone not wearing a mask will not be permitted to enter.**

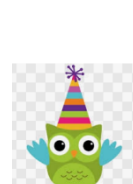
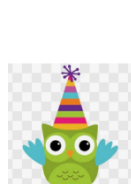
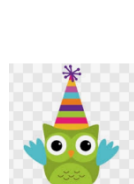
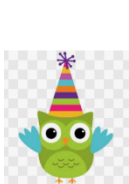
The events will also be live streamed on the Hickory Landmarks Society's website, <http://hickory-landmarks.org>, and Facebook page, <https://facebook.com/Hickory-Landmarks-Society-Inc>.

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## BIRTHDAYS



Birthdays in October		October can't		Birthdays in November	
Lonny McSherley	10/2	Cathi Montgomery	10/16	Richard Brands	11/4
William Boyd	10/3	Tom Hilliker	10/20	Bob Kidd	11/5
Zig Kryszczuk	10/3	Lynne Hines	10/20	Christine L. Pfingst	11/6
Edward Sawicki	10/3	Larry Goonan	10/21	Jim Young	11/6
Cindi Williamson	10/3	Shari Kidd	10/21	Pat Connor	11/7
Mike Sigmon	10/5	Linda Dunn	10/23	Don Fecteau	11/12
Jerry Johnson	10/7	Scott Ireland	10/23	Heather Taliaferro	11/15
Susan McGowen	10/8	Bob Stone	10/23	Patsye Thompson	11/15
Karen Peppers	10/9	Connie Yokum	10/27	Susan Reese	11/24
Kathy Bethany	10/11	Christine Almeida	10/28	Sandi Shear	11/26
Thomas Cuddy	10/12	Shirley Moore	10/28	Kathleen Rozea	11/27
Linda Monroe	10/13	Cindi Williamson	10/30	Dottie Demarest	11/29
Rege Duralia	10/14	Louise Mason	10/31		





## Funny Bone Ticklers.....



The three hardest things to say are:

1. I was wrong
2. I need help
3. Worcestershire Sauce

Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them. Those would be helpful right now.

An old lady offers the bus driver some peanuts... so the driver happily munches them. Every 5 minutes she gives him a handful more peanuts..  
Driver: Why don't you eat them yourself?  
Old lady: I can't chew. Look, I have no teeth..  
Driver: Then why do you buy them?  
Old lady: "Oh, I just love the chocolates around them."

First day at the beach after quarantine.



Is it too early to put up the xmas tree yet? I have run out of things to do.

**FIRST TIME IN HISTORY**  
**WE CAN SAVE THE HUMAN RACE BY LAYING IN FRONT OF THE T.V. AND DOING NOTHING**  
**LETS NOT SCREW THIS UP**

If somebody isn't social distancing behind you...  
**JUST FART!**



Back in my day you would cough to cover up a fart. Now, with COVID-19, you fart to cover up a cough.

The World Health Organization has announced that dogs cannot contract Covid-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.

So let me get this straight, there's no cure for a virus that can be KILLED by sanitizer and hand soap?

When this virus thing is over with... I still want some of you to stay away from me.

There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months, and then one day in 2033, we shall witness the rise of **the quaranteens.**

The Spread of COVID-19 Is Based On Two Factors:

1. How Dense The Population is
2. How Dense The Population is

It may take a village to raise a child, but I swear it's going to take a whole vineyard to homeschool one.



### What Love means to 4-8 year old kids ...

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds , 'What does love mean?' The answers they got were broader, deeper, and more profound than anyone could have ever imagined!

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.' Billy - age 4

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.' Chrissy - age 6

Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen.' Bobby - age 7(Wow!)

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.' Nikka - age 6  
(we need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)

'Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day' Noelle- age 7

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.' Tommy - age 6

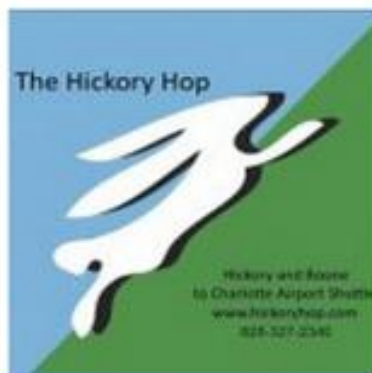
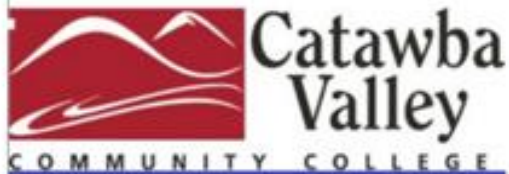
'Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.' Elaine-age 5

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.' Chris - age 7

The winner was a **four year old child** whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry , the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard , climbed onto his lap , and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said , ' Nothing , I just helped him cry'



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## “HealthSmart” Viewmont Pharmacy

Viewmont Pharmacy, which has been a Hometown Pharmacy serving the communities of Hickory for more than 65 yrs., has recently changed its name to **HealthSmart Viewmont Pharmacy**. They recently added “HealthSmart” to their name because they became part of an independent pharmacies network that gives you more negotiating rights with insurance companies and suppliers. By joining like-minded independent pharmacies, they are able to compete with large chain pharmacies, as well as continue to give the best service and prices to our customers. The friendly staff will treat you like family. **HealthSmart Viewmont Pharmacy** is dedicated to providing customers with services that are customized to meet their needs. Whether it's prescription medications or over the counter products, they are there to answer all your questions. If you haven't taken advantage of one of their many services, call or stop by today!

**53 13th Ave NE Hickory, NC 28601 Phone (828) 322-1816**

As reminder to our members, please be sure to check the sponsor page **first** when you need a service. When you click on any sponsor's ad on the website, you will automatically be taken to that sponsor's web page. I also want to remind you that when you use one of our sponsors, *please* make sure to thank them for sponsoring the Newcomers of Catawba Valley.



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Canasta and Games Night	Zig and Adra Kryszczuk, Addie and Lonny McSherley
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.....and, last but never LEAST.....

The biggest lie I tell myself is  
 “I don’t need  
 to write that down,  
 I’ll remember it.”