



The Voice of Newcomers

Newcomers of Catawba Valley

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Cathi Montgomery
Newcomers President

Hello Newcomers!

I hope you've been enjoying the lovely spring weather we have been having. I see more and more boats on the lake every day. We've even taken ours out a few times.

My new knee continues to improve, and I will be participating in many of the upcoming Newcomer's activities. Hope you are too. We have the Kentucky Derby Party coming up on May 7th. If you haven't signed up yet, it is not too late. We also have a trip to the Daniel Stowe Arboretum and lunch on May 13th, followed by a picnic and our regular activities during the month. Look for details.

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, May 11, 2022**, at 10:30 AM at the Hickory Airport meeting room. Our speaker, former NC Senator Andy Wells, and now a member of the NC Transportation Board, will give us an update on the NCDOT Route 321 Project widening Rt. 321 from Hickory to Lenoir.

Our quarterly charity is The Outreach Center in Morganton. Their mission is Empowering children and their families to break the cycle of generational poverty. I want to thank all the members that volunteered at the Outreach Center on April 26th.

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 May! Enjoy the "newsy" newsletter! Hope to see you soon!

Cathi Montgomery
Newcomers President



Take a look at our activities for the month! We are a very active Newcomers organization with so much to choose from. We hope to have you join us!

- May 2 - Bridge
- May 2 Deadline for KY Derby
- May 3 Canasta & Games
- May 4 Bridge
- May 6 Stitch & Bitch
- May 7 Kentucky Derby Party
- May 9 Bridge
- May 11 Newcomers Meeting
- May 13 Daniel Stowe Arboretum
- May 16 Bridge
- May 18 Beer & Wine Tasting
- May 18 Bridge
- May 19 Annual Picnic
- May 20 Stich and Bitch
- May 24 Samba Game Day
- May 27 Coffee & Conversation
- June 2 Murray's Mill Trip
- June 3 Stich and Bitch
- June 17 Stich and Bitch
- July 16 Annual Pool Party



Message from the Membership VP Rob Herman

"As a child, a library card takes you to exotic, faraway places. When you're grown up, a credit card does it." Sam Ewing

Money is a medium of exchange; it allows people to obtain what they need to live. In the world we live in today, we rarely actually see money. Many of us stopped carry cash as it was inconvenient. Having all those pennies and nickels in your purse or pocket was a nuisance. In reality they couldn't buy even a stick of gum. Even a dollar bill barely buys an apple today.

Many of us don't carry our check book and rarely use it. In the 21st century our money is deposited from Social Security/employer directly into our bank account and the bills are paid from the same bank account automatically. Money comes in- and goes out without even thinking about it.

Except, Newcomers. We always want your cash or check for our events or dues. But nobody seems to have it as they wave their Credit Card at us. So, it's about time that the Newcomers Club accepts credit cards. Your Board is working hard at methods to accept payment by means other than cash/check. A committee headed by our Treasurer Kathy Rosea is examining systems to use credit cards or electronic debit from your bank so we can avoid handling cash and its record keeping. Our goal is to be CASHLESS by December 31, 2022. We will keep you informed on our progress as we finally move to the digit currency of the 21st century.

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you enjoy playing games? Are you willing to help organize the event? If so, please consider signing up to chair one of the following games!

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)

MEMORIAL DAY MAY 30, 2022



Memorial Day on May 30 conjures images of hamburgers, hot dogs, swimming pools, and summertime for many Americans. But the last Monday in May serves, most importantly, as a time to honor those who died while fighting in the U.S. Armed Forces. It's a holiday steeped in somber American history and tradition. The day actually began as "Decoration Day," following the Civil War, when mourners placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers. Yes, Memorial Day has also come to signify the "unofficial" start of summer, but let's remember the heroes who made it all possible.

May Day is the first day of May, long celebrated with various festivities, such as the crowning of the May queen, dancing around the Maypole, and, in recent years, often marked by labor parades and political demonstrations. May Day has its roots in ancient pagan festivals marking the beginning of summer. May Day is a celebration of the seasons changing as well as a day to celebrate workers' rights.



Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862, victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. The day, which falls on Thursday, May 5 in 2022, is also known as Battle of Puebla Day. While it is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Mexican American populations.

Greetings from the Special Events Committee

There is so much going on over the next couple months that I'm sure we will see many of you soon! We have gotten some good ideas from our newest members, as well as bringing back some activities that we haven't done for quite a while.

Saturday, May 7th – Kentucky Derby Party 4:00 PM - Registration is still possible for our 2022 Kentucky Derby Party through May 2nd at 5:00 PM. We have not reached our limit of 60 people, so you can still get in on the fun! The Chizen's are opening their home 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 bow ties and hats! Please note that hats/bow ties ARE NOT a requirement. Check out the flyer in this Newsletter for the sign-up details!



Friday, May 13th – We are happy to provide you with another opportunity to visit the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden in Belmont, near Charlotte. Spring is upon us and the gardens will be beautiful! We will meet at 9:15 AM at the Hickory airport (side) parking lot. Carpools will be formed at the airport and it will be greatly appreciated if passengers help with the gas. Feel free to meet us in your own car if you wish to caravan with us. We will head out at 9:30 AM and arrive at the gardens around 10:15 AM. It's best to plan on at least a 90-minute experience. It is recommended that you bring bottled water, hat, sunscreen and walking shoes. Masks are required in the garden entrance building. Everyone will be responsible for their own Entrance Fee: Adult: \$14.25 Senior (60+): \$12.95. We will then be heading over to *Ray Nathan's BBQ*, 4571 New Hope Road, Gastonia, NC 28056, 980.283.7272 <https://www.raynathans.com/#Menu> for lunch. A quick look at the menu tells me that this choice is going to be a tough one! Please reply to jaydeekay@gmail.com if you will be meeting at the airport. You can find information about the beautiful Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens at <https://www.dsbgo.org/visit/explore-the-garden/>

Wednesday, May 18th – Beer & Wine Tasting #5 This month we'll be heading to Lenoir to Fercott Fermentables. I'm trying to spread our wings a bit so we try out places outside of Hickory every other month. Fercott Fermentables (www.fercottfermentables.com) has a variety of drinks on tap, plus cans and bottles, plus mead by the bottle! What a choice! This time will be a bit different in that we are pre-ordering charcuterie trays, which are a specialty of theirs, and everyone will pitch in towards the cost. If we get 15 people in attendance (our average) it will come to \$5-10 per person. The boards will come with a large variety of cheeses and meats. Please RSVP to chizenamy@gmail.com by May 14th so we know how much food to order.







Thursday, May 19th – The Annual Picnic has returned!! Those of you who were members pre-COVID may remember an Annual Picnic we had at The Stump Event Center. Those of you who have joined us more recently are in for a treat, as we are heading back there this year! The Stump is located in Hickory and offers a wonderful location for this event. There is a large, covered outside eating area, an air-conditioned indoor eating area, a Frisbee Golf Course, and plenty of space for Corn Hole and Ladders. We'll also bring along Bingo (\$5 for 3 cards), Dominoes, and Rummikub for those interested in playing for a bit after lunch. You are welcome to bring other games you think the group would like to try! See the flyer for all the details and let's get this event back on our calendar with a bang!



Thursday, June 2nd – Road Trip to Murray's Mill and the Covered Bridge. Let's sneak this outdoor activity in before the summer hits! We'll carpool from the Hickory Airport to the Covered Bridge. There is a beautiful, large picnic area there, so **bring your lunch!** When we are finished there, we'll drive to the mill, which is very close by. Murray's Mill is a wheat and corn mill that was in operation in the late 1800's until 1967. We will arrange for a guided tour of the mill, which lasts about an hour. There are stairs involved and we will be standing during the tour, however, this is not a huge building so there isn't much walking. There are some trails of one mile or less near the pond for those of you who would be interested. The cost is \$7 without the tour, \$10 with the tour, and veterans are free. After the tour there will be time to check out the General Store and grab some ice cream! See the flyer for all the details. We hope you'll join us for this slice of North Carolina history.

Other activities that are being worked on include:

Putt-Putt outing (*Did you know this game was invented in NC?*)  **Catawba County Historical Museum tour**  **Billy Graham Library Trip**  **Fort Dobbs in Statesville**  **Wine & Paint Party**

Other activities that are definite for this year include:

Annual Pool Party – July 16 *** **Tubing – September** *** **Pontoon Party – September 15** ***
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.

Hope to see you soon at one of our events!

Amy Chizen

Newcomers SEC Chair



There's still time to
join us to celebrate
the southern
tradition of the
Run for the Roses

Saturday May 7th at 4:00 PM



LADIES



*Don't forget your
Derby hat!*

Includes Mint Juleps, Mock Juleps, True
Southern Kentucky Fare, Photo Booth,
Party Games and Prizes, Ladies Hat
Contest, Men's Bow Tie and Hat Contest,
Socializing on the Veranda,
Derby Decorations, and the
Greatest 2 Minutes in Sports Viewing!

GENTS



*Don't forget your
bow tie and hat!*

Please indicate in your RSVP number of people and 1st and 2nd
choice of a menu item to bring.

This event is being held at the Chizen's at 722 14th Ave, NW, Hickory

If interested in attending...register by May 2nd with Harlan Chizen at
harlan.chizen@gmail.com

ANOTHER BEER AND WINE TASTING!!!

*Once again, we are changing things up,
so read on for all the details...*



*When: **Wednesday, May 18, 2022** Time: 5:00 – 8:00-ish PM*

*Place: **Fercott Fermentables, 107 Main Street, NW, Lenoir, NC***

Fercott Fermentables is a private club, so all who enter must pay \$1 to become a member. (You will even get a membership card!) They offer beer on tap, in bottles and cans, hard seltzer, cider bottles and cans, wine and mead by the bottle. They are also experts in creating charcuterie boards, so we will order enough for everyone ahead of time. These include crackers, cheeses and meats, and sides. Based on our average attendance of 15, every person should expect to chip in \$5-\$10 for the food. Of course, you can always order off the menu as well, but all will be contributing towards the charcuterie boards.

If you have a favorite spot to wet your whistle, let us know so we can check it out. If you are interested in assisting in setting up a Beer & Wine Tasting, let me know and we can work together on it.

Please RSVP by noon on Saturday, May 14th. Questions? chizenamy@gmail.com

NEWCOMERS' ANNUAL PICNIC IS BACK!

After a couple years on hiatus, our Annual Picnic has returned to the calendar! Join us for a great lunch, games, a chance to see long-time members and meet new members, and, as always, friendly conversation.

When: Thursday, May 19th, 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM



Where: The Stump Event Center, 2575 Mountain View Road, Hickory

What to Bring: The club will provide chicken for a main course, and the members provide the sides and desserts based on your last name initial, however, if there is a main course item that you really want to bring, feel free to do that. Upon arrival, the food is placed in the building where you have access to electrical plugs to keep dishes warm. The club will provide water to drink. As part of the rental agreement, all other drinks will be purchased at the bar. There are picnic tables under a roof outside, or you may opt for an inside table.

Last name begins with

A-I

J-Q

R-Z

Please bring

Cold Salad

Side Dish

Dessert



After lunch we break out the games: Bingo (\$5 for 3 cards), Corn Hole, Ladders, Dominoes, and Rummikub. Have a game you'd like our members to try? Bring it along!



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RSVP to chizenamy@gmail.com by the end of the day Monday, May 16th so we can purchase enough chicken.

Take a trip back in time...

Join us as we head out to Bunker Hill Covered Bridge and Murray's Mill in Catawba, NC

On Thursday, June 2nd we will meet up at the Hickory Airport (side) parking lot at 11:00 AM to begin our trek back in time. Our first stop will be Bunker Hill Covered Bridge, which is one of two [covered bridges](#) left in NC, and is possibly



the last [wooden bridge in the US with Haupt Truss construction](#). It was built in 1895 by [Andrew Loretz Ramsour](#) (1817–1906) in Claremont, NC, and crosses Lyle Creek.

After having a good look at the bridge, we will each enjoy our own picnic lunch in the shaded area by the Lyle Creek where there are plenty of picnic tables to use.

From there, our caravan will continue to Murray's Mill, about 10 minutes down the road. Murray and Minges General Store is also on the property and open.



We have a guided tour scheduled for 1:00 PM. The tour takes about an hour. *Please note* there are stairs and there will be a lot of standing, but not much walking. The cost is \$10 for the tour, or \$7 entrance without the tour, and veterans are always free. Preserved intact are the 1913 mill itself, the 1890s Murray & Minges General store, the 1880s Wheathouse, used as an exhibit gallery, the 1913 John Murray House, furnished to the period, and numerous outbuildings. Run by three generations of the Murray Family who closed operations in 1967, the picturesque structures and surrounding land form the last milling complex in the county, meticulously preserved and interpreted by the Catawba County Historical Association since 1980 when restorations began.

If you are up for a walk, there are 3 trails that wind around the area. None are more than 1 mile. You may want to try these out after the tour!

To wrap up our day, we'll take advantage of the ice cream parlor in the General Store!

We should return to the Hickory Airport between 3:30 PM and 4:00 PM.

Please RSVP to chizenamy@gmail.com and let me know how many of you there will be, if you would be willing to be a driver, and how many besides yourself could ride with you.

We are looking forward to sharing this slice of NC history with those of you who have recently moved to this area. If you have been here a while, and have maybe visited these sites already, you are welcome, too! It is a very quiet and peaceful spot quite close by.

Stitch and Bitch

We are such a crafty group! Twice a month we are meeting for Stitch & Bitch at member's houses and we've gotten quite a group going! This activity allows you to work on a project, meet other members, chat with the ladies, show work that you have completed, and maybe even pick up some tips or get questions answered on your needlework. We meet the first and third Friday mornings from 10:00 AM until about noon. In April we were welcomed in to Linda DeGraw's home and in May we will be heading back to Adra Kryszczuk's home. Please let her know at adraellen@yahoo.com if you will be attending so she can set up enough chairs and give you parking directions. In June we will be heading to Debbie Neilson's home. So, grab your project and join us!



A Night at the Crawdad's Game was a Homerun



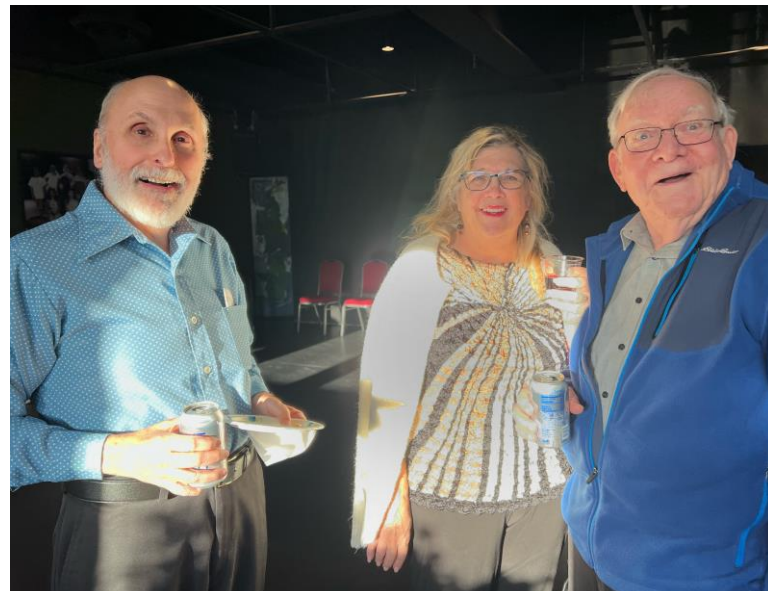
Thank you to Kathy and Joe Durand for organizing another wonderful Crawdad's evening!

We had a great turnout and lots of good food, fun in the sun with friends, and some great baseball! Before it was all over...the Crawdads won the game 4-3 over the Greenville Drive.



A Night at the Hickory Community Theatre

On April 7th we had a Pre-Show Wine and Cheese Reception at the Hickory Community Theatre that was attended by a good number of our members! Susan Mata was our hostess and she really delivered. We noshed on cheese and crackers, olives and sausage while enjoying drinks from the theater's concession stand. And what a delight it was to have our own Nancy Geiger serving us our drinks and John Geiger entertaining us all on his keyboard! Many folks commented on how enjoyable this was, so look for it on our schedule for next year as well!





CHARITY REPORT



NEWCOMERS SHOW UP FOR THE OUTREACH CENTER IN MORGANTON.

First of all – you guys ROCK! Not only did you totally fill the Outreach's staff member's car with items for their thrift shop when she spoke at the General Meeting, we had 14 people show up at the Center on Tuesday April 26th in 3-hour shifts helping in a number of ways.

John and I were in the first shift and we were welcomed with open arms. This is one busy place! On Tuesdays people can come to the center and pick up a box of dry food (canned, bagged or boxed items), a box of produce, a bag of toiletries and a gallon of milk. Some pick up for up to 2 other families too.

The line of cars looked like the Customs line at the Cancun airport (or think Disney lines for some of the "best" rides.) We were told some people sleep in their cars the night before to get toward the front of the never-ending line!

For the first hour or so we helped in the dry food area. We basically pushed a shopping cart with an empty box in it around a large circle of pallets, placing an item from each of the pallets in our box. At the end of the circle, we dropped off the completed box with someone who sealed it up and added it to another pallet to be fork-lifted out to the car line. Then we'd pick up another empty box and off we'd go again.

From there we went out to the front line to take the place of another group whose shift was ending. As a car drove up they had a 1, 2 or 3 on the window showing how many families they were picking up for and we'd load their trunks and back seats (and sometimes their laps!) with boxes. This was a well-oiled machine and actually quite fun!

Some of our folks helped in the thrift shop instead of the food area and we also brought more donated items for that too.

So, special thanks to all of you who helped!

I'm planning on another collection for the thrift shop at the June General Meeting with another Tuesday later that month for anyone who'd like to go help again. I'll send a reminder in the June newsletter. In the meantime – if any of you want to go in smaller groups or even on your own – you can show up any Tuesday and tell them you are with Newcomers and they'll stick a name tag on you and show you what to do. Or go anytime Monday through Saturday between 9 am and 5 pm and help in the Thrift Shop. Again, just let them know you are with us! (And send me an email telling me about it!)

Here's a little about the organization again in case you forgot from last month's newsletter:

The Outreach Center is a community-based, 501 (c) (3), nonprofit, relief organization serving Burke and its counties in Western North Carolina through our hunger relief, job training, education, and arts programs. We 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, community opportunities, and enrichment experiences. The Food Distribution occurs every Tuesday from 10 am until 12 pm; they run out of food for that day.

The New2You Thrift Store is open Monday – Saturday from 9 AM until 5 PM.

Nancy Geiger
Newcomers Charity Chair



The Outreach Center

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Morganton, N.C. 28680

Email: info@theoutreachcenter.org

Phone: 828.439.8300



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:

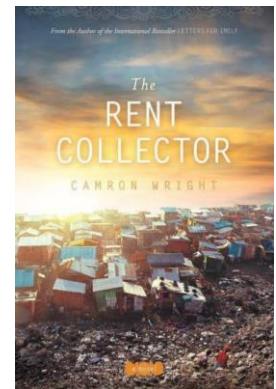
Survival for Ki Lim and Sang Li is a daily battle at Stung Meanchey, the largest municipal waste dump in all of Cambodia. They make their living scavenging recyclables from the trash. Life would be hard enough without the worry for their chronically ill child, Nisay, and the added expense of medicines 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?



The Run for the Roses

The Kentucky Derby is a horse race held annually in Louisville, Kentucky almost always on the first Saturday in May, capping the two-week-long Kentucky Derby Festival. The competition is a Grade I stakes race for three-year-old Thoroughbreds at a distance of one and a quarter miles at Churchill Downs. It is considered the grandest horse race in the world which lasts approximately 2 minutes and is often referred to as the "most thrilling 2 minutes in sports." This is one of the oldest horse races in the world and has been running every year since 1875. However, there have been two years when the race wasn't run in May. In 1945 during a wartime ban on horse-racing, and in 2020 when the race was delayed until September due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SPONSORSHIP CORNER



Meet Katie Fredieu, the owner of Artisan Soapery on Union Square. Katie, Lindi Cline (GM), pictured below, and their staff are not just enthusiastic about the handcrafted artisan products they make and carry. They are passionate about the quality of service they give to their customers. They are *driven* to boost our economy by supporting and promoting local artisans. By building strong relationships with our customers and artisans through *compassion* and *integrity*, they bridge the

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Our proprietary bath products were created from our Founder's need for better alternative skin care. Each product is handmade in small batches with sustainable and organic ingredients, ensuring top quality and freshness. We specialize in sensitive skin and guarantee our products effectiveness to improve your skin's overall health.

At Artisan Soapery, we are passionate about the handcrafted products we make. We strive to deliver happiness to our customers, employees and our vendors. Our products are only tested on humans and are free from harsh chemicals and toxic preservatives. We use only the highest quality ingredients in our proprietary formulas. You can feel confident and worry-free when using our skin care line.

Check out Artisan Soapery and thank them for their contributions to our community and for their sponsorship. artisansoapery.com



MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

Thank you so much! This goes out to those volunteers who have offered to help our fellow Newcomer members in need. We have had volunteers agree on short notice requests to drive someone to the doctor's office. There are opportunities to drive people to doctor's appointments, haircut appointments, picking someone up for a Newcomers event, or taking them to buy their groceries. If you are interested, please reach out to me, and let me know you're available. Thanks again and I look forward to seeing everyone at our next Newcomers meeting.

Sandi Shear
Members Helping Members





Please join us for Coffee and Conversation this month. We will be at Hole Lotta Donuts in Lenoir on the last Friday of the month, May 27th, at 2:00 PM. They have large donuts, fritters, ice cream, coffees, teas, and sodas.

Website: <https://www.holelottadoughnuts.com/lenoir>



The coffee-drinking capital of the United States is...

- A. Satan's Kingdom, Massachusetts
- B. Berkeley, California
- C. New York, New York

Answer: C – New York

Do coffee bushes produce nuts or fruits?

- A. Nuts
- B. Fruits
- C. Neither

Answer: B - Fruits



Historical Moments in the Month of May



May 1, 1931 - The Empire State Building was dedicated.

May 5, 1968 – Robert Kennedy was assassinated.

May 5, 1971 – Alan Shepard rides “Freedom 7” to become the 1st American in space.

May 21, 1881 – The American Red Cross was formed.

May 27, 1919 – The pop-up toaster is patented.

May 29, 1942 – Bing Crosby sings “White Christmas” as the biggest selling record.

May 30, 1922 – The Lincoln Memorial is completed and dedicated.



May Program

Newcomers February General Meeting

May 11th - Hickory Regional Airport – 10:30 AM

Former NC Senator Andy Wells will be our guest speaker May 11, 2022, to give us an update on the NCDOT Route 321 Project widening Rt. 321 from Hickory to Lenoir.

Senator Andy Wells joined the N.C. Board of Transportation in August 2020 and currently serves as an at-large member. Wells is owner of Prism Development in Hickory. He served as a member of the N.C. Senate for the 42nd District (Catawba and Alexander) from 2015-2020 and in the N.C. House for the 96th District (northwestern Catawba County) from 2013-2014.

He was president of the Piedmont Council Boy Scouts of America in 2012-14, was chairman of the YMCA, and served on the Board of Directors of the John Locke Foundation. He is also a member the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce.

Please mark your calendars and bring your questions as Senator Wells brings us up to date on the Rt. 321 project. We look forward to seeing you May 11th at 10:30 AM in the Hickory Regional Airport meeting room for our upcoming Newcomers if Catawba County general meeting.

Kathy Kuehn
Newcomers Program Chair

Shining Hope Farms Open House



Last month we were visited by the Shining Hope Farms, and we were informed of their wonderful programs. And now the Newcomers have been invited to the Shining Hope Farms 20TH Anniversary Open House AND will receive a personal tour of the Conover equine therapeutic farm.

We will carpool from Hickory Regional Airport on May 21, 2022. Anyone interested in coming should RSVP Kathy Kuehn (kecen325@yahoo.com or 636-675-4183) no later than 5/19/2022. Anyone available to drive, please let Kathy know. We will meet at the airport at 10:00 AM and depart at 10:15 AM. The personal tour is scheduled for 11:00 AM. Afterwards, we'll have a late lunch at a nearby location.

Are you a runner or just enjoy a fun 5K or 10K event? The Shining Hope Farms is having a trail run fundraiser and you have an opportunity to participate. See the Shining Hope Farms website for more information.





BRIDGE

Monday, May 2 nd	Kathy Rozea
Wednesday, May 4 th	Kathy Rozea
Monday, May 9 th	Betty Stone
Monday, May 16 th	Carolyn Eanes
Wednesday, May 18 th	Karen Schafer

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

Currently, we only have two scheduled games events each month and both of those occur during the day. Response to current events has been sparse, so I would like to hear from you. Do you want evening events (as in the past)? Do you want to keep these events to day times? Please let Adra know your feelings at adraellen@yahoo.com.

CANASTA AND GAMES - Afternoon

Canasta and Games, Tuesday, May 3rd at 11:30 AM

Canasta and Games is held at the Hickory Regional Airport. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the games this month, so come eat lunch and play the game of your choice. We offer Canasta, Rummikub, Dominoes and Pinochle! All game components will be provided. Please bring any other game you want to play (bridge anyone?). There is always a learning table offered for canasta for those who want to learn or simply brush up on their skills. I will confirm your request to play as we fill up tables of four. **If you do not receive an email from me, call!** We are looking forward to a fun-filled afternoon. 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 the meal. Play includes a catered lunch SERVED PROMPTLY AT 11:30 a.m., cost is usually \$11. If you don't want to eat lunch, you can enjoy games and beverages for only \$5. There is a minimum of 12 for catered meals 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

Tuesday, May 24th at 11:30 AM

Samba Day is the fourth Thursday of each month. Lunch and Samba begins at 11:30 a.m. 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. 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. I will confirm your request to play as we fill up tables of four. **If you do not receive an email from me, call!** 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. There is a minimum of 12 for catered meals 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 AM Tuesday, you still must pay the charge! To join in the fun, contact Adra at adraellen@yahoo.com.



Our membership is growing!

Welcome to our newest members.

Janice and David Harris from OH & Sandra Huffman from NC

Valerie Carpenter from FL

Judy Ward from NC & Evie Gibson from AK

Debbie Hindman from CA

Liesl & Jason Giorgio from GA & Becky Cortino from FL

“Name the Newsletter Contest”

**We have a winner of the contest and a
new name for the newsletter!**

Thanks to everyone who participated in submitting names.

The name of the newsletter will now officially be called...

“The Voice of the Newcomers”

**And congratulations to Frank Wells. The BOD voted for
your suggested name. Frank wins the \$25 gift card!**



Janis Goonan	May 1
Ann Czyzyk	May 3
Al Osbahr	May 4
Carla Hinceman	May 7
Carolyn Shoemaker	May 10
John Wrigley	May 11
Anna Murawski	May 12
Karlene Patrick	May 13
Brenda Gordon	May 14
William Hill	May 16
Roxanne Hibbs	May 18
David Harris	May 20
Elaine L. Kalber	May 20
Debra Palmer	May 22
Steven Hill	May 23
Pratibha Patel	May 24
Tecky Kenny	May 25
Robyn Wolgemuth	May 26
Marc Fedder	May 27
Karen Mills	May 28

Happy Birthday to all the
May Birthdays!



FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN IN THE MONTH OF MAY

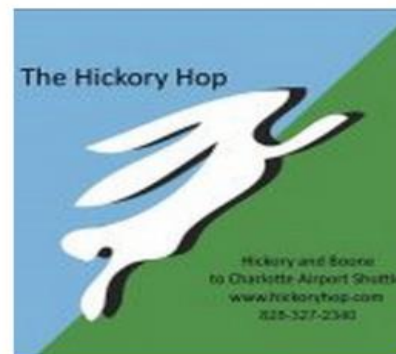
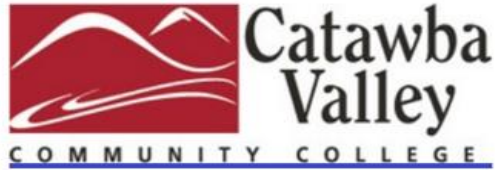
John F Kennedy - Audrey Hepburn
 Stevie Wonder - Queen Victoria – Bob Dylan
 John Wayne – James Brown - Sigmund Freud
 Harry S Truman – Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson
 Clint Eastwood – George Clooney
 Katharine Hepburn - Florence Nightingale
 Adele – Brooke Shields - Pope John II
 Donatella Versace – George Strait – Bob Hope



May Birthday Traits

1. Hard-working. People born in May are ambitious and work extremely hard in what they believe in. They leave no stone unturned when trying to achieve their goals and dreams.
2. Emotional peeps. The good being they have feelings, sensitive to feelings and can even relate to what others are going through.
3. People born in May are restless and lead a very busy life but handle it well.
4. Their love for travel. People born in May have a strong passion towards seeing the world, experiencing different cultures, meeting different kinds of people and most of all, making memories.
5. They are headstrong. This is a very good trait if it's in moderation. Too much of it makes them stubborn.

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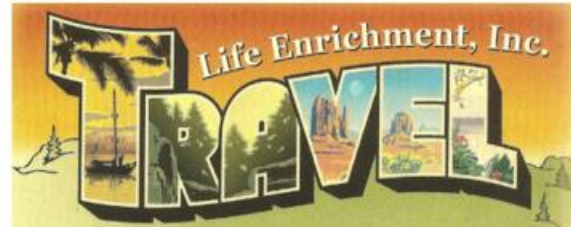


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I am always interested in adding photos from activities the Newcomers are doing. Please share with me so I can share in the newsletter.

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