

Newcomers of Catawba Valley

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April 2022

Our Spring has come at last with the soft laughter of April suns and shadows of April Showers.

- Byron Caldwell Smith

Cathi Montgomery Newcomers President



Hello Newcomers!



How about the nice spring-forward weather we have been having! Summer can't be too far behind!

I had a total knee replacement about six weeks ago, and although I still have a recovery road ahead of me, I am feeling great and am getting back to our Newcomers activities. I played Samba on March 24 and it was great fun.

Now that the weather is warming up, Newcomer's has lots of events and activities in the works, so stay tuned. Amy Chizen, Chair, Special Event Committee will be letting you in on all the activities!

I hope you've seen the invite flyer to the April 28th Crawdad's game and BBQ. You have to RSVP to Kathy Durand by April 24th. This event has always been a great time for everyone.....and you get to cheer our Crawdads! A copy of the flyer is in this newsletter.

We are still in need of volunteers to head up committees and events. Even if you can only volunteer at one event at a time, it is a huge help. REMEMBER, WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION.

Our next **General meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, April 13, 2022**, at 10:30 am at the Hickory Airport meeting room. Our speaker is Patrice Gibson, Development Director of Shining Hope Farms. Their mission is to enable children and adults to reach their full potential through the use of equine assisted activities and therapies. In addition, they offer a program, 'Saddles & Salutes' which is designed specifically for Veteran wellness. Shining Hope Farms are located in the Hickory, Mount Holly, and Charlotte areas.

I want to thank everyone that participated in our first quarterly charity, HICKORY SOUP KITCHEN. Our next quarterly charity is The Outreach Center in Morganton. Their mission is Empowering children and their families to break the cycle of generational poverty. Look for more information in this newsletter. Nancy Geiger is the Charities Chair.

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

As always.... stay safe and healthy.... Happy Spring, Happy Easter! Hope to see you soon . . . No Fooling!

Cathi Montgomery
President
Newcomers of Catawba Valley



Volunteer Opportunities

THESE CHAIRS ARE STILL NEEDED...

CANASTA AND GAMES DAY

DOMINOES

MAH JONGG (IN-PERSON GAMES)

SAMBA DAY (needed for May - September)

SAMBA AND GAMES NIGHT



Contact Cathi Montgomery at cathimontgomery@aol.com if willing to help!

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*** (Nov.-Apr.)
Mah Jongg	* * * * * 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 (Apr.-Sep.), ***Position Available*** (Oct.-Mar.)
Samba and Games Night	Audrey Rozzelle
Shooting Practice	Vince LeGrand
Sponsors	Kevin McCutcheon
Team Cuisine	Jon Kiser * (co-chair)
Webmaster Team	Adra Kryszczuk (site and calendar), Greg Gervasio (site advisor)



Message from the Membership VP Rob Herman

“Good bread is the most fundamentally satisfying of all foods; and good bread with fresh butter, the greatest of feasts.” – James Beard

Our relationships are our foundation. They are truly the things that make our lives richer and more complete. Newcomers are folks seeking out others to share life and find new friends in a location far away from the familiar family and friends they always had.

Our Newcomers Club offers opportunities for you to share life through numerous activities and breaking bread together. Recently your club offered a onetime unique opportunity to not only break bread together but bake it. Vicki & Wil Mullens who recently moved here from California opened their home and bird farm to 11 Newcomers to learn Vicki's technique in making Sourdough Bread. Her 3-hour class opened with tasting the bread with butter and jam which delighted all. As Vicki made the bread from scratch the class watched and took notes on recipe cards she provided. Everyone took home a loaf of homemade bread and sourdough starter. Following the class, a visit to their Bird farm filled with Emus, Love Birds, Parakeets, Ducks and Peacocks was captivating and some were surprised to find peacocks resting their plumage on their parked car.

Be on the lookout in your email for interesting Newcomer activities that can enlighten your day and wellbeing. Try something you never thought about doing. Nurturing relationships, just like kneading bread, requires a little time and energy but can result in a new friendship that lasts a lifetime.



Team Cuisine is gearing up for the June meal which will be a vegetarian menu featuring Indian cuisine. Host homes are needed before fielding incoming guest RSVPs.

Team Cuisine meets four to five times a year with varying menu themes; recipes and costs are equitably shared.

We also need a menu planner for the August event. You do not need to host to enjoy planning a menu with the theme of your choice.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Jon Kiser at jaydeekay59@gmail.com.

Thank you!

A Springy Hello from the Special Events Committee

As always, our committee members have been scouring the area for things to do, places to go, and opportunities for fun and socialization! And, as usual, we have come up with some pretty good ideas. We hope you will be able to join us for at least one of these activities!

April 7th - Pre-Show Wine and Cheese Reception at the Hickory Community Theatre – join us for some nibbles and drinks before the show Ripcord. Buy your own tickets from the theater, then arrive at 6:45 PM for some munchies before the show. Drink purchases will be made upstairs at their Concession area, then proceed downstairs to the Fireman's Kitchen for our reception. We will all head upstairs again for the show in the main theater.

April 21st Thursday, 5:00 – 8:00PM – Back by popular demand! Our 4th Beer and Wine Tasting will be held at Blowing Rock Draft House at 883 Highland Ave SE, Hickory. While having your beer/wine/cider and food, you get a view of the brewery as well! Their menu includes appetizers, hot sandwiches, salads, and pizzas, so you are sure to find something you like. In March we went to Granite Falls Brewing Company where we ordered appetizers off the menu, and everyone passed them around the table. Everyone in attendance felt this was a better way to do it. So, this will be another case of having food available from the menu. It's your choice of what to order and whether or not to share. RSVP to chizenamy@gmail.com so we have an idea of a count for them.

May 7, Saturday, 4:00 PM - As promised, registration is hereby open for our 2022 Kentucky Derby Party! This will be limited to 50 people (with an active Waiting List) so respond quickly. The Chizen's are opening up their house at 722 14th Ave. NW, Hickory, for this gala event. Attendees are asked to make one of the items on our Kentucky Derby Menu. Women are encouraged to wear a decorated hat; men are encouraged to wear a hat, decorated or plain, and/or a bow tie. Keep in mind, there will be an award for the best bow tie and hats! ***Please check out the flyer in this Newsletter for the sign-up details!***

Friday, May 13th - Spring Arboretum Trip – We are heading back to the Daniel Stowe Arboretum in Belmont! When we went there last October, we were looking at scarecrows, mums, pumpkins and fall color. This trip will pick up all the bright Spring colors and blooms. Always a pleasure to watch this beautiful transformation. The plan is to all meet at the Hickory Airport, carpool to the arboretum, go to a local restaurant for lunch and arrive home around 3:00-3:30 PM. Jon Kiser will be heading up this trip, so watch your email, and next month's Newsletter, for sign-up details.

Other activities that are on the Newcomers Calendar are:

Annual Pool Party – July * Tubing – September *** Pontoon Party – September *** Afternoon Tea – October *** Soup/Chili Cook-off and a hike – November**

If any of these activities sound like something you would be willing to help out with, please get in touch with me. We can always use help bringing items to a venue, checking folks in, accepting RSVPs, coordinating food, etc.

See you soon!

Amy Chizen

Newcomers Special Events Chair



Stitch and Bitch

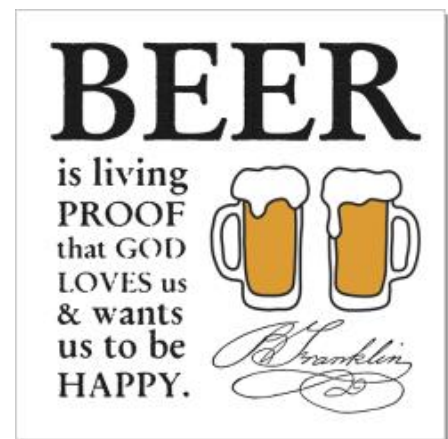
Stitch 'N' Bitch – We welcome all sorts of crafters to join us for a couple hours of laughter, conversation, friends, and, oh yes, some crafting! We have knitters, crocheters, quilters, stitchers, those who come to get a specific non-craft project done, and those who come for the comradery! So, join us! April's meetings will be at Linda DeGraw's house at 277 Gentle and Smith Road in Bethlehem. Because of Easter, we will be meeting on April 1st and April 22nd. We meet from 10:00 AM until noon. Hope to see you there, with a project or not!

ANOTHER BEER AND WINE TASTING

Our third Beer and Wine Tasting was held at Granite Falls Brewing Company on Thursday, March 24th. It was a great place to enjoy some beer, wine, food, and conversation. There were lots of appetizers passed around to munch on and the beer and cider was flowing!

In attendance were Deb and Rodney Kelso, Dave and Cindy Zook, Harlan and Amy Chizen, Carla and Dan Hinceman, and Marj Wells and Mike Baretsky.

Thanks to everyone who came out to participate.



The transformation of dough into a loaf is chemistry in action. With a bit of physics and microbiology. And love...



Baking with Vicki



Karen Mills shows off her bread making skills with 50g Wheat Flour, 50g of water, and 50g of starter.



Vicki Mullen weighing the sourdough bread starter as Teeky Kenny, Adra Kryszczuk, Jon Kiser and Milley Kaufman watch.



Bread, Tea, and Coffee were served as the class Progressed.



In the middle of bread class, a Peacock jumps on top of the grill on the patio causing all the participants to run to the window yelling "Look Look".



Vicki Mullens Kneads the dough as Teeky Kenny and Adra Kryszczuk ponder.



The uncaged Emu spied on the Class as they arrive.





CHARITY NEWS



Happy April, Everyone!

Not only is April a time to get outside and enjoy God's beautiful creation – it's time for our second quarter charity!

This quarter we will be supporting **Outreach Central** in Morganton.

Here's what the CEO, Holly Johnson, told me about the charity:

The Outreach Center is a community-based, 501 (c) (3), nonprofit, relief organization serving Burke and its surrounding counties in Western North Carolina through our hunger relief, job training, education, and arts programs.

Our Mission is to empower children and their families to break the cycle of generational poverty.

Our Vision is to have a community where every individual has the opportunity to improve his or her quality of life through motivation, education, cultural opportunities, and enrichment experiences.

The Food Distribution occurs every Tuesday from 10 am until 5 pm or until they run out of food for that day.

The New2You thrift store is open Monday – Saturday from 9 am until 5 pm.

The physical address is The Outreach Center, 510 E. Fleming Drive, Morganton, NC 28655

We will be collecting items for their thrift shop at the General Meeting on April 13th. They will take almost anything: furniture, appliances, clothing, decorative items, shoes, jewelry, household goods, linens, etc.

On Tuesday, April 26th any Newcomer who can is invited to travel to Morganton to either help distribute food or work in the thrift shop. I'll have sign-up sheets at the meeting – we're not asking anyone to stay all day – I'll break it down to 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 1p.m.- 4 p.m. We'll talk carpooling closer to the day.

Also, at our General Meeting on the 13th, Kimberly Michaels, Education Director will introduce herself and the Outreach Center. Kim is heavily involved in both the food distribution, work with special needs students, and the children's W.O.W. program.

Nancy Geiger

Newcomers Charity Chair

No one has ever become poor by giving – Anne Frank

BOOK CLUB

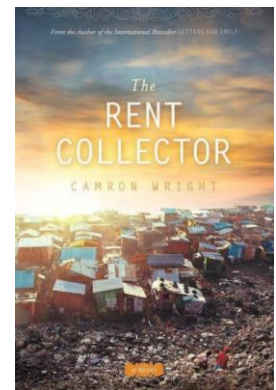


The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at 1:30 PM at the Women's Resource Center in Hickory.

The book we will be discussing is *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright:

Survival for Ki Lim and Sang Li is a daily battle at Stung Meanchey, the largest municipal waste dump in all of Cambodia. They make their living scavenging recyclables from the trash. Life would be hard enough without the worry for their chronically ill child, Nisay, and the added expense of medicines that are not working. Just when things seem worst, Sang Ly learns a secret about the ill-tempered rent collector who comes demanding money- a secret that sets in motion a tide that will change the life of everyone it sweeps past. *The Rent Collector* is a story of hope, of one woman's journey to save her son and another woman's chance at redemption. It demonstrates that even in a dump in Cambodia- perhaps especially in a dump in Cambodia- *everyone deserves a second chance.*

The Book Club meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday of the month except for November when we meet on the third Wednesday. The Book Club coordinator is Laura Moran, moran.laura@att.net. The rest of the books for 2022 are:



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

Did you know?

- April was the second month in an early Roman calendar but became the fourth when the ancient Romans started using January as the first month.
- April is named for the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite.
- The name for the month of April originally came for *Aprilis* which means to open.
- Small animals that hibernate are usually coming out of their burrows in April. The birds fly back northward and settle down to have their families. The bees and butterflies begin to gather nectar from the first flowers of the season.
- In some parts of the world, it is planting time, while in other parts, it is the harvest season.
- April is Humor Month, so laugh it up!
- The birthstone for April is the diamond.
- The zodiac signs are Aries (March 21 – April 19) and Taurus (April 20-May 20).
- The birth flowers for the month of April are the sweet pea and the daisy.

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Kevin McCutcheon
Newcomers Sponsorship Chair



MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

Do you have some free time available to help another Newcomer Member? Some of our members could really use your assistance. There are countless things some of our friends might require. It's also a wonderful way to meet new people. So please let me know how you would be willing to volunteer, and I will connect you with someone in need. Those interested in helping...please send me your email, phone number and how you can help.

- Drive others to doctor appointments, grocery stores, and physical therapy.
- Walk dogs, pick up groceries, medicine, or all types of errands.
- Make or pick up a dinner for someone.
- Take someone out for a haircut or perm.
- Give someone a ride to a Newcomers event or game night so they can join in the fun.
- Visit someone at home or give them a phone call.
- Small repairs might be needed or simply change a lightbulb.

Sandi Shear
ncvalegirl@gmail.com



The next Coffee and Conversation meetup will be at **The Local Bean** in Hudson on the last Friday of the month, April 29th, at 2:00 PM. They have coffee drinks, teas, sodas, and pastries. They are located at 122 Cedar Valley just off Hwy 321A.



People who drink coffee are said to...

- A. Have less risk of developing Alzheimer's disease
- B. Have more energy for a workout within half an hour of drinking a cup of coffee
- C. Both

Answer: Both!

Goat herders invented coffee after they...

- A. Had trouble staying awake all night
- B. Noticed that eating coffee berries made their goats very lively
- C. Ran out of tea

Answer: Noticed that eating coffee berries made their goats very lively



Historical moments in the month of April

- America's first astronauts were announced by [NASA](#) on April 9, 1959.
- The first [Webster](#) Dictionary was copyrighted by Noah Webster on April 14, 1828.
- The [Titanic](#) sank on April 15, 1912.
- The [Revolutionary War](#) in America began on April 19, 1775.
- The United States [Library of Congress](#) was established April 24, 1800.
- Our first President [George Washington](#) was inaugurated on April 30, 1789.

April Program
Newcomers February General Meeting
April 13th - Hickory Regional Airport – 10:30 AM

Our April 13th speaker will be Patrice Gibson, Development Director of Shining Hope Farms. Shining Hope Farms are located on the edge of Hickory, Mount Holly, and Charlotte. Shining Hope Farms was founded in 2002 by Paul and Milinda Kirkpatrick in response to the needs in the community to provide therapeutic services in an enriching farm environment. The purpose of the farms' services is to improve the quality of life of the participants as well as their families. Shining Hope Farms' programs have been structured to serve individuals and groups with a variety of disabilities such as Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Down's Syndrome, Developmental Disabilities, Brain Injuries, Hypotonia, and the like. Our clients find wellness, strength, and hope on the back of a horse. Shining Hope Farms is a PATH (International Premier Accredited) organization whose mission is to enable children and adults to reach their full potential through the use of equine assisted activities and therapies. In addition, they offer a program, 'Saddles & Salutes' which is designed specifically for Veteran wellness.

Kathy Kuehn
Newcomers Program Chair



**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL**
Annual Dues

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

Dues for the upcoming fiscal year is fast approaching Newcomer friends. And unfortunately, the time has passed for the discounted dues price. The rate for new members and payments received after March 31, 2022 is \$15.00 per person.

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

Please send me an email krr510@yahoo.com or call me (828-495-7939) if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kathy Rozea
Newcomers Treasurer

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

Monday, April 4 th	Gloria Berg
Wednesday April 6 th	Gloria Berg
Monday April 11 th	Addie McSherley
Monday April 18 th	Betty Stone
Wednesday, April 20 th	Kathy Rozea



BOWLING

Newcomers Bowling completed another successful season on March 23rd. Bowling will be on hiatus for the Spring and Summer. The next season will begin around the end of September.

CANASTA AND GAMES - Afternoon

It's time for Canasta and Games! This event has been moved to lunch time in order to (hopefully) attract more players. We'll meet at 11:30 a.m. at Hickory Regional Airport on **Tuesday, April 5**. Come for lunch and play Canasta, Rummikub, Dominoes, or Pinochle. All game components will be provided. Please bring any other game you want to play. I will confirm your request to play as we fill up tables of four. We are looking forward to another fun-filled event this month. Get your group together or just come on out and try a new game. As always, we'll have a learning table for Canasta. 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 lunch. Play includes a catered dinner of build-your-own chicken or beef taco salad in an edible taco shell SERVED PROMPTLY AT 11:30 a.m., cost is \$11. There is a minimum of 12 for catered events 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! Reserve your spot with Adra Kryszczuk at adraellen@yahoo.com.

SAMBA DAY

Samba Day is **Thursday, April 28** at 11:30 a.m. at the Hickory Regional Airport. Lunch, 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. I will confirm your request to play as we fill tables of four. 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 are welcome! We like to start playing the game right at noon, so please be considerate and get to the airport on time. 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. Tuesday, you still must pay the charge! To join in the fun, contact Adra Kryszczuk at adraellen@yahoo.com.



Thursday, April 28, 2022

Kathy and Joe Durand have arranged an outing to L.P. Frans Stadium to watch the Crawdads take on the Greenville Drive at 7:00 PM.

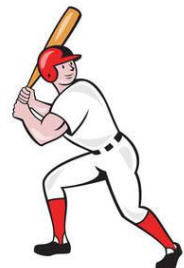
The event will start on the Picnic Deck at 6:30 PM with the

All – You – Can – Eat

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, BBQ, Baked Beans,
Cole Slaw, Chips,
Water, and Pepsi Products



From there we'll move on to the seats in Section 204 and Ice Cream will be delivered!



The cost for this event is \$25 per person

Children 3 and under will be admitted for free.

Children 4 to 16 years of age will receive wristbands allowing them access to the Bounce House, Merry Go Round and Speed Pitch!

Payment must be paid in advance. No later than April 24th.

Mail your payment, email, and phone number to

Kathy Durand

32 Alexander Pointe Drive, Hickory, NC 28601

For more information, contact Kathy Durand at kcdurand55@gmail.com.

Name the Newcomers Newsletter Contest

How would you like to go down in history as the person who named the Newcomers Newsletter?

Well, this is your opportunity! I am creating an invite to help me launch the new Newcomers Newsletter name and I need your help. We are seeking a name that reflects our organization and the tradition of keeping our friends informed and updated with Newcomers events and information.

Everyone who submits a name will be entered into the contest and will receive a \$25 gift card from Newcomers if selected. The winner will also be acknowledged in the May issue of the newsletter.

How to Enter:

Email the Newsletter Editor, Susan Mata at susemata55@gmail.com with your recommendation by April 15th. By submitting an entry, you have agreed that we may display, use, or transfer the winning entry for the newsletter sent out monthly and posted on the Newcomers website.

Eligibility:

You may submit up to 3 newsletter names. We are looking for creative, catchy, unique names which should not be registered or a trademark for any other business.

Selection of Winner:

Each entry will be submitted to the BOD anonymously and they will review and select the winner. And the decision will be announced in the May publication with a new name! Good Luck to all who enter.

We look forward to your ideas!



Welcome to our Newest Newcomer Members

Roxanne & Scott Hibbs from SC

Valerie Scott from MN

Pam Allison & Steven Hill from NC

Michael & Madison Spencer from TN

Tracy & Thomas Breen from CA

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY SIGN-UP

Saturday, May 7th 4:00 PM

Food on tables by 5:00 PM

Derby Race at 6:45 PM

Limit of 60 people with an active Waiting List

Hosted by Harlan & Amy Chizen

722 14th Ave NW, Hickory

RSVP to harlan.chizen@gmail.com

Include the number of people and your first and second choice of a dish for the table.

The menu and recipes are below. Plan to bring one batch of the recipe.

Please Note: Your RSVP and dish will be confirmed by email.

Further details to come!

Derby Menu

Pimiento Cheese with Crackers/Corn Chips

Derby Time Tomato Sandwiches

Vegetable Tray with your choice of dip

Corn Pudding

Chocolate Macaroons

Mint Julep Kisses

Additional menu items will be provided by the Derby Committee.

Kentucky Derby Recipes

Pimiento Cheese (Makes 4 cups)

1-pound sharp Cheddar cheese, grated
2 green onions, finely chopped
1 medium green pepper, diced

1 4-ounce jar pimientos, chopped
½ cup mayonnaise

Mix together all of the ingredients. Chill for several hours before serving. Serve with thin wheat crackers or corn chips.

Derby Time Tomato Sandwiches (Makes 45 open-faced canapes)

1 Cup mayonnaise
½ teaspoon chopped onion
½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon dried basil or thyme

¼ teaspoon vinegar
Tomatoes, sliced about ¼ inch thick
1 sleeve pumpernickel bread
Parsley, chopped, for garnish
¼ teaspoon paprika

Season the mayonnaise with chopped onion, freshly ground pepper, salt, basil, paprika and vinegar the day before you plan to use the sandwiches. Store in a jar in the refrigerator. As you get ready to assemble the sandwiches slice the tomatoes and store in a deep dish. Spread the bread pieces with the seasoned mayonnaise. Make “mayonnaise sandwiches” and stack them in a dee dish or box and cover with a layer of wax paper and a damp paper towel to keep the bread from drying out. Right before the party, open the sandwiches, put a slice of tomato on each and sprinkle with chopped parsley.

Corn Pudding (Serves 12)

½ Cup flour
4 cans whole kernel corn, with juice
4 eggs, well beaten
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon nutmeg

½ Cup sugar
½ pound butter, melted
1 Cup milk
½ teaspoon pepper

Lightly grease 9x13 baking dish by rubbing with a small amount of butter. Sift together flour and sugar. Stir in corn and melted butter. Stir in eggs, then milk. Season with salt, pepper, and nutmeg. Pour into greased baking dish and cook at 325 degrees for one hour, stirring after the first ten minutes, then after another ten minutes to keep the pudding from overcooking around the edges.



Chocolate Macaroons (Makes 20 sandwich cookies)

Macaroons:	1 8-ounce can almond paste
3 ½ ounces bittersweet chocolate	1 ¼ cups sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla	1 tablespoon unsalted butter
2 large egg whites	(to butter cookie sheet)

Filling:	
1 ¾ ounces bittersweet chocolate	2 tablespoons heavy cream

Preheat oven to 275 degrees. In a saucepan, over very low heat, melt 3 ½ ounces of chocolate, then add the vanilla to the chocolate.

With an electric mixer at low speed, mix the egg whites, almond paste, and sugar until well blended. Add the melted chocolate mixture and continue beating until thoroughly blended.

Butter a cookie sheet. Spoon the batter onto the pan, allowing one teaspoon of batter for each macaroon. You should have 40 cookies. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes, or until macaroons are firm, not dry. Transfer the macaroons to a rack to cool.

Meanwhile prepare the filling. In a small saucepan, over very low heat, melt the bittersweet chocolate. Add the heavy cream and stir until blended.

When the macaroons and filling have cooled, spread a scant teaspoon of the filling on half the macaroons and cover each with a second macaroon, making a sandwich. These are best when served within a few hours.

Mint Julep Kisses (Makes 2 dozen)

2 egg whites, stiffly beaten	2 drops green vegetable coloring
¾ cup sugar	6 ounces chocolate bits
½ teaspoon peppermint extract	

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Beat egg whites until stiff, gradually adding sugar. Add peppermint and green coloring. Stir in chocolate bits. Drop by teaspoonful on cookie sheet. Put in preheated oven and turn off immediately. Leave in oven overnight or for several hours. Store in tin box.





Andy Bucy	4/01
Kym Armstrong	4/01
Carmen Barnett	4/02
Judy Dostall	4/04
Mike Caudill	4/05
Sharon Hilliker	4/06
John Almeida	4/09
Harold W. Mason	4/09
Don Baldwin	4/10
Margie Dickey	4/10
Donna McDermott	4/10
William Waldron	4/11
Debbie Dalton	4/13
Susan Leiningner	4/13
Jon Kiser	4/14
Bob Jones	4/15
Dianne Straley	4/17
Ruth Siskind	4/17
Joe Durand	4/18
Deborah Wood	4/19
Lori Martin	4/22
Gail Feldman	4/25
Nancy Geiger	4/25
Chad Burel	4/26
Raymond Osterer	4/26
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Susan Perkins	4/27
Delilah Bragg	4/29
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Bert Perkins	4/30
Susan Turner	4/30



April Fun Facts

- Global Astronomy Month
- International Guitar Month
- Keep America Beautiful Month
- Lawn and Garden Month
- National Frog Month
- National Humor Month
- National Kite Month
- National Pecan Month
- National Poetry Month
- National Welding Month

Special Days in the month of April

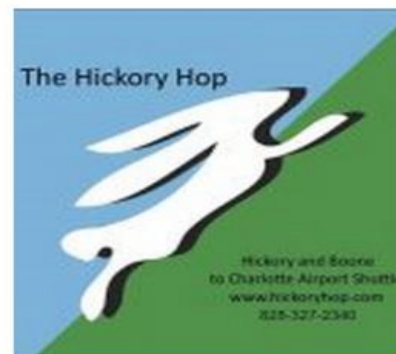
- The first day of April is April Fool's Day.
- April 22 is Earth Day.
- April 2 is Light It Up Blue for Autism Day and the whole month is Autism Awareness Month.
- Arbor Day is observed April 29th.
- The Jewish festival of Pesach, or Passover begins April 15th and ends April 23rd.
- Easter will be celebrated April 17 and, with it comes other Christian celebrations such as Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.
- April is also the month of the Thai New Year in Thailand and the Khmer New Year in Cambodia.



April is also host to some famous birthdays.

Marvin Gaye	April 2, 1939
Jane Goodall	April 3, 1934
Jackie Chan	April 7, 1954
Leonardo da Vinci	April 15, 1452
Charlie Chaplin	April 16, 1889
Jack Nicholson	April 22, 1937
William Shakespeare	April 23, 1564

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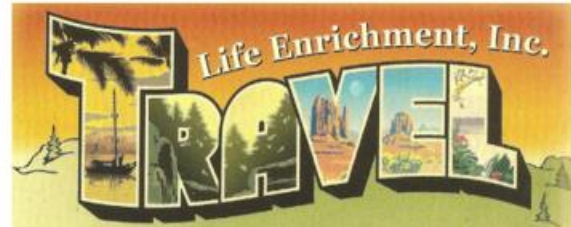


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