#### **Newcomers of Catawba Valley**

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#### February 2022

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." — Maya Angelou

#### Cathi Montgomery NCV President





Hello Newcomers!

Wow, how about all that snow? In my opinion, it is pretty for about 5 minutes, then it needs to go.

NCV held its Winter Party on January 7<sup>th</sup> and what a spectacular event. Over 70 people attended. The room was decorated beautifully including gorgeous center piece made by our own VP, Rob Herman. Lucky winners got to take the center pieces home to enjoy! The food was awesome, and the entertainment and dancing was awesome. Rob was our DJ and did such a great job, I now call him "The Entertainer Rob." A big thanks to the committee that put this event together, Rob Herman, Jon Kiser, Amy Chizen and myself. I also need to thank John Duke and his fabulous staff at Market on Main.

Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, we had a beer (and wine) tasting at Novel's in Newton. It was great fun and enjoyed by all. Look for information on the next tasting and join us.

We have several fun events planned, so stay tuned. Amy Chizen, Chair, Special Event Committee will be in touch.

I dislike having to keep dwelling on this, but there are still more volunteers needed. A list is attached. REMEMBER, WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION. Please consider volunteering for an open position. It is not hard and working together is FUN!

Our next General meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 10:30 am at the Hickory Airport meeting room. Our speaker will be Scott Millar, President, Catawba County Economic Development (EDC). He will discuss the growth of Catawba County. EDC developed a diversified business base in its effort to secure the long-term economic viability of Catawba County.

A reminder that our quarterly charity is the HICKORY SOUP KITCHEN. Nancy Geiger is our Charity Chair and has more information in the newsletter.

NCV membership renewal is in progress. Instructions for renewal in are the newsletter. PLEASE let us know if you do not intend to renew your membership. We understand that some folks won't renew, and if you let us know, we won't keep bothering you about renewal.

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

As always.... stay safe and healthy....Happy Valentine's Day! Hope to see you soon!

Cathi Montgomery President, NCV



**NEEDED NOW - TEAM CUISINE PARTNER**. Jon Kiser and Chris Almeida have been the Team Cuisine chairs up until now. Chris has decided to resign from this position, so we are looking for another to partner up with Jon Kiser of this event. Team Cuisine is a cooperative effort to elevate one's routine cooking and dining. This experience offers dining in a fellow NCV member's home, putting first-timers and long-time friends together for an evening of relaxation and conversation around great food.

#### THESE CHAIRS ARE NEEDED

CANASTA AND GAMES DAY

**DOMINOES** 

MAHJONGG (IN-PERSON GAMES)

SAMBA DAY (needed for May - September)

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

#### Officers, Directors, Activity Chairs and Committees 2022

Officers	Position
Cathi Montgomery	President
Rob Herman	Vice President
Kathy Rozea	Treasurer
Karen Mills	Secretary
Delilah Bragg	Past President
Directors	
	Amy Chizen
	Nancy Geiger
	Adra Kryszczuk
	Kathy Kuehn
Activity	Chair
Book Club	Laura Moran
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 (May-Oct.), ***Position Available***(NovApr.)
Mahjongg	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
Membership	Rob Herman
Members Helping Members	Sandi Johnson, Hazel Poppe
Newsletter Editor	Susan Mata
Programs	Kathy Kuehn
Publicity	Amy Chizen
Rummikub	Michele LeGrand
Samba Day	Elizabeth Strickland (AprSep.), ***Position Available***(OctMar.)
Samba and Games Night	Audrey Rozzelle
Shooting Practice	Vince LeGrand
Sponsors	Kevin McCutcheon
Team Cuisine	Jon Kiser ***Position Available*** (co-chair)
Webmaster Team	Adra Kryszczuk (site and calendar), Greg Gervasio (site advisor)

# NEWCOMERS WINTER PARTY JANUARY 7, 2022



























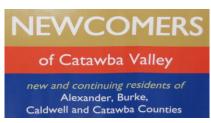


















Message from the Membership VP Rob Herman

### TEAM CUISINE STARTS 2022 with FISHY DELIGHT



The first Team Cuisine Dinner Party of the year was held January 22 with the theme **Gilligan's Island Castaways Feast**. Eight NCV members met at the house of Rob and Jon for an evening of food excellence, cocktails, and wine.

With Pacific Island music playing in the background, the group began with Island Breeze Cocktails and Baked Coconut Shrimp served on clam shells. New Member Chef Lynne Hill remarked, "I had this many times in restaurants but never made it before; Team Cuisine gives you the chance to prepare new food items."

Most members dressed in Island attire, enjoyed the second course a salad of Hearts of Palm prepared by Chef Jon Kiser. The lime infused salad was a refreshing novelty enhanced with avocado. No-one left one bite on the plate.

As Chef Rob retired to the kitchen to finalize the Bouillabaisse. (Fish Stew) The group enjoyed trivia questions regarding the cast of the show while Gilligan's Island reruns played in the living room.

Returning to the table 20 minutes later the main course was served with a plate of Green Herbed Rice and a small bowl of fish soup with croutons laden with Rouille Sauce and Gruyere cheese. Each plate contained poached Swordfish, Mahi-mahi, and Salmon. As the dinner party savored their fish and requested seconds they watched goldfish swim around in the table centerpiece, a rectangular floral vase that included white orchids and lilies surrounded by blue candlelight. The evening finished with Chef Amy's Upside-down Pineapple cake. Three more Team Cuisine nights are scheduled for February 10, 18 & 19 with the exact same menu.

As a member you don't need to be a chef to enjoy these intimate dinners with 8-10 of your fellow NCV members. The recipes are typically easy to follow. The next sign-up for a Team Cuisine Dinner Party is April. Watch for it and don't miss out!





#### **CHARITY NEWS**

Thank you to those members who brought items for the Soup Kitchen to our General Meeting! You made me proud!

Below is a reminder of how we can support them this quarter:

- **1. We will continue collecting items**: canned foods (vegetables, beans, fruit), packages of rice and pasta and dog food at each of our monthly membership meetings. You may also bring soap for their shower ministry.
- 2. Money from raffles at each monthly meeting. We made 38.00 for them at the January meeting!
- **3. Volunteering:** The Soup Kitchen can always use flexible volunteers between 8 am and 12:30 every weekday for however much time the person can give even a spare hour is great. This could be for prepping food for lunch, bagging food in the pantry to give out, greeting and handing out masks and counting guests during the lunches, helping bring food to people during the lunch who can't stand long enough to go through the serving line, helping wash dishes, etc. Most of the slots in the serving lines are filled with regulars, but there is always a need for subs, so you can call and get on that list. (FYI usually subs only get a day or two notice)
- **4. And of course you can always write a check!** Please send it to our club treasurer *Kathy Rozea, made out to: Newcomers of Catawba County, with Soup Kitchen in the memo line. 2425 N Center Street #169, Hickory, NC 28601*

For those who would like to help in the Food Pantry, do Food Prep, or help in the dining room, please call Bonnie Salisbury at 828-327-4828 (Please consider trying this – I really think once you do, you'll be hooked. It's a great place to volunteer if you really want to feel useful. And it's fun!)

For those who would like to be on a substitute list to serve the food please call Pam Hale at 828-244-1549

And please tell them you are with the Newcomers of Catawba Valley – and shoot me an email letting me know what you've done over there (and how much you enjoyed it!) ng0425@gmail.com.

Nancy Geiger NCV Charity Chair



"No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another."



Austin Pearce – Soup Kitchen Executive Director

#### SPONSORSHIP CORNER



**Kevin McCutcheon NCV Sponsorship Chair**  Are you looking for the best things to do in Hickory, NC? Find them with Chad Burel's Lake Hickory Adventures! They offer dinner, party, and private charter boat cruises on Lake Hickory. Whether you're looking for family-friendly things to do or celebrating something special, they have something for everyone in Hickory and the Catawba Valley. Explore their holiday cruises as a great way to celebrate special events with family and friends or treat yourself to one of their popular dinner cruises, all of which include live music and beautiful lake views. Looking to host a private event? Make it extraordinary with their event venue on the lake! They're happy to accommodate your party for an exclusive, private charter. It's a great venue for any occasion, even weddings and retirements. As Chad would say, we can't wait to welcome you aboard and cruise Lake Hickory. Go ride with Chad and thank him for his sponsorship!



#### MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

Hi Everyone,

We are looking for help (in advance) from you. What would be great is if you would send me an email, with your name, phone number, email address, and what you would be willing to volunteer for someone in need.

- We need people to drive others to doctor appointments, grocery stores and physical therapy.
- People are needed to walk dogs, pick up groceries, medicine, all types of errands.
- It would be nice to be available to make or pick up a dinner for someone.
- Perhaps to take someone out for a haircut or perm.
- Someone might want to go to Walmart or another store for shopping.
- Maybe someone would like to play games or go to an NCV event, but they need a ride to the location.
- Maybe just visit someone or give them a phone call.
- Someone might need a small repair or even change a lightbulb, you could be available for that.

There are countless things some of our members might need. So please let me know what you would be willing to volunteer for and I will connect you with someone in need.

Thank you (everyone) for being part of this wonderful group. We all need each other.

Enjoy the day and be grateful for what you have and your family and friends.

Sandi Shear ncvalegirl@gmail.com



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#### **February Coffee & Conversation**

Coffee and Conversation will be at Cafe Gouda in Hickory on 127 on Friday February 25th at 1:00 pm. They have coffees, teas and lots of pastries and other goodies. If you want lunch, they have sandwiches, salads, and soups. The cafe now closes at 3, so we will have to meet a bit earlier than usual





#### **Lunch Out**

The February 'Lunch Out' will be February 10th at 11:30 AM at The Olde Tavern. This restaurant is a casual venue and a popular location for Newcomers.

- The separate dining room to the left of the main restaurant has been reserved for us. This room provides a relaxing setting to visit.
- There is direct access from the parking lot & no steps. *Enter through the door to the left of the main entrance.*
- Casual dining with an extensive menu from \$8.00 to \$25.00. The Olde Tavern is known for their wings, burgers, and salads. The Express Lunch is \$9.00 to \$11.00.

#### THE OLDE TAVERN

DATE: Thursday February 10, 2022

TIME: 11:30 AM

ADDRESS: 2710 N. Center Street

Hickory, NC 28601

PHONE: (828) 322-3323

**WEBSITE**: <u>theoldetavern.com</u>

Looking forward to seeing you,

**Debbie Kelso** 

RSVP: Debbie Kelso at dkelso528@gmail.com

Deadline: Tuesday, February 8th



# February Program Newcomers February General Meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> - Hickory Regional Airport

Please join me as we hear from **Scott Millar**, President of Catawba County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) at our February general meeting. The mission of the offices at Economic Development Corporation is to build a diversified economic base throughout Catawba County by recruiting new business and industry, by retaining existing business and industry and helping them grow, and by fostering the creation of new jobs. EDC has developed a diversified business base in its effort to secure the long-term economic viability of Catawba County. The business areas range from upholstery to automotive parts, food manufacturing, and Apple.... And the list goes on and on.

I am sure you will be intrigued & enlightened to hear about the successful growth and promising future that lies ahead for Catawba County.

I look forward to seeing you, February 9th — 10:30 AM at the Hickory Regional Airport.

Kathy Kuehn NCV Program Chair



### DUES FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON (4/1/2022 THRU 3/31/2023)

Just sending a friendly reminder that dues for the upcoming fiscal year is fast approaching. We are currently offering discounted rates for current members who pay before April 1, 2022, which is the start of the new fiscal year.

Current members' rates are \$12.50 per person/\$25.00 per couple.

Rates for New members or payments received after March 31, 2022, are \$15.00 per person.

Send check to Newcomers of Catawba County, 2425 N Center Street #169, Hickory, NC 28601

Please send me an email <a href="mailto:krr510@yahoo.com">krr510@yahoo.com</a> or call me (828-495-7939) if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kathy Rozea NCV Treasurer



#### **BOWLING**



Newcomers Bowling takes place at Pin Station in Newton every Wednesday evening. The cost is \$8.00 per person for 3 games of bowling. We start bowling at 6:30 PM with a 10-minute practice session starting at 6:20 PM. If you wish to bowl, please contact Vince LeGrand at <a href="mailto:legravin@gmail.com">legravin@gmail.com</a> so the appropriate number of lanes can be reserved. There are no teams. Everyone bowls for fun to socialize and get a little bit of exercise. All skill levels participate. Hope you join us!

#### **CANASTA AND GAMES NIGHT**

It's time for Canasta and Games night again! We'll meet February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hickory Regional Airport at 5:30 PM. Looking forward to seeing everyone this month, so come eat dinner and play the game of your choice. We offer Canasta, Rummikub, Dominoes, and new this month, **PINOCHLE!** All game components will be provided. I will confirm your request to play as we fill up tables of four. We are looking forward to another fun-filled evening. Get your group together or just come on out and try a new game. Please note on your R.S.V.P. the game you wish to play, a second choice if possible and if you will be having dinner. Play includes a catered dinner SERVED PROMPTLY AT 5:45 p.m., cost is \$11, menu TBA. There is a minimum of ten for dinner and we must pay the caterer for each meal ordered, so if you make reservations and do not cancel before the deadline of 10:00 a.m. Sunday, you still must pay the \$11 charge! **Please bring exact change**. Reserve your spot with Adra Kryszczuk at adraellen@yahoo.com.

#### **SAMBA DAY**

Samba Day will be held on Thursday, February 17th this month. Lunch and Samba begins at 11:30 AM. CANASTA IS **NOT** OFFERED. Individually packed Lunch, dessert, beverages, and an afternoon of fun-filled Samba is \$11. If you don't want to have lunch, you can enjoy cards and beverages for only \$5. Don't know how to play? There is always a learning table offered for those who want to learn or simply brush up on their skills. All Newcomer members, men, and women are welcome. We like to start playing the game right at noon, so please be considerate of others and get to the airport on time. We must pay the caterer for each meal ordered, so if you make reservations and do not canc

deadline of 10:00 AM. Tuesday, you still must pay the charge! If an emergency arises, ple Kryszczuk A.S.A.P. at 828.514.6031. To join in the fun, contact Adra at <a href="mailto:adraellen@yahoo.">adraellen@yahoo.</a>



#### **BRIDGE**

Bridge at 1:00 PM in members' homes. If you're interested in subbing or learning about bridge, contact Gloria Berg, glomcberg@hotmail.com



Wednesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> Monday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> Monday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> Carol Parker
Barb Beck
Kathy Bethany
Peg Baldwin
Karen Schafer

#### Wintery Greetings from the Special Events Committee! (SEC)

The SEC met in January to discuss this year's events and activities. At the General Meeting, several of you mentioned that you would be willing to help with individual tasks. I will be in touch as opportunities arise! Thank you in advance for the offers! Here's a run-down of some of what's in the works for 2022.

Afternoon Tea Sourdough Bread Lesson Crawdads Game
Beer/Wine Tastings Spring Arboretum Trip
Kentucky Derby Party Annual Picnic Pontoon Party
Tubing Movie Night Hickory Theatre Night
Soup/Chili Cook-Off with a hike in the woods

We will also be throwing in some quick trips, outings, and get-togethers. Busy, busy, busy!

**February 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM - Our next Beer and Wine Tasting!** The first one was so much fun we can't wait to do it again! This one will be hosted by Karlene Patrick and will be held at the Lowe's Foods of Viewmont located at 260 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, NE, in Hickory. Because we wanted to get this information into the Newsletter, we don't have all the details worked out, so watch your email for the specifics.

Late February or March – It's time for tea! Susan Mata is heading up this fun event. We have had some difficulty getting in contact with folks at various venues (COVID, holidays, storms, etc.) but are working diligently on getting this going. In the meantime, think about hot teas, tea sandwiches and mini desserts! Watch your email for more details coming soon.

March 15, 1:00-4:00 PM - New member Vicki Mullins has offered to put on a demonstration baking class for Sourdough bread in her home! Vicki has been a baking instructor for many years, and she looks forward to sharing her knowledge and techniques with us. She will have already-baked loaves to sample and take home and will *demonstrate* preparing a new batch of Sourdough bread. Capacity is ten observers, and the cost per person would be approximately \$16.00, all inclusive.

Vicki and her husband Will have a thirteen-acre lot in Catawba with a two-acre pond. They raise emus and chickens and have an aviary with other birds. Part of this experience will be to end with a tour of their property and have some "emu play time." If it rains, we will have to forgo a visit with the birds. *Watch your email for sign up details closer to the event.* 

May 7 – 4:00 PM - Kentucky Derby Party – And they're off! This will be a dressy affair, limited to 50 people, held at the Chizens'. Women are encouraged to wear a decorated hat; men are encouraged to wear a hat, decorated or plain, and/or a bow tie. And there will be an award for the best hat and bow tie! Watch this space for more details as we get closer to the date!

Although we do not have all the details worked out, here are the dates for a few of our upcoming activities:

- Spring Arboretum Trip April 29<sup>th</sup>
- Tubing September 12<sup>th</sup>
- Pontoon Party September 15<sup>th</sup>, rain date 16<sup>th</sup>

As you can see, the SEC relies heavily on this newsletter and blanket emails to keep you up to date on our activities. If you are having any problems receiving our communications, please get in touch with **Adra Kryszczuk at adraellen@yahoo.com.** 

Amy Chizen SEC Chair

#### Introducing. . . Stitch and Bitch!

Newcomers is introducing a new activity: Stitch and Bitch. Anyone is welcome to attend whenever they are available. There are no RSVPs or commitments. Bring your craft with you to work on: knitting, crocheting, needlework, jewelry-making, or whatever. We'll have plenty of room and nice big tables to work at. As any crafter knows, advice is happily offered. However, this is not planned to be a teaching session of any craft in particular. There will be coffee, tea, and water available. To start out, I am offering my house (722 14th Ave. NW, Hickory) as a meeting place for the month of February. We can then decide if we want to stick with this arrangement, rotate the location, or find a public area to meet. Based on the response I got, it looks like either Tuesday afternoons or Friday mornings would be the best time. I would be happy to hold this on the first and third Friday mornings in February from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. If someone else would like to host it on Tuesday afternoons we could do that, too! We crafters are always ready to work on our latest project! Our first meeting will be Friday, February 4th from 10:00-11:30 AM, and our second meeting will be Friday, February 18th from 10:00-11:30 AM. So, gather up your project and join us for conversation and comradery! Questions? (860) 428-6786 or chizenamy@gmail.com.







#### **Book Club**

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd at 1:30 PM at the Women's Resource Center in Hickory.

The book we will be discussing is *Merle's Door* by Ted Kerasote. While on a camping trip, Ted Kerasote meets a Labrador mix living on his own in the wild. They become attached to each other and Kerasote decides to bring the dog, whom he names Merle, home. There, after realizing that Merle's native intelligence would be diminished by living exclusively in the human world, he installs a dog door in his house, allowing Merle to live both outside and in. Merle shows Kerasote how dogs might live if they were allowed to make more of their own decisions, and Kerasote suggests how these lessons can be applied universally, bringing to bear the latest research into animal consciousness and behavior, as well as insights into the origins and evolution of the human-dog partnership. A deeply touching portrait of a remarkable dog and his relationship with the author. *Merle's Door* explores the issues that all animals and their human companions face as their lives intertwine.

The Book Club meets every other month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month except for November when we meet on the third Wednesday. The Book Club coordinator is Laura Moran, <a href="moran.laura@att.net">moran.laura@att.net</a>. The scheduled books for 2022 are:

May 25: The Rent Collector by Camron Wright

July 27: Caste: The Origin of our Discontent by Isabel Wilkerson

Sept 28: A Good Neighborhood by Theresa Anne Fowler

Nov 16: Oona Out of Order by Margarita Montimore

#### **Beer and Wine Tasing**

Our first Beer and Wine Tasting took place on Friday, January 21st at Novel Taproom in Newton. We had 18 attendees and we all brought snacks to share. As usual, there was plenty of food and lots of laughter. Some tasted dark beers, some stuck with light ones, some preferred wine and others tried hard cider. There was lots of variety to satisfy everyone's taste buds! Join us next month when we visit Lowe's of Viewmont's Beer Den. Watch for more details coming soon!











#### **Welcome to our Newest Newcomer Members**

Ann & Richard Czyzyk - California
Jan and John Jonkoff - New Jersey
Tricia French - Colorado



#### **February Birthdays**

**February Facts** 

2/01	Larry Laufer
2/03	Cheryl Powell
2/03	Marcy Hill
2/06	Vicki Mullins
2/06	Kenny McComb
2/08	Susan Fontyn
2/09	Marje Wells
2/09	Phyllis Polo
2/10	Donna Barger
2/11	Barbara Laufer
2/15	Gypsy Spencer
2/16	Ron Kapnick
2/17	Renee Barnette
2/18	Bill Lane
2/19	Peg Baldwin
2/20	Steven Berg
2/21	Joyce Walker
2/21	Sheila Cooke
2/24	Cathie Lane
2/26	Iris Sechriest
2/28	Beth Keane

## • **February 1** marks the **Lunar New Year**, also known as **Chinese New Year**. This year is the Year of the Tiger!

- **February 2** is **Groundhog Day**—the day we find out whether winter will last six more weeks or call it quits early.
- **February 12** is **Abraham Lincoln's Birthday**. The 16th president of the United States was born in a one-room, 16x18-foot, log cabin with a dirt floor.
- **February 14** is always **Valentine's Day**. Today, the holiday is celebrated with love, flowers, and chocolate.
- February 15 is Susan B. Anthony's Birthday.
- February 21 brings Presidents' Day.
- **February 22 is** George Washington's birthday.

February is also Women's History Month and Black History Month.







National Wear Red Day is February 4th when many people wear red to show their support for the awareness of heart disease.

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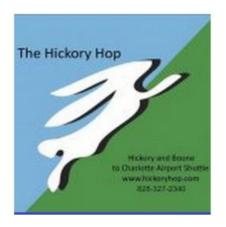




















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