



Newcomers of Catawba Valley
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President's Column

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."

Merry Holidays Newcomers!

We were so sorry to have had to cancel the Holiday Open House, but this Covid-19 just doesn't want to go away. We are all hoping that 2021 will bring a happier year, a healthier year and get-back-together year!

October 1st started our season for Toys for Tots and the donation boxes are in the usual spot at the airport. We can deliver toys to the boxes until December 21st. Newcomers are known for their generosity and it is very much appreciated. As a reminder, if you can't get to the donation boxes, let Sandi Johnson, Members Helping Members (828-228-4016), know and she will arrange for other members to pick up your toys and get them to the donation boxes. If you can't get toys, a check is always appreciated and you can send it to Kathy Rozea, Newcomer's treasurer, at 2425 N Center Street, Box 169. Hickory, NC 28601. Make checks out to NCV and Kathy will issue one check to the Marines for Toys for Tots.



Another successful charity that Newcomer's are involved in are the Teen Baskets for United Way. The United Way received almost 80 baskets from Newcomers! Many thanks to Adra Kryszczuk who runs this event for the Newcomers.

My car full of baskets.... 😊



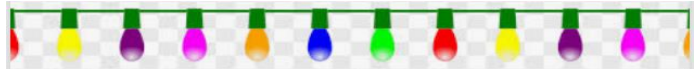
We are busy decorating our home, not that we are expecting many guests (maybe four) for Christmas but because we need a little cheer and sparkle as we celebrate the reason for the season.



I hope everyone is doing well and will enjoy this holiday season.

From myself and the NCV BOD, we wish you a very Happy Holiday and a fantastic New Year!

Seasons Blessings,
Cathi Montgomery
President, NCV



Special Events Committee

Hello from the Special Events Committee!

I am so unhappy that our activities are being cancelled again! The good news is that Newcomers have all been staying in, sanitizing and staying healthy! Keep it up so we can all gather soon!



The shopping trip is still in the back of my mind for a future date. In doing a little more research, I discovered that there are quite a few malls in and around Charlotte, including an outlet mall. So, we may change the destination slightly after the New Year to scout out some great bargains.



Since the Governor's latest decree has reduced the number of people that can gather inside back to 10, our Holiday Social Open House on December 9th has been cancelled. It was a great idea that will be held in reserve for another year as. Maybe a Spring Social to re-introduce ourselves after everyone has had the vaccine!?! Hope springs eternal and we have lots of ideas for activities for next year. So, rest up during

the remainder of 2020 because once we can meet, travel, and dine outside of our homes again there will be no holding us back!

As this crazy year comes to a close, let's toast to our health and give 2020 the boot! I'm sure we are all looking forward to a

Amy Chizen, Chair, SEC



"closer to normal" 2021!



Greetings!

We have one more month to get toys or checks to our 4th quarter charity: The Marine Toys for Tots. 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>

Our 1st quarter of 2021 we'll be supporting Exodus Homes. I'll have all the information about them in the January 1 newsletter.

Until then I hope your holidays are a blessing!



Nancy Geiger

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 **Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland** by Patrick Radden Keefe:



In December 1972, Jean McConville, a thirty-eight-year-old mother of ten, was dragged from her Belfast home by masked intruders, her children clinging to her legs. They never saw her again. Her abduction was one of the most notorious episodes of the vicious conflict known as The Troubles. Everyone in the neighborhood knew the I.R.A. was responsible. But in a climate of fear and paranoia, no one would speak of it. In 2003, five years after an accord brought an uneasy peace to Northern Ireland, a set of human bones was discovered on a beach. McConville's children knew it was their mother when they were told a blue safety pin was attached to the dress--with so many kids, she had always kept it handy for diapers or ripped clothes.

Patrick Keefe will be in the Visiting Writers Series at Lenoir Rhyne University in March 2021.

Book Club meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday of the month, except for November when we meet on the third Wednesday. Our next meeting is January 27 by Zoom at 1:30 PM. Members have voted on books to read in 2021 and these will be posted on the website soon.

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

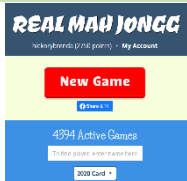
Additional dates will be scheduled for 2021. We currently only have 8 people signed up to bowl which means we will only be reserving one pair of lanes. If you wish to bowl, please let me know ASAP so that I can request a second pair of lanes.

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



Members Helping Members is a way that we can help each other during *any* particular hard time. I'm not just talking about the Corona 19 virus. I am speaking about any time that someone needs help with a day-to-day activity or a once in a month activity. For example, we're just going to the store for groceries or prescriptions. Please reach out and contact me for whatever you might need. If you need someone to walk your dog or you need a ride to the doctor or if you need a house cleaner . . . anything that you might need help for, we're here for you. You don't have to worry we don't charge for our services sometimes some of the people that end up doing the work may charge but you'll be fully aware of that if that should occur. For the most part if it's one of our members helping another member I don't expect there'll be a charge. So, let's see what we can do to help each other in times of need. It's hard enough to be alone or sick during this period that we don't want you to have to suffer not being able to achieve something that you need done.

My phone number is 828-228-4016. Please feel free to contact me by phone, text or email at ncvalegirl@gmail.com. I look forward to speaking with you and even if it's just to say "hi."

FUNNNNNNNNNNNNNNIES!!!



Why science teachers should not be given playground duty.



I Ordered a Chicken
And An Egg From
Amazon.

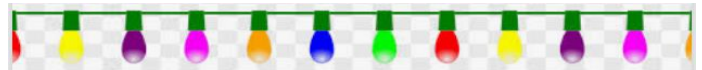
I'll Let You Know.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!From our Members

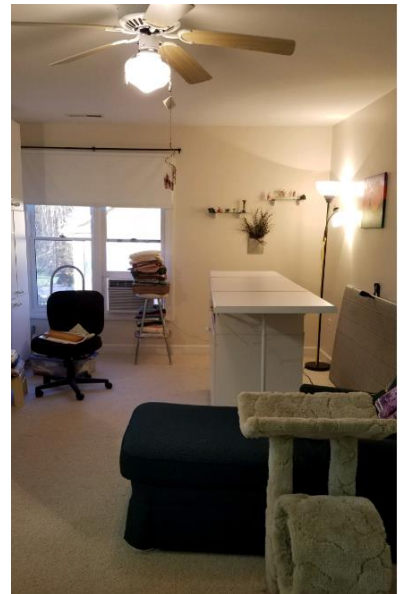
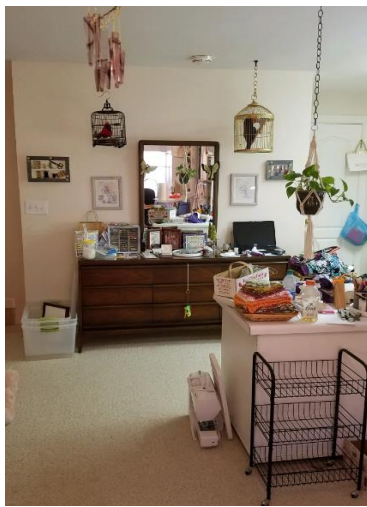


Paige Straley sells his illustrated book "Jack's Christmas" at the Tamarack, in Beckley, WV. The bunny in his story does what he must - and what many of have done - to get home for Christmas.

Paige's book is also featured in the art museum gift shop in Hickory's SALT block. See it on his website, jackschristmas.com.



Adra Kryszczuk: Here are some photos of my sewing room. About the only thing left to do is make the drapes for the windows. It's about my favorite room in the house and Stanislaus loves it up there too.



Sheri Benning: I've been doing grayscale coloring. Adorable Animals Grayscale Coloring Book by Jane Maday. The first two just need the background finished and the other two are works in progress. Sheri



COVID-19 UPDATES North Carolina

DO choose masks that



Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric



Completely cover your nose and mouth



Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps



cdc.gov/coronavirus

Help Protect Yourself and Others from COVID-19

Practice Social Distancing



Stay 6 feet (2 arm's lengths) from other people.

And Wear a Mask



Be sure it covers your nose and mouth to help protect others. You could be infected and not have symptoms.



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To All our NCV Members

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/>

All these websites have the ability for you to sign up for regular updates



BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays in December		Birthdays in January	
Rosie Bray	12/2	Lee Wagoner	1/1
Steve Moline	12/5	John Montgomery	1/2
Betty Ann Williams	12/9	Becky Thomas	1/2
Gary Palmer	12/9	Patricia Lang	1/4
Carol Parker	12/10	Eric Koch	1/7
Chris Beckom	12/12	Wil Mullins	1/7
Amy Chizen	12/14	Hedy Pausa	1/7
Dale M Pfingst	12/14	Miki Valkanoff	1/10
Sharon Bennett	12/15	David Martin	1/16
Albert Derocher	12/15	Kevin McCutcheon	1/16
Pam Wagoner	12/15	Gail L. Miller	1/17
Penny Boyd	12/16	Barb Beck	1/21
Millie Kaufman	12/17	Millie Broselow	1/22
Scott Polo	12/17	Bryan Wood	1/22
Gary Staton	12/18	Sue Bumgarner	1/23
Kay Stone	12/18	Royce Dunn	1/23
Patrick Leininger	12/19	Betty Stone	1/23
Kathy Durand	12/21	Sue Asp	1/27
Joe Pausa	12/21	Bob Connor	1/28
Ken Feldman	12/22	Ginny Heinrich	1/29
Helen Baker	12/23	Steve Womack	1/29
Denise Bukovan	12/29	Edie Ashman	1/30
Joyce Dennis	12/29	Carolyn Eanes	1/30
Ginny Koch	12/29	Mary Ellen Glover	1/30
Andrea Cuddy	12/31		
Karen Schafer	12/31		



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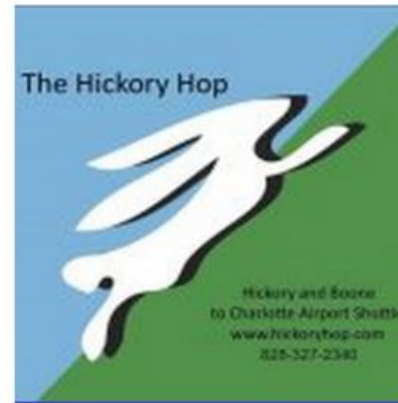
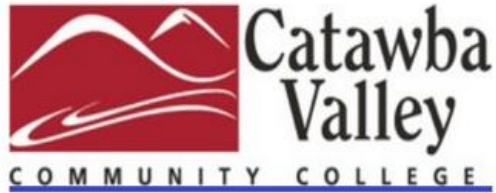
Catawba County Chamber of Commerce

The Catawba County Chamber of Commerce was voted in 2016 'Chamber of the Year' by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. Catawba County is in western North Carolina, in the foothills of the Blue Ridge



Mountains. Made up of 405 square miles of quaint towns, bustling cities, tranquil country sides, and beautiful lakes, Catawba County is home to endless diversions. Their longest running program, 'Leadership Catawba' has educated and equipped hundreds of Catawba County residents with information about the social, economic, and political dynamics of our community. The program challenges each participant to be an effective and influential leader, not only within their organizations, but within our greater community through personal commitment and involvement. 'Leader In Me' is a whole school transformation process. It teaches 21st Century leadership and life skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader. When you click on any sponsor's ad on the Newcomer website, you will automatically be taken to that sponsor's web page. I also want to remind you that if you use one of our sponsors, please make sure to thank them for sponsoring the Newcomers of Catawba Valley!

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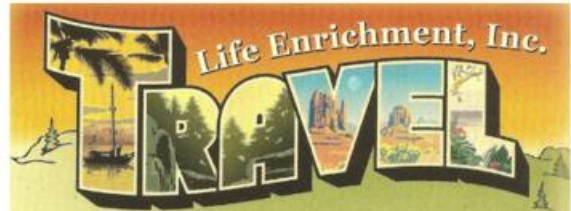


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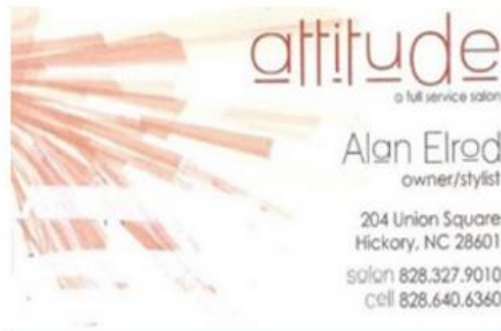


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MORE FUNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNIES!!!!



'We've moved a few things around. Travel books are in the Fantasy section, Politics is in Sci-Fi, and Epidemiology is in Self-Help. Good luck.'



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
	Nancy Geiger
	Adra Kryszczuk
	Addie McSherley
Activity	Chair
Book <u>Club</u>	Mary Bucy, Donna McDermott
Bowling	Vince LeGrand
Bridge	Gloria Berg
Canasta and Games Day	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
Canasta and Games Night	Zig and Adra Kryszczuk, Addie and Lonny McSherley
Charity Coordinator	Nancy Geiger
Coffee & Conversation	Sheri Binning
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
MahJongg	Dianne Straley
Membership	Rob Herman
Members Helping Members	Sandi Johnson, Hazel Poppe
Newsletter Editor	Brenda Ireland
Programs	Dianne Straley
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 L E A S T.....

