

Newcomers of Catawba Valley

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President's Column

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

Dolly Parton

Hello Newcomers!

And we've had some serious rain! And a few rainbows....

Hope you have voted.....it is important for our Country.

We've had a couple of activities to include a picnic, a card night, and bowling. All were successful and lots of fun. Bowling is ongoing. Given the time of year, we've decided to wait until January 2021 to re-open up all activities (hopefully), or at least those that make sense.

We are still looking into a December 9th holiday party/open house and details are coming, soon so stay tuned.

October 1st started our season for Toys for Tots and the donation boxes will be in the usual spot at the airport. Newcomers are known for their generosity and it is very much appreciated. If you can't get to the donation boxes, let Sandi Johnson (Members Helping Members) know and she will arrange for other members to pick up your toys and get them to the donation boxes. Also, if you can't get toys, a check is always appreciated. If you wish to send a check, please send it to Kathy Rozea, Newcomer's treasurer. More details are within this newsletter.

As you'll remember, I sent out a message several weeks ago regarding the NCV elections to the Board of Director's (BOD) held yearly. Due to the COVID-19, this past year has been a non-year for the NCV and its usual activities. The current BOD began its term in February, but had less than two months before NC was ordered to stay at home, and basically everything shut down. The BOD continued to meet monthly, via ZOOM, to monitor the situation and consider how and when to begin NCV activities, and to continue support of our charities, newsletter and members helping members. The BOD decided that due to this peculiar year, instead of holding elections this year, we would continue into the 2021 year. Each BOD member willing to continue serving signed a statement indicating their intention to stay on the BOD. We did have one resignation and decided that it would not be filled until the 2021 election. Well, you all liked that idea and we appreciate your confidence in the BOD.

So, congratulations to the 2021 NCV BOD!

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Please take good care of yourselves, stay healthy and be happy! Hope to see you in the New Year!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.....

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



Warm regards,

Cathi Montgomery

President, NCV

Quarterly Charity

Toys for Tots

Greetings!!

I wanted to let you know what the club did for our 2nd and 3rd quarter charity, Robin's Nest.

Along with a **check for \$525.00**, one of our members, **Amy Chizen**, delivered:

1 Box of 80 K-Cups, 20 Capri Sun Juice Boxes, 25 Pretzel & Cheese Dippers, 27 Austin PB Crackers, 24 Packs of Nutter Butter Cookies, 12 Packs of Nabisco Cookies.

So good job everyone!!



Don't forget our 4th quarter's charity is a club favorite. The Marine Toys for Tots collection. There's a box (or 2) at the airport where you can leave your toys before December 20th or you can write a check for the Marine's and mail it to our treasurer: Kathy Rozea at 2425 N Center Street #169 Hickory, NC 28601. **Your check should be made out to Newcomers of Catawba Valley**

with MCL Det 1163 Toys for Tots in the memo line. Kathy will write one big check at the end.

Also, our Members Helping Members will have volunteers to pick up toys from folks if it's not easy for you to get to the airport. So, you can contact Sandi Johnson at ncvalegirl@gmail.com

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.

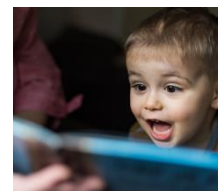


GOAL: *The primary goal of Marine Toys for Tots is, through the gift of a new toy, help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children.*

Website link. <https://www.toysfortots.org/Default.aspx>

Thanks again everyone!

Nancy Geiger, Charity Chair



Special Events Committee

Hello from the Special Events Committee!

I am so happy to see that a few of our activities are getting going again! We are hoping these limited activities 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 may try again after the first of the year for some great bargains. Did you know there is an aquarium at this mall? Even if you don't shop you may want to visit the fish!

What a day for a picnic!! On September 30th 23 of us gathered for the postponed NCV Picnic. We fretted about the weather beforehand, but it turned out to be a picture-perfect day. We gathered behind our masks, for conversation and catching up. Good thing we had our nametags on!! There were lots of games of Ladder Ball and Corn Hole, and EATING of course! We had great box lunches from Crosswinds Café complete with a variety of wraps, home-made chips, pasta salad and a chocolate chip cookie. Who could ask for more?!? But there WAS more! Mike Sigmon brought his very first home-grown watermelon freshly cut from his garden that morning! It was sweet and juicy and we all enjoyed more than one piece! While we were at it, we did a 50/50 and raised \$50 more for our second- and third-quarter charity, Robin's Nest. Recognize anyone behind those masks?

(Pictures courtesy of Brenda Ireland)

We understand that not everyone is comfortable yet with get-togethers, but we all felt the picnic was a terrific way to take a step forward. The picnic tables were sanitized before our arrival, hand sanitizer was available at all tables, masks were worn and ideas for better masks were shared. Please let us know if there is anything we can provide that would make you feel more at ease about getting together.

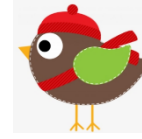




Mark your Calendar! On Wednesday, December 9th, (our regular meeting date), we are going to have a Holiday Social Open House. We would still like to have a chance to indulge in some refreshments and holiday cheer. This event will take place at the Hickory Airport from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Members will be able to come at their convenience, stay a short time, and enjoy the company. We will be limiting the Meeting Room occupants to 25 at a time, having the overflow wait in the lobby until it's appropriate. Masks will be required to enter the building and should be worn while mingling. Seating at the tables will be limited to 4 each. Coffee, tea, water, and holiday cookies will be on hand. There will be no RSVP, but we hope to see many of you as we close out this crazy year! 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



ADULTS AND DOGS ONLY



Own a dog? Plan ahead

Several Newcomers have reserved spots at the **4pawskingdom campground in Rutherfordton, just over an hour west of Hickory, for April 19-21.**

The park is dedicated to dogs; most cabins and RV sites have fenced yards. The sprawling park has several fenced areas - a



ball park, a lure park, two ponds, small dogs, tiny dogs and agility course. The bath house has a room for bathing your dog and a grooming station. Check it out at www.4pawskingdom.com.

For liability reasons, no one younger than 18 may be a guest.

- Dianne Straley dfwhit@gmail.com

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, by Zoom at 1:30 PM. Barb Beck will facilitate our discussion.

Members will be voting on books to read in 2021 during November.

The Book Club Coordinator is Mary Bucy at 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

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 Jong group have continued to play Online Mah Jongg. <https://realmahjongg.com/>

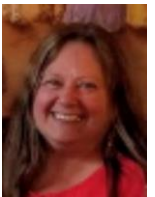


The photos here are what the opening page and sign in/up page looks like.

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!!

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

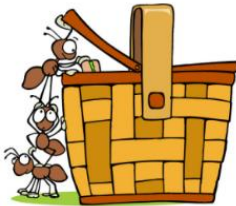
NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME!!!!

Tim and Elaine Knobloch from Rockville, MD.



Newcomers PICNIC September 30th... PHOTOS





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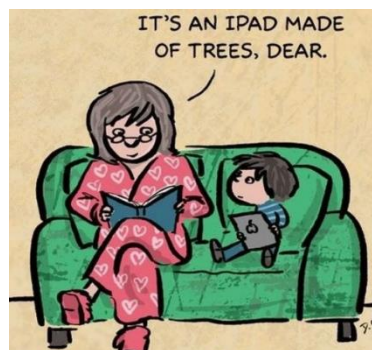


10. When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street by sucking on a hose, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline, but he plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.



7. Seems an Arkansas guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. The liquor store window was made of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape...

It took
"Click it or Ticket"
to get people to
wear a seatbelt.
I wonder if
"Mask it or Casket"
might work?



COVID -19 Safety Information Websites and Services



Please be sure to get all your information about the Covid-19 Virus and what is happening in our State and our area from **FACTUAL and RELIABLE** sources. There have been numerous misleading articles on social media and even sent through emails and texts that are just plain wrong and harmful.

Below are some websites with accurate and timely information on the corona virus:

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/counterterrorism-and-emerging-threats/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

<https://www.nih.gov/health-information/coronavirus>

<https://www.wfae.report/breakingnews/>

<https://www.wbtv.com/news/catawba-county/>

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/>



Staying apart brings us together. Protect your family and neighbors.

Stay home if:



You are sick.



You are at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19.

If you leave home, know your Ws!



WEAR

a cloth covering over your nose and mouth.



WAIT

6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.



WASH

hands or use hand sanitizer.



#StayStrongNC

Learn more at
nc.gov/covid19.



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BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays in November

Richard Brands	11/4
Bob Kidd	11/5
Christine L. Pfingst	11/6
Jim Young	11/6
Pat Connor	11/7
Don Fecteau	11/12
Heather Taliaferro	11/15
Patsye Thompson	11/15
Susan Reese	11/24
Sandi Shear	11/26
Kathleen Rozea	11/27
Dottie Demarest	11/29



Birthdays in December

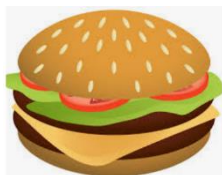
Rosie Bray	12/2
Steve Moline	12/5
Betty Ann Williams	12/9
Gary Palmer	12/9
Carol Parker	12/10
Chris Beckom	12/12
Amy Chizen	12/14
Dale M Pfingst	12/14
Sharon Bennett	12/15
Albert Derocher	12/15
Pam Wagoner	12/15
Penny Boyd	12/16
Millie Kaufman	12/17
Scott Polo	12/17
Gary Staton	12/18
Kay Stone	12/18
Patrick Leininger	12/19
Kathy Durand	12/21
Joe Pausa	12/21
Ken Feldman	12/22
Helen Baker	12/23
Denise Bukovan	12/29
Joyce Dennis	12/29
Ginny Koch	12/29
Andrea Cuddy	12/31
Karen Schafer	12/31



Sponsor Spotlight

The Olde Tavern

The Olde Tavern joined Newcomers as a sponsor, after we had a Lunch Out there, back in March 2020. Joseph Hartsoe, owner, has had the Olde Tavern at 2710 North Center Street location since 2015. This location had previously been the infamous "Lazy Dog", also "Bt Burger", and was the original location of the "Hickory Tavern". Olde Tavern states it has "the best wings in Hickory"!! They fry 'em or grill 'em and they make all their own sauces. They have daily specials and "Thirsty Thursdays" and are open with social distancing. They are also a Sports Bar and also offering catering. The Olde Tavern endeavors to be the most accommodating restaurant with the best where food in Hickory. They want to be a place THEY would like to come to when they aren't working!! Check out their website: <https://www.theoldetavern.com/>



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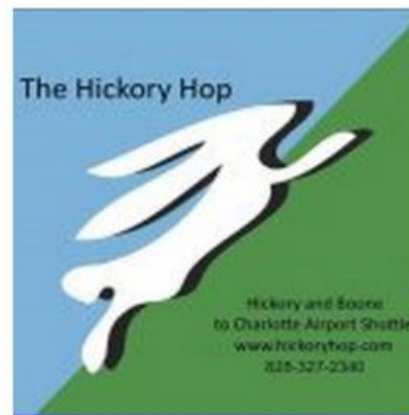


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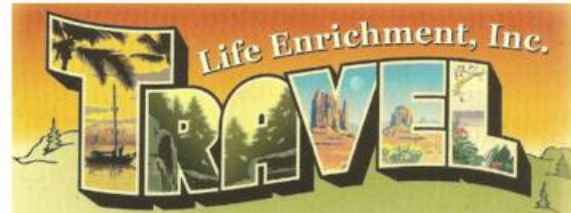


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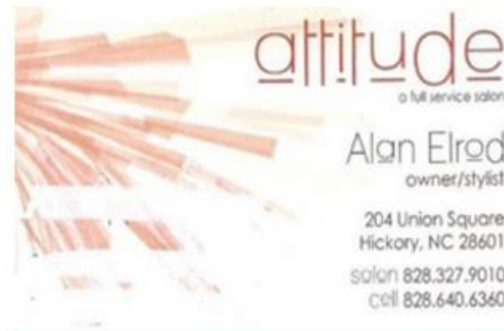


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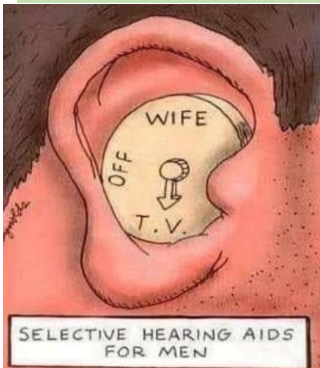
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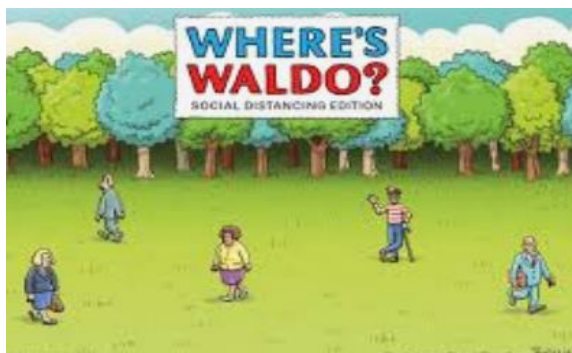
More.....FUNNNNNNNNNIES



Laughing at your own mistakes
lengthens your life.
Laughing at your wife's mistakes
shortens it.

4. After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies.. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.

My wife and I have the secret to making a marriage last. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant and have a little wine and good food. She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays.



TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.



Officers, Directors, Activity Chairs and Committees 2020

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Cathi Montgomery	President
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Canasta and Games Night	Zig and Adra Kryszczuk, Addie and Lonny McSherley
Charity Coordinator	Nancy Geiger
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Dominoes	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
Events Committee	Amy Chizen (chair), Chris Beckom, Dottie Demarest, Mary Ellen Glover, Shari Kidd, Jon Kiser, 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
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Publicity	Amy Chizen
Rummikub	Michele LeGrand
Samba Day	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
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)

Last....but.....not least.....PLEASE



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HAPPY



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MASHED POTATOES
CRACKLING FIREYAMS
LAUGHTER FOOTBALL
LOVE TOGETHERNESS
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FALLING LEAVES
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