

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley
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President's Column

"It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things." Leonardo da Vinci

Hello Newcomers!

This is the last newsletter until we get a volunteer to take the Newsletter Editor position. We need a **NEWSLETTER EDITOR A.S.A.P.** It is time for someone else (or two....) to step up and take on this activity. Almost all content is provided by other volunteers. I know how much everyone enjoys the monthly newsletter, but without a volunteer to take charge of the newsletter, it will cease to be published! Members of the BOD have published these last two newsletters, but they have other duties and cannot be expected to carry the burden of getting the newsletter out each month.

In December we will have a vacancy for the **PROGRAMS CHAIR** as Dianne Straley is ready to pass the baton. This chair researches and schedules the wonderful speakers and field trips for our General Meetings. Please consider this position and thank you in advance!

October 1st starts the "TOYS FOR TOTS" fourth quarter charity. Newcomers are known for their generosity for this campaign. Boxes will be at the Hickory Airport, as in past years.

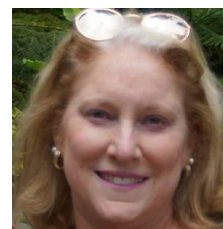
As COVID continues to be a moving target, the NCV BOD has updated the policy as it refers to NCV events, particularly as it pertains to events in member's homes. The newly revised policy was shared with members and is at the end of this newsletter.

When you use our SPONSORS, please let them know you are a Newcomer. This tells them that their sponsorship is worthwhile.

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

As always . . . stay safe and healthy . . . enjoy the last few weeks of Summer!

Cathi Montgomery
President, NCV



REMEMBER, WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION. Please consider volunteering for an open position.

NEWCOMER ACTIVITY CHAIR VACANCIES & DUTIES

NEWSLETTER EDITOR (NOW!) P U L E E E Z!

- Collect information from the activity coordinators and column from the President.
- Create the newsletter.
- Distribute to the membership via e mail on the first day of the month.
- Encourage members to submit photos of activities.
- Brenda Ireland, retiring editor, will assist with the transition.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR (December)

Diane Straley will be turning over the baton for this position in December. This 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

MAH JONGG (IN-PERSON GAMES)

SAMBA DAY (have a volunteer, Elizabeth Strickland, for October-April; need another for April-September)

SAMBA AND GAMES NIGHT

The duties of Canasta and Games Day, Dominoes, Mah Jongg, 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 Café
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.

YOU CAN DO IT!

MONTHLY EVENTS

September Program and General Meeting

The club's general meeting will be **Wednesday, September 8th at 10:30 a.m.** at the Hickory Regional Airport. Come learn more about our local baseball team, the Hickory Crawdads! Ashley Salinas, community relations director for the Crawdads, will be our guest speaker. If you follow the Crustacean Nation, you know the Crawdads are a farm team of the Texas Rangers. There are six more home games in 2021, just down the road from the airport at LP Frans Stadium.

Dinner Out

Join me for the Newcomers first '**DINNER OUTside**' **Thursday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m.** at **Café Rule and Wine Bar**. We'll be dining on the outside patio surrounded by fresh air, fountains, sculptures and beautiful gardens. There is no covering on the outside patio! There is direct access to the patio from the private parking lot through the main entrance. **In the event of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled.**

ADDRESS: 242 11th Avenue NE, Hickory, NC 28601, phone: 828-324-2005; caferule.com

MENU NOTE: Dinner prices are higher than lunch menus. (Burgers: \$14 - \$16; Tacos: \$11; Larger Plates: \$19 - \$53)

R.S.V.P. by 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 7th Francine Gissy, fgissy32@gmail.com.

Coffee and Conversation

This month we'll meet at **Julia's Bakery and Café** in Lenoir on Friday, September 24th at 1:00 p.m. for lunch, coffee and pastries. Julia's is located on Harper Avenue before downtown. https://www.facebook.com/Bakery.Cafe.Julia/?ref=py_c. Contact Sheri Binning at ronald.binning@gmail.com to let her know you're coming or just show up.

Book Club

Book Club will meet **Wednesday, September 22nd** at 1:30 p.m. at the Women's Resource Center. We will meet in person but please wear your masks. We will discuss *Nickel Boys* by Colin Whitehead. Beth Osbahr will lead our discussion. Our next book will be *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett and this will be discussed on November 17.

Book club is very thankful to Laura Moran who will take over leadership in December. Meanwhile, we are accepting recommendations for our **2022** book list. Please send your choice to Mary Bucy at mbucy1@gmail.com and remember to send a brief description of the book. When choosing a book, try to recommend books that are easily available for all.

MONTHLY GAMES IN SEPTEMBER

Bridge

Wednesday, Sept. 1 st	Kathy Rozea
Monday, Sept. 6 th	HOLIDAY
Monday, Sept. 13 th	Diana Earnest
Wednesday, Sept. 15 th	Kathy Rozea
Monday, Sept. 20 th	CANCELLED

New Members: Please contact **Gloria Berg** (glomcberg@hotmail.com) for details about Bridge or how to be put on the substitute list.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Pontoon Party: This wonderful event is back on for **Friday, September 17th**! We're in the process of assigning riders to the pontoon boats and the Charter Boat, so let me know if you are interested in joining us. All responses must be received by the end of the day Friday, September 3rd. I'll send out food assignments on Saturday, September 4th. This year we'll be joining the Charter Boat at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, conversation, swimming, etc., and then watch the sun set before heading back. As of this writing, there is some room left, so I hope you will join us on this fun adventure!

Let's Do Lunch #4: Let's do another picnic lunch on **Tuesday, September 21st** from noon until we leave - **with a few changes!** It's still a casual meet up to say hi, have lunch, play some games and maybe get in a walk. In our continued effort to check out some other parks in the area, we're heading to Southside Park in Newton. There's a large, covered picnic area right near the amphitheater. *Please note that there is no rain date.* **Here are the twists: First)** instead of bringing your own lunch and drinks, we're working on inviting a food truck for us to purchase our lunch! **Second)** we're asking that you bring a dessert for 12 to share; individually wrapped cookies, brownies, bar cookies, cupcakes, whatever. There may be a need R.S.V.P.s, so look for an up-coming flyer with details.

AR Workshop, Hickory: You're invited to be part of our private group on **Thursday, October 7th** from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. You'll be able to make a project of your choice with the design of your choice. There are lots of options! We'll all sign up and pay on on-line beforehand; then just show up and create! There are snacks and soft drinks available for sale, but you're welcome to bring your own or some to share with the group. Watch for the flyer with details as we get closer. Our ceramic class was lots of fun and we hope you will join us for this creative event as well!

Halloween Party: The date will be **Friday, October 29th** and we're working on the details, so save the date on your calendar now!

Although several places that we had investigated before are open again, many are not running tours. We'll follow this situation as it continues to develop. In the meantime, we're looking into a private tour of Murray's Mill, an outdoor Movie Night, and more!

Amy Chizen, SEC Chair

Making a Difference: Third Quarter Charity/Alexander County Habitat for Humanity



We only have one more month to support our quarterly charity: Alexander County Habitat for Humanity, so we've scheduled another workday. We had such a great response for our last one I'm hoping we'll have an even bigger group this time! It will be Saturday, September 25th from 8 a.m. until 2 or 3 p.m. depending on how hot it gets. If you know some people handy with hammers and saws who aren't in our group feel free to invite them. It would be a great chance to introduce them to Newcomers. I need numbers for a lunch count which is provided for all workers so please let me know if you are available. Speaking of lunch, we need a few

people to make it and get it over there by 12 noon that day. Please let me know if you can help in this way as soon as possible. The address for the house is **122 Helen's Way, Taylorsville** (on the corner of Helen's Way and Cooksy Court). As always, 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. Thanks for all you do to help people! Nancy Geiger Charity Chair, ng0425@gmail.com.

Here's the article run in the Daily Record from our last outing.

Building friendships

Newcomers group helps construct Habitat house

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

TAYLORSVILLE — Members of the Newcomers of Catawba Valley gathered to help build a home for Alexander County Habitat for Humanity in Taylorsville on July 17. Women from the club provided lunch.

Each quarter the club chooses a charity to support with time, talents and/or money. This quarter was Habitat, and members who volunteered that day came away with a new appreciation for the nonprofit. Not only in learning more about Habitat from executive director, Matt Cooksey, who worked alongside them, but also the fact that volunteers do this week after week, all day long in the brutal sun.

Most agreed they would love to help again "but maybe not in July!" (The club is planning another date for the end of September.)

Members also were impressed that the women who would be homeowners worked alongside them, too, and were excited for Faith when they raised her first wall.

Newcomers of Catawba Valley is a social club for men and women who enjoy exploring the area and building friendships. All ages are welcome.

While the club is called Newcomers of Catawba County it has many members who have lived in the area for a decade or more and come from Alexander, Burke, and Caldwell counties also.

A general meeting is held on the second Wednesday of each month at Hickory Regional Airport's Crosswind Cafe. Meetings start with a welcome coffee at 10:30 a.m. followed by a brief business meeting and a speaker.

Activities the members enjoy together range from bowling to cards and games, eating out, picnics, socials, theater, and a book club.

For more information about the



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SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

The **Hickory Community Theatre** had its humble beginning in 1948 when the Hickory Recreation Department employed Kay Johnson to form a theatre group. Her first offering was a series of radio dramas aired on WIRC. In 1949, informal meetings encouraged by the Kramer family, led to the formation of what was then known as The Hickory Little Theatre. The HLT first production was an evening of one-act plays, so successful that the company presented its first full-length production, *YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU* in October in the auditorium at City Hall. The building has been the home of HCT ever since. Capital improvements have been underway since 2012 and have yielded a restored and updated Jeffers Theatre, renovated restrooms on the main level, an updated and flexible performance space and concessions bar in the Firemen's Kitchen, as well as beautifully updated restrooms on that lower level. In the 2017-2018 season, HCT unveiled a gorgeously expanded lobby area. Renovations to the actors' rehearsal hall were begun in 2019 and completed in 2020.

When you click on any sponsor's ad, you will automatically be taken to that sponsor's web page. If you use one of our sponsors, please thank them for sponsoring Newcomers!

Adra, for the Web Team

Welcome New Members!

Rodney and Deb Kelso from Littleton CO

Marcy Hill from northern VA

Ted Sowder from Matthews NC

BIRTHDAYS

September

9.05 Rose McLaughlin
9.06 Cherie Stewart
9.07 Lisa Travis
9.07 Bob Dennis
9.08 Beth Osbahr
9.09 Karen Osterer
9.11 Rob Herman
9.11 Cyd Acolia
9.13 Elizabeth Strickland
9.14 Adra Kryszczuk
9.14 Terry Winslow
9.15 Debbie Wrigley
9.16 Paige Straley
9.17 Jane Duralia
9.17 Rick Wagman
9.17 Lori Allen
9.18 Del Liggett
9.19 Carole Reising
9.19 Peggy Barton
9.20 Walter Murawski
9.20 Benny Barger
9.22 Victoria Staton
9.23 John Schafer
9.23 Ravi Patel
9.24 John Bates
9.25 Haydee Pujdak
9.26 Lynne Montgomery
9.26 Mary Bucy
9.27 Karen Finnegan
9.28 Francine Gissy
9.29 Ron Glover

October

10.02 Lonny McSherley
10.03 Edward Sawicki
10.05 Mike Sigmon
10.07 Jerry Johnson
10.11 Kathy Bethany
10.12 Thomas Cuddy
10.13 Linda Monroe
10.14 Rege Duralia
10.16 Cathi Montgomery
10.2 Tom Hilliker
10.2 Lynne Hines
10.21 Larry Goonan
10.21 Shari Kidd
10.23 Linda Dunn
10.23 Bob Stone
10.23 Paul Nielsen
10.23 Scott Ireland
10.27 Connie Yokum
10.28 Shirley Moore
10.28 Christine Almeida
10.3 Cindi Williamson
10.31 Louise Mason



Please email **Adra Kryszczuk**

(adraelen@yahoo.com) if your birthday is not listed or if you would prefer that your birthday not be listed.

Officers, Directors, Activity Chairs and Committees 2020 - 2021

Officers	Position
Cathi Montgomery	President
Rob Herman	Vice President
Kathy Rozea	Treasurer
Catherine Caswell	Secretary
Delilah Bragg	Past President
Directors	
	Amy Chizen
	Nancy Geiger
	Adra Kryszczuk
	Vacancy
Activity	Chair
Book Club	Mary Bucy (Laura Moran – December)
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), Cyd Acolia, 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
Mah Jongg	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
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	Elizabeth Strickland (Oct – April) * * Position Available April-Sept. * *
Samba and Games Night	Audrey Rozzelle
Shooting Practice	Vince LeGrand
Sponsors	Kevin McCutcheon
Team Cuisine	Chris and John Almeida, Jon Kiser and Rob Herman
Webmaster Team	Adra Kryszczuk (site and calendar), Greg Gervasio (site advisor)

August 29, 2021

Dear Newcomers,

Re: REVISED NCV COVID POLICY

As COVID continues to be a moving target, the NCV BOD has updated the policy as it refers to NCV events, particularly as it pertains to events in member's homes.

Can vaccination proof be required for people to join NCV activities? The answer is NO. It is a matter of privacy and human rights that people do not have to provide any medical information.

PRIVATE HOMES: It is the decision and policy of the NCV BOD that if an event is being hosted in a member's home, the event announcement/invitation may include the words: *Please only attend if you have been vaccinated against SARs-COV2. Attendees may also be requested to wear masks.* No person should be questioned about their health or medical records.

No NCV events, other than those in private homes, may be restricted to address who have been vaccinated against SARs-COV2. At this point in time masks are encouraged, but optional.

Please understand that NOT everyone will get vaccines due to medical issues or other matters. Others have had COVID, and have natural immunity.

Remember you have choices and can make decisions to participate, or not, in NCV activities.

As we have done since March 2020, we will continue to following any orders that are put in place by Governor Cooper and/or local NC governments, as they affect Newcomers of the Catawba Valley.

This has been a tough 17 months and the BOD has been diligent in our efforts to keep members informed, to open our activities as it makes sense to, and to make it as safe as possible for members to participate in the activities of their choice. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the NCV BOD.

On Behalf of the NCV BOD,

Cathi Montgomery
President, NCV

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