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President's Column



"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time." — F. Scott Fitzgerald

Hey Newcomers!

Our next General meeting will be held on **THURSDAY, July 15, 2021**, at the Neighbors Network, a nonprofit center for seniors. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. at The Wade Center, home of Neighbors Network Inc. More details in this newsletter. Hope to see you there!

July 31st will bring a Pool Party at the home of members, Vince & Michele LeGrand. More information to come.

THIS IS A PLEA. We need you! As an organization, our biggest need right now is **VOLUNTEERS.** **REMEMBER, WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION. Please consider volunteering for an open position.**

The BOD is looking for someone to fill the position of secretary for the rest of the BOD year (thru Jan 2022). Our secretary, Chris Beacom, has stepped away. A big thanks to Chris for her work with the BOD. If you are interested in this position, please contact me. Thank you!

We still have several activity vacancies coming up that need to be filled quickly. **We need a new NEWSLETTER EDITOR, NOW.** Brenda Ireland, who currently produces the monthly newsletter, is moving on from that position and this July newsletter is her LAST. 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. I know how much everyone enjoys the monthly newsletter, but without a volunteer to take charge of the newsletter it will be unmanageable. It doesn't have to be one person, it can be a team, and you will have a lot of autonomy in the development of the newsletter. Thank you in advance!

We also have activity chair vacancies for **CANASTA AND GAMES DAY, DOMINOES, MAHJONG (IN-PERSON GAMES), and SAMBA & GAMES DAY & NIGHT.** A big thanks to Elizabeth Strickland for taking on **Samba Day** for 6 months of the year (Oct.- Apr). She lives elsewhere during the other 6 months and can use help during that time. In December, we will have vacancies for **BOOK CLUB** activity chair, as well as our **GENERAL MEETING** Program Coordinator. Please consider volunteering for your club.

A huge thank you to Kevin McCutcheon for volunteering for the Sponsors activity!

A list of the vacancies and the general duties is attached for your consideration.



As of right now, we don't see card games starting until September, unless members show more interest. Contact Adra Kryszczuk if you're interested in playing cards. Consider having small games (two tables) at member's homes.

Please remember our charity this quarter, Habitat for Humanity, Taylorsville. As always, when you donate to our charities, let them know that you are from the NCV, and let Nancy know as well.

We have a new sponsor this month, Duke's Restaurant & Wine Bar (Market on Main), has joined our sponsors. Check them out at 335 Main Ave, SW, Hickory. My husband and I love this place, great food, and wonderful staff. Also, when you use our SPONSORS, please let them know you are from NCV. This tells them that their sponsorship is worthwhile.



Hope to see at upcoming activities! Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact me (cathimontgomery@aol.com), or any other BOD member.

As always....stay safe and healthy....enjoy the summer!

Cathi Montgomery
President, NCV



NCV ACTIVITY CHAIR VACANCIES & DUTIES

NEWSLETTER EDITOR (Starting NOW)

Collect information from the activity coordinators and column from the President.

Encourage members to submit photos of activities and stories they want to share.

Create the newsletter.

Distribute to the membership via e mail on the first day of the month.

BOOK CLUB CHAIR (December)

Coordinate with Women's Resource Center as to the dates and times of meetings. We have been meeting every other month on the 4th Wed (except in November when the date may be moved up or back to avoid the day before Thanksgiving. We meet at 1:30 PM in the meeting Room at WRC. The directory is held by Michelle Morgan at director@wrchickory.org. We usually give her a list in December as to the dates for the following year.

Keep an email list of members in the Book Club. Each meeting month, remind members of upcoming meeting.

During the meetings, we start with what we have been reading lately on our own, and make a list, later confirm the author, and email this information to members.

The person (who previously signed up) to lead the discussion will then run the meeting. If no one has signed up, this goes to the chairperson.

In the fall ask members to suggest books for the next year by email. Books should be available in libraries. Members vote on the books for the next year.

Determine meeting dates and ask for discussion leaders. Distribute lists by email or in person at the Christmas Lunch.

PROGRAM Coordinator (December)

Diane Straley will be turning over the baton for this position in December. This activity chair researches and arranges for the program part of our monthly General meeting.

1. Attend General Meetings.
2. Schedule the program for the monthly meetings.
3. Inform President of scheduled programs to share with Board members.
4. Introduce speakers.
5. Write thank you cards as appropriate.

THESE CHAIRS ARE NEEDED NOW

CANASTA AND GAMES DAY

DOMINOES

MAHJONGG (IN-PERSON GAMES)

SAMBA DAY (have volunteer, Elizabeth Strickland, for Oct-April; need another for other 6 mos)

SAMBA AND GAMES NIGHT

The duties of Canasta and Games Day, Dominoes, Mahjong, Samba Day and Samba and Games Night are all basically the same:

Events are at the Hickory Airport meeting room.

Select a menu and confirm it and price with Crosswind Cafe

Send out announcement emails for the game about 2 weeks in advance followed with a reminder email the week before

Take reservations and confirm

Ensure that all tables are even (filled), take a wait list if needed

Make a check-in list for the event

Set the room up for activity (arrive at least 30 minutes prior to start time)

Collect monies at event and check in all participants

Provide rotation cards, as needed

Ensure that all equipment is returned to the cabinets and that the cabinets are locked.

Evening events lock up the airport.



It's time to pass the Newsletter "Baton"

This is my Last Newsletter.

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 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 it 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.

The newsletter might take a few hrs a day for a couple of days, but I am a slow worker.

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 Members Birthdays.

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



Monthly General Meeting/JULY in CONOVER

Newcomers will hold its July meeting in a new place and a new day as we get to know

Neighbors Network, a nonprofit center for seniors.

We will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 15, at The Wade Center, home of Neighbors Network Inc. The senior center is about a mile south of I-40's Exit 132 on N.C. 16. The street address is 502 Thornburg Drive NE, Conover. (That road is also known as N.C. 16.)

If you are driving south on N.C. 16, a median in the four-lane divided highway will block you from turning left into the center. Continue south a short distance and you will see a spot for an easy U-turn to head back north to the center's parking lot.

The center is named for a former Newcomers member, the late Wade "Hamp" Shuford.

Neighbors Network's mission is to help seniors stay independent in their own homes and help them get access to reliable and affordable services. Center Director Dianna-Lee Keever will be our speaker and will give us a tour afterwards.

The center has remodeled a former church and has a large auditorium, game room, kitchen, exercise room, community pantry, computer lab, craft room and meeting rooms.

For information, call Neighbors Network at 464-1111.

Remember, Newcomers usually meets on the second Wednesday at Hickory Regional Airport, but this meeting will be held Thursday, July 15, in Conover at 502 Thornburg Dr. NE. (N.C. 16).

- Dianne Straley

dfwhit@gmail.com



BOOK CLUB



Bookclub is reading **Even As We Breathe by Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle**. Nineteen year old Cowney Sequoyah yearns to escape his hometown of Cherokee North Carolina. A summer job at Asheville's Grove Park Inn brings him one step closer to leaving his home. With World War II raging in Europe, the inn is the temporary home to Axis diplomats and their families, who are being held as prisoners of war. Soon Cowney's refuge becomes a cage when one of the daughters of the residents goes missing and he finds himself the focus of an investigation.

Bookclub will meet July 23rd in the Women's Resource Center in Hickory at 1:30 PM. Bookclub is in need of a new chairperson for 2022. **Please contact Mary Bucy with questions. (828)514-4290**

BRIDGE



JULY

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

August

Monday, Aug 2nd	Carolyn Eanes
Wednesday, Aug 4th	Kathy Rozea
Monday, Aug 9th	Gloria Berg
Monday, Aug 16th	Karen Schafer
Wednesday, Aug 18th	Carol Parker



COFFEE and CONVERSATION

For the next 2 months, we will be having ice cream and conversation.

First up is the **Shake-N-Dog in downtown Lenoir**. They serve Tony's ice cream from Gastonia, which has been making ice cream since the early 1900's. We will meet early for lunch on **Friday the 30th at 1 pm**. It is at **209 Main Street, Lenoir**, just off the square on the right. <https://www.facebook.com/theshakendog/>
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.



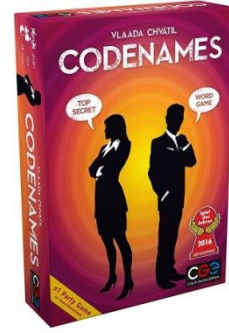
There are two requirements: you must be fully vaccinated to join us and you must park on the right side of the building. Carpooling is always a good idea.

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

The club is looking for a mah jongg player who will organize in-person games. If you are interested, contact Cathi Montgomery, cathimontgomery@aol.com.

Daytime GAME Gathering

Once a month we are sponsoring a DAYTIME GAMERS play word games as CODENAME, PASSWORD, TRIBOND or a few people sign up we would play a board game like TICKET TO RIDE. Don't worry if you are unfamiliar or forgot month's game. We will teach you during a practice round Bring a snack and your favorite drink and have an afternoon gamers. Minimum of 3 players.



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JULY's GAME DAY is Wednesday JULY 7. 1-4pm. JULY's

CODENAMES. Codenames is a social word game. Teams compete by giving one-word clues that can point to multiple words on the table. Their teammates try to guess words of their color while avoiding those that belong to the opposing team. It's simple but challenging. **RSVP by July 5 to**

Rob Herman (robgherman@gmail.com)

GAME is



MONTHLY CHARITY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY in TAYLORSVILLE



We're starting our second quarter with **Alexander County Habitat for Humanity in Taylorsville.** Let's show them some love! Listed below are ways you can help:

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**

Newcomers "Return to Normal" Pool & Spa Party!!!

Saturday, July 31st from 5 pm til ???



Your hosts: The LeGrand's & Nancie Jaeger

Potluck at the LeGrand's home

1404 Redmon Court, Newton

(Directions will follow in an upcoming flyer)

Please bring a food item
to share with everyone:

- **Main dish** (meatballs, lasagna, pizza,
tacos, finger sandwiches, etc.)

Or

- **Appetizer/Side** (mac & cheese, pigs in
a blanket, potato skins, etc.)

Or

- **Salad** (macaroni salad, potato salad,
tossed salad, etc.)

B.Y.O.B.*

**Beer, Wine, Mixers, etc.*

**Water, Iced Tea, Ice, and
Desserts will be provided**

***Gloves for serving
utensils will be provided***

**RSVP to Vince by July 24th
legravin@gmail.com**

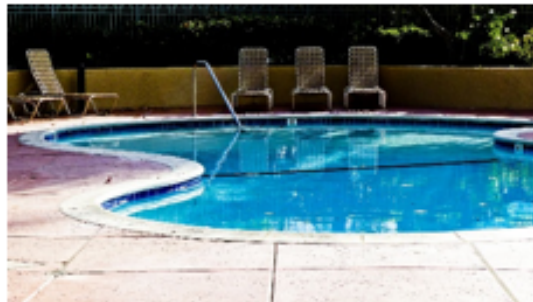
Pictures from past years' parties



Please bring lawn chairs to ensure seating for everyone

News From the Special Events Committee!!

Come keep cool at our Annual Pool Party! The date is set for July 31st at Vince and Michele LeGrand's lovely house and pool. We have munchies, play in the pool, and then feast on a wonderful pot luck dinner. See the flyer for all the details. Please note, we understand that being in the pool isn't for everyone. Join us anyway! Not everyone dips their toes (or more) into the water, so there's plenty of conversation and munching happening on deck. This activity was a casualty of 2020 so we are doubly excited to be back! Hope to see many of you there!



For August we are working on a River Rafting trip or a Tubing Excursion. These would be all-day events and we may even rent a van or bus for transportation. Watch for details in your email and in next month's Newsletter.



Put this date on your calendar: September 17th Pontoon Party (Rain Date is September 24th, but we'll cross that bridge later.) It will be an evening cruise with a pot luck dinner and watching the sun set. Still in the planning stages, so stay tuned for updates!



Other activities in the works: a day at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden in the Fall, Wine and Paint, Escape Room, Putt Putt Competition, Hickory Community Theater and many more exciting things! I hope you will join us for some long-awaited socializing.

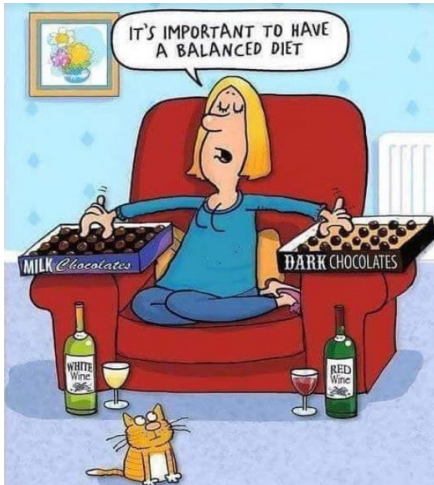
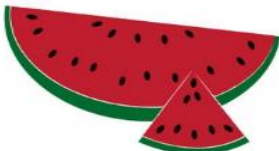
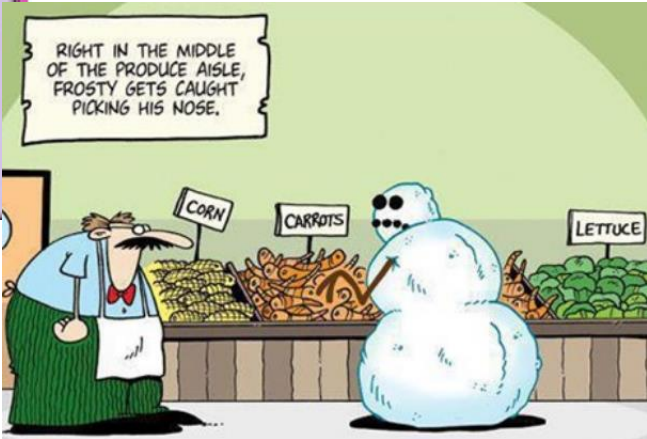
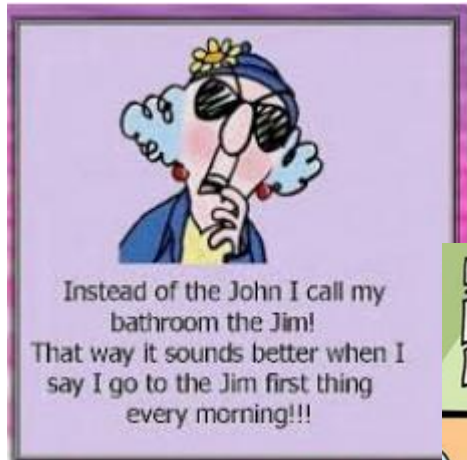
Amy Chizen, SEC Chair

BIRTHDAYS

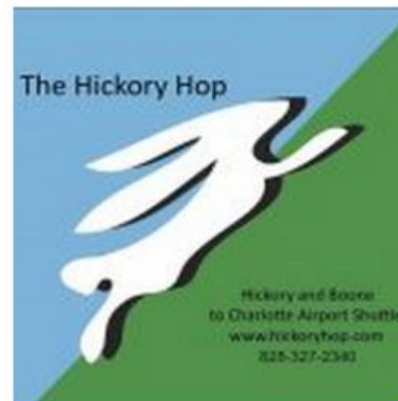
Birthdays in July		Birthdays in August		August con't	
Mike Baretsky	7/2	Suzie Matthews	8/2	Dawn Remus	8/24
Rose Arant	7/6	Phyllis Kane	8/4	Greg Dostall	8/25
Audrey Rozzelle	7/8	Dennis Chalk	8/6	Jon Snellings	8/25
Bob Williams	7/9	Bob Wolgemuth	8/6	Helen Woodyard	8/25
John Geiger	7/9	Ed Stewart	8/7	Sallie Townsend	8/26
Barbara Womack	7/11	Josette Kippenhan	8/10	Bob Remus	8/27
Kitty Clark	7/15	Pett Brands	8/12	Joanie Taliaferro	8/27
Martha Lord	7/15	Linda Meares	8/13	Elaine Knobloch	8/28
Bernadette Coffey	7/16	Judy Young	8/15	Ray Finnegan	8/29
Frank Wells	7/17	Jim Earl	8/19	Carol Sawicki	8/29
Jane Woodward	7/18	Brenda Ireland	8/19	Steve Sanders	8/31
Yung Holtzman	7/20	Martha Conrad	8/21	Loretta Wells	8/31
Cindy Donahue	7/21	Richard Dickey	8/21		
Marvin Yokum	7/30	Pat Flachbart	8/24		



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We welcome them and encourage Newcomers to look to Auto Fitness for their next automotive needs. Auto Fitness is located at: **434 10th Ave Dr. NE in Hickory.** **Phone 828-328-4003**

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Officers	Position
Cathi Montgomery	President
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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
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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)

Last.....but NOT LEAST....BEEEEEEE

