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President's Column

"It's a smile, it's a kiss, it's a sip of wine ... It's summertime!"
— Kenny Chesney

Hello Newcomers!

Happy Summer! I am loving the greenery, the flowers, the birds, the lake, and the warm weather! I hope you are too!

We are so sorry that we had to cancel last month's NCV General meeting, but the weather simply did not want to cooperate. We are going to try again. The General meeting will be on June 9th with the place to be determined. Hopefully at the Hickory Airport. We hear there will be more opening up around Hickory around June 1st. Stay tuned.

Several activities are being scheduled for June, and beyond. The Special Events committee (Amy Chizen) is planning a picnic; an outing to the Catawba River Antiques Mall (antiques & arts and crafts), and lunch on June 11th; also, a hike/walk to the Blowing Rock, followed by a trip into town on June 29th. Amy will be providing details. The BOD talked about other events as well, so stay tuned for a fun-packed summer.

Activity Chairs - **We are asking that ALL activities open up.** Coffee & Conversation and Lunch-Out have started up. Looking forward to games and cards starting as well. Activity Chairs can expect a call from either me or Rob Herman (Vice-President) to discuss future plans and/or any concerns. You may also feel free to call me at any time.

We have several vacancies coming up that need to be filled quickly. First, we need a new Newsletter Editor. Brenda Ireland, who produces the monthly newsletter, is moving on from that position at the end of August. It is time for someone else (or two....) to step up and take this activity over. Most of the content is provided by other volunteers. Brenda has done a fantastic job, but like most volunteer jobs, they are temporary and there comes a time to pass the baton. The second position is the Sponsors activity (sponsors support the NCV with yearly donations); again,

Brenda has been doing this and needs a new chair to step up. Brenda has described both of these positions here in the newsletter. Please consider taking one of these positions. The sooner you decide the more time you will have to work with Brenda before she steps away.

We also have activity chair vacancies for Canasta & Game Night, and Dominoes. In December, we will have a vacancy for Book Club activity chair. Please consider volunteering for your club.

REMEMBER, WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION. PLUS, it is fun to be able to help plan and create activities for the club! We would love working with you!

This quarter's charity is the *Habitat for Humanity* in Taylorsville, NC. The BOD has decided to keep this charity for our 3rd quarter to hopefully increase donations since we are opening up. Charity Chairperson, Nancy Geiger, will have more to say about the charity in the newsletter.

As always, when you donate to our charities, let them know that you are from the NCV, and let Nancy know as well.

Also, when you use our SPONSORS, please let them know you are from NCV. This tells them that their sponsorship is worthwhile.

See you soon! Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact me (cathimontgomery@aol.com), or any other BOD member.



As always....stay safe and healthy....and happy!

Cathi Montgomery
President, NCV



Quarterly CHARITY

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY-Taylorsville



The Board of Directors met today and we are so excited about club events opening up! Especially me as your Charity Chairperson. When we don't meet our charities suffer a bit because people usually bring items and money to donate when they come to our events and meetings and also volunteer with the charity which has been hard with the pandemic limitations.

Because of that we've decided to keep Habitat for Humanity, Taylorsville, as our charity for 3rd quarter also. This gives you ample opportunity to:

1. Donate or shop their resale shop. I've heard from members who have shopped there that it is much bigger than the Hickory store and well worth the drive. If you have things to donate, but can't get there yourself, you can always bring items to the general meetings and we'll make sure they get to the store. (Please remember they don't take clothes.)



2. Help build a house! If 1, 2 or 10 people want to do this they can help any Saturday. Contact **Matt Cooksey, Executive Director** at 828-612-2630 to tell him you are interested and get directions. You can do this once or as often as you like!
3. Donate lunches to the people building on Saturdays. They usually have 10 – 12 people there so this wouldn't be a huge amount of food. Maybe several of you would like to get together and do this one or two Saturdays. If you are interested contact **Matt Cooksey, Executive Director** at 828-612-2630 to set up a date.
4. Give money. If you'd like to write a check to this great organization, please make it out to Newcomers of Catawba Valley with *Habitat for Humanity* in the memo line and mail it to our treasurer Kathy Rozea at 2425 N Center Street #169 Hickory, NC 28601 (Or again you can always bring a check to the general meeting and give it to Kathy or myself.

****And remember to always let them know you are with Newcomers!**



And let me know what you did and how rewarding it was!

**Nancy Geiger
Charity Chair**

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE



**Wahoo and Hip, Hip Hooray
From the Special Events Committee!!**



And we're back in business!! I am hoping to pull together a Special Events Committee Meeting in the near future. Once the Hickory Library opens up a little more, we will plan to gather in the Meeting Room. Watch for the upcoming announcement.

On to our Activities Listing! The seasons have moved on, so our outdoor activities will start to wind down and indoor activities will take center stage.

Friday, June 4th: Let's Do Lunch Picnic #3. We seem to be on a roll here, so let's try one more! June's will be held at Hilton Park in Hickory at 12:00. As usual, we all bring whatever we want to eat and drink. Nothing will be provided by the Club. See the flyer in this Newsletter for details. Note: There is no rain date for this activity. We've had a great response so far, so I hope you'll join us this month!

Friday, June 11th: Catawba River Antique Mall.



Join us for a trip to this sprawling antique and boutique mall! There are over 300 booths full of merchandise for you to look through in a 67,000 square foot building.

Leave Hickory Airport parking lot at back around 3-3:30 PM



9:30 AM and arrive

carpooling will be restaurant called

We will meet in the parking area and decide what arranged. After shopping, we will head over to a nearby

"Jekyll & Hyde" for lunch. Please RSVP to chizenamy@gmail.com or (860) 428-6786 by the end of Wednesday, June 9th.

Tuesday, June 29th: Blowing Rock.

Have you been to Blowing Rock to go to the Outlet Mall? Maybe you went there and walked through the main street boutiques and shops? How about starting out with a hike up Blowing Rock? This is actually an easy walk to the top of the mountain plus touring the grounds that takes about 20 minutes and is .25 miles. The cost is \$9 (\$7 for Seniors 60+.) After that, we will proceed to the Outlet Mall. Although there aren't as many shops there as there used to be, there may be one or two that piques your interest. The final stop will be downtown Blowing Rock. Walking through the shops and stopping for a bite to eat are the big pleasures of this town. Everyone will be on their own for lunch and free to continue your browsing and shopping afterward. Please RSVP to chizenamy@gmail.com or (860) 428-6786 by the end of Saturday, June 26th. See the flyer for details!

Other activities in the works: exploring Linville Caverns, a day at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden in the Fall, white water rafting, tubing, Wine and Paint, Escape Room and many more exciting things! I hope you will join us for some long-awaited socializing.

Amy Chizen, SEC Chair



Let's Do Lunch #3!

Since this has proven to be popular, let's do it one more time! This is a very informal meet up just to say hi and have lunch.

Date: **Friday, June 4th (No Rain date)**

Where: Glenn C. Hilton, Jr. Park, Pavilion #2, Hickory

Time: 12:00 noon until ???

Bring: Your own lunch including drinks (You don't have to make it yourself; stop on the way and pick it up!)



There are no RSVPs, no commitments, nothing you have to provide except your own lunch. NOTHING will be provided by the club and we prefer that you not bring anything to be shared. If you don't want to do lunch, just stop by and say hello!

We will bring games, including Corn Hole, Dominoes, and Ladders. There are some great walking/hiking opportunities at this park that you may want to take advantage of before or after lunch!

See you there!

CATAWBA RIVER ANTIQUE MALL

BELMONT, NC

Join us for a trip to this sprawling antique and boutique mall! There are over 300 booths full of merchandise for you to look through in a 67,000 square foot building. The mall is clean and spacious with wide aisles and a very simple floor plan - just five long aisles to navigate.



When: **Friday, June 11, 2021**



Time: Leave Hickory Airport parking lot at 9:30 AM and arrive back around 3-3:30 PM

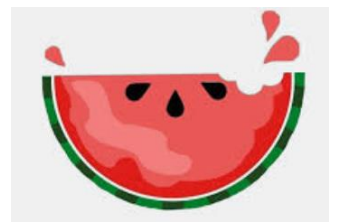


When we all meet in the parking area, we can decide what **carpooling** will be arranged. If you would prefer to go it alone, that's OK! Keep in mind that you will need to transport home whatever you buy! It will take us **about an hour** to get there and the advice is to plan **about 2 hours** to get through it all. After shopping 'til we drop, we will head over to a nearby restaurant called "**Jekyll & Hyde**" for lunch. After we are refreshed and renewed with food and drink, you can choose to go back for more treasures or head back to the airport. Again, **carpooling** can be arranged differently at this point.



Please RSVP to chizenamy@gmail.com or (860) 428-6786 by the end of Wednesday, June 9th.

So, take a ride down 321 to Belmont and see what treasures you can discover!



Blowing Rock Trip



Let's hit the road for a trip to Blowing Rock! **Tuesday, JUNE 29th** What's there? Blowing Rock itself, an Outlet Mall, and a main drag filled with small shops and restaurants. If you haven't ventured up there yet, or if this is one of your favorite destinations, come with us to this major tourist attraction!

Part I: How about starting out with a walk up Blowing Rock? This is actually an easy walk to the top of the mountain plus touring the grounds that takes about 20 minutes and is .25 miles. The cost is \$9 (\$7 for Seniors 60+).

Part II: There may be one or two of the Outlet stores that piques your interest. A current listing of the stores there include: American Eagle, Banana Republic, Carter's, Chico's, Gap, Hanesbrand, Jockey, Polo, Sunglass Hut, Talbots, and Vera Bradley.

Part III: The final stop will be downtown Blowing Rock. Walking through the shops and stopping for a bite to eat are the big pleasures in this town. Everyone will be on your own for lunch and free to continue your browsing and shopping afterward.

Meet at the Hickory Airport by 9:30 AM and carpooling/caravanning will be determined since not everyone is going to be interested in going to the same places. Want to go to Part I and II only? Join that group. Ready to go right to the main drag? Join with the others that are only interested in Part III. Some may want to do all 3 parts, and that's available, too!

So that we don't leave anyone behind, I ask that you please RSVP to chizenamy@gmail.com or (860) 428-6786 by the end of Saturday, June 26th. It would be helpful if you could indicate (without commitment) which parts of the trip you are interested in.



ACTIVITIES

BOOK CLUB

Book Club is reading *Even As We Breathe* by Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle. Nineteen-year-old Cowney Sequoyah yearns to escape his hometown of Cherokee, North Carolina, in the heart of the Smoky Mountains. When a summer job at Asheville's luxurious Grove Park Inn and Resort brings him one step closer to escaping the hills that both cradle and suffocate him, he sees it as an opportunity. With World War II raging in Europe, the inn is the temporary home of Axis diplomats and their families, who are being held as prisoners of war. Soon, Cowney's refuge becomes a cage when the daughter of one of the residents goes missing and he finds himself accused of abduction and murder. *Even As We Breathe* invokes the elements of bone, blood, and flesh as Cowney navigates difficult social, cultural, and ethnic divides. After leaving the seclusion of the Cherokee reservation, he is able to explore a future free from the consequences of his family's choices and to construct a new worldview, for a time. However, prejudice and persecution in the white world of the resort eventually compel Cowney to free himself from larger forces that hold him back as he struggles to unearth evidence of his innocence and clear his name.



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 July 28 at 1:30 PM. We will meet in person at the Women's Resource Center in Hickory. We are in need of a member to lead the discussion for this book.

The 'Lite' book club is reading *Anne of Avonlea* by Lucy Maud Montgomery. This group will meet on June 23, location to be determined. Please contact Mary Bucy if you would like to be on the mailing list.

The Book Club Coordinator is Mary Bucy at mebucy@hotmail.com

BRIDGE



JUNE

Wednesday, June 2nd	Carol Parker
Monday, June 7th	Gloria Berg
Monday, June 14th	Betty Stone
Wednesday, June 16th	Susan Perkins
Monday, June 21st	Margie Dickie

JULY

Monday, July 5th	Peg Baldwin
Wednesday, July 7th	Gloria Berg
Monday, July 12th	Laurie Johnsen
Monday, July 19th	Gloria Berg
Wednesday, July 21st	Phyllis Kane

COFFEE and CONVERSATION



It's a bit hard now with so many places not making it over the last year. Such a shame. Let's go to **Emerson's Café, 3050 S Highway 127 HICKORY, North Carolina 28602**

I have not been to this place before, but I have been to Emerson's in the mall. I assume that they are related. Not sure.



We'll go the last Friday of the month, June 25th, at our normal time at 2 pm.

Contact Sheri @ ronald.binning@gmail.com

MAH JONGG

Newcomers plays online American Mah Jongg at 10:30 am Fridays using the Real Mah Jongg app. The program is free for the first two weeks so you can test it before signing up.

Search for players with Hickory in their username to play with people you know.

Although the club no longer plays in person because of the pandemic, several members will play face to face at 10:30 am each Tuesday at the Pinecrest retirement center, 915 29th Ave NE., starting June 1. These games are open to anyone so invite other players from the community that you know. We hope Pinecrest residents will join us and learn how to play.

There are two requirements: you must be fully vaccinated to join us and you must park on the right side of the building. Carpooling is always a good idea.

Questions: Dianne Straley, (828)308-4282 or dfwhit@gmail.com.



LUNCH OUTside

Let's re-start 'Lunch Outside' at Hickory Tavern in Belle Hollow Shopping Center. I've selected this restaurant for many reasons and am looking forward to a good meal and socializing.

The patio facing the main parking lot has been *reserved exclusively for Newcomers*. Lunch Outside will provide a safe setting with a covered patio in case of rain.

Direct access to the patio from the parking lot & **no steps**.

Casual dining with an extensive menu from \$7.00 to \$18.00. Their new Asian Power Bowl and Health Nut salads are delicious. Added to the menu are baked to order chocolate chip cookies delivered hot. This restaurant supports The Independence Fund which purchases all-terrain wheelchairs for injured Veterans: order the 'Merica's Burger' & \$1 is donated to the fund.

HICKORY TAVERN

DATE: June 10, 2021 (Thursday)

TIME: 11:30am

ADDRESS: 2982 N. Center Street
Hickory, NC 28601

(In Belle Hollow Shopping Center anchored by Lowe's Food & next to the closed SteinMart)

PHONE: (828) 322-2699

WEBSITE: thehickorytavern.com



RSVP to: Francine Gissy @ fgissy32@gmail.com

RSVP DEADLINE: June 8, 2021

Looking forward to seeing you,

Francine fgissy32@gmail.com



PICNIC May 4th @ RIVERBEND PARK



It's time to pass the Newsletter and Sponsorship "Baton"

The time has come for another Newsletter Creator to step in. I recently realized that I have been doing the Newsletter for over 3 yrs. I have enjoyed doing so and have decided it time to lay down my keyboard!! I took up doing the Newsletter and the Sponsorship Tracking because I turned in my Secretary position after a year, and still wanted to help, but also wanted to travel in our new travel trailer. I could help and do these on the road with my laptop...perfect! I will happily help my successor's transition, and have all my past newsletters and other pertinent info on a thumb drive I will turn over to them. Same with the Sponsorship position. The newsletter might take a few hrs a day for a couple of days, but I am a slow worker. The Sponsorship tracking might be an hour or so a month, but not necessarily every month. For the Newsletter I send an email out mid-month asking contributors for their input. They provide their own articles and basically "cut and paste" and use "snipit" for other add ins. I have spreadsheets for Birthdays, and for tracking all our current sponsors. I even have the Sponsor tracking for 2022 completed. My Last Newsletter will be the AUGUST newsletter. **Newcomers exists and functions completely by VOLUNTEERS. To be a part of keeping going what we all enjoy, there needs to be Members who will step up and volunteer their time and "gifts".....and we ALL have "gifts"!!** I hope you will consider this opportunity to step up and volunteer!! ***Thank you all for your support and encouragement Brenda Ireland***

Members Helping Members

Sandi Johnson



Everyone, Members Helping Members is a great idea. It does not require much time as a chairperson. I believe that most of you could handle this position without much effort. My husband and I are opening a thrift shop in Vale and it will require all of my free time. So, I need to see if someone would be willing to help or take over this position. If you have any questions please let me know and we can talk about anything you are concerned about. Hopefully everyone got a chance to enjoy the lovely weather. If you are interested, please contact Sandi at ncvalegirl@gmail.com **Sandi**

Special Message from Suzie and Monty Matthews

Monty and I thank the many Newcomers who responded to our little over 2 weeks of recovery after Monty's knee replacement surgery. Since we each had knee replacements in the past, we thought we knew what we were getting into! Little did I dream how exhausting this time would feel 15 years after Monty's first replacement, Newcomers of Catawba Valley came to our rescue! We can never fully tell each of you how much your meals, visits, and concern meant to us! We want to especially thank Carol Hoover. Patsy Lang, Carol and Dennis Reising, Hedy and Joe Paussa, Sandi Shear-Johnson, Adra Kryzszczuk, and Kathy Rosea. Our heartfelt thanks to Dianne and Paige Straley who have been by our side during this entire ordeal. They brought many meals, helped Monty to and from Physical Therapy, bought groceries, ice, to installing electrical outlet and many hours of moral support, to hunting for Velcro straps for ice machine...they have been super friends! What would we have done without Newcomer members when I was so exhausted I slept in my clothes and kept going?? Bless you all! Suzie

*Thank you
from the
bottom
of my
heart.*



BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays in June

Neil Forrest	6/2
Bill McLaughlin	6/4
Gail Meyer	6/5
Verna McDowell	6/8
Carol Lundeen	6/9
Stan Bumgarner	6/11
Kris Bowman	6/13
Betty Schwartz	6/13
Kenneth Pujdak	6/17
June Chalk	6/18
Cass Taliaferro	6/18
George Beckom	6/21
Doak Walker	6/21
Laurie Johnsen	6/22
Bill Jones	6/22
Gloria Berg	6/24
Dennis Valkanoff	6/24
Bev Forrest	6/26
Sandy Sigmon	6/27
Carol Earl	6/30

Birthdays in July

Mike Baretsky	7/2
Rose Arant	7/6
Audrey Rozzelle	7/8
Bob Williams	7/9
John Geiger	7/9
Barbara Womack	7/11
Kitty Clark	7/15
Martha Lord	7/15
Bernadette Coffey	7/16
Frank Wells	7/17
Jane Woodward	7/18
Yung Holtzman	7/20
Cindy Donahue	7/21
Marvin Yokum	7/30

Happy Birthday
To Everyone
Born in June!

happy,
happy
birthday
to you!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Loretta and Frank Wells from Kinston
Martha Lord from Tallahassee
Cyndy Acolia from New Jersey



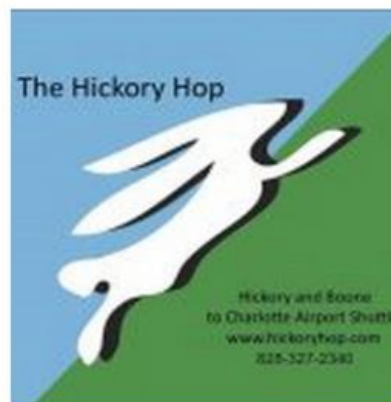
SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT Edward Jones Financial

Edward Jones Financial in Morganton has been a sponsor for Newcomers since 2017 and has been a generous contributor to Newcomer events during their Sponsorship. Newcomers own, Chad Burel, is the Financial Advisor for this location, and provides a wide range of financial services for all of us that live in this area. Edward Jones, and Chad, can help plan retirements, savings for college for children and/or grandchildren, help with estate planning, and many more services.

You can contact Edward Jones, and speak to Chad by calling 828-433-5377. Check out the Edward Jones/Morganton office website:

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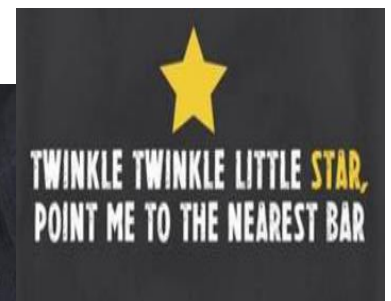
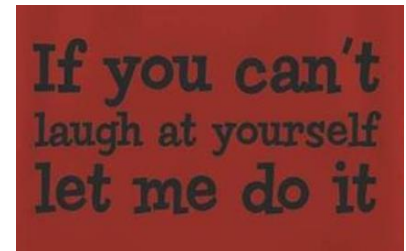
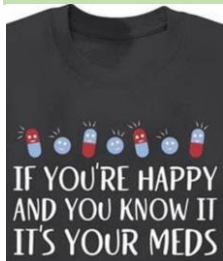


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Officers, Directors, Activity Chairs and Committees 2020 - 2021

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
	Vacancy
Activity	Chair
Book Club	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
Bowling	Vince LeGrand
Bridge	Gloria Berg
Canasta and Games Day	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
Canasta and Games Night	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, 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	Francine Gissy
MahJongg	Dianne Straley
Membership	Rob Herman
Members Helping Members	Sandi Johnson, Hazel Poppe
Newsletter Editor	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
Programs	Dianne Straley
Publicity	Amy Chizen
Rummikub	Michele LeGrand
Samba Day	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
Samba and Games Night	Audrey Rozzelle
Shooting Practice	Vince LeGrand
Sponsors	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
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.....

