

The Voice of Newcomers

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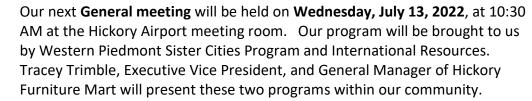


Cathi Montgomery Newcomers President

Hello Newcomers!

June seemed to disappear very quickly. Let's hope all those really hot days went as well. We even had to cancel a couple of events due to the hot weather. I hope you were able to enjoy the June events

We have a busy July coming up and hope you will join us. The Special Events Committee has planned a blueberry picking; a trip to Winston-Salem for lunch and shopping at Trader Joe's; a pool party at the LeGrand's; and a fun time planned at Wine and Design.



Our charity for the third quarter is Good Samaritan Food Pantry out of Mt. Pisgah Church – they partner with 2nd Harvest. Nancy Geiger, our charity chair, will provide more information in the newsletter.

I want to thank all of the members that supported the second quarter charity The Outreach Center in Morganton with their donations and the two days of volunteering.

If you would like to start a new event, or host a one-time event, please contact the Board of Director's. New events are always welcome. And we have a new policy to guide you. It is in this month's newsletter and on the website.

WE LOVE OUR AND APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS! We are always in need of volunteers to head up/or help committees and events. Even if you can only volunteer at one event at a time, it is a huge help.

We have another volunteer opening and it is for the Chair of Rummikub to take over beginning with the September event. Michele LeGrand is ready to pass the baton.

We want to thank Francine Gissy for chairing for Lunch Out/Dinner Out for her service in arranging fun and delicious meals at various restaurants for the membership. And she has also passed the baton to another member.



July 5	Canasta & Games
July 6	Bridge
July 7	Blueberry Picking
July 8	Chatty Crafters
July 11	Bridge
July 12	Trader Joe's
July 13	General Meeting & Charity Drive
July 14	Dinner Out
July 16	Pool Party
July 18	Bridge
July 20	Bridge
July 22	Chatty Crafters
July 26	Wine & Design
July 27	Book Club
July 27	Samba
July 29	Ice Cream & Conversation
Aug 16	History Museum
Aug 23	Mt Airy Trip

Thank you to Debbie Kelso for taking over the Lunch Out/Dinner Out event. Debbie would like to have a partner join her with this fun event. So, if it is something you think you might like to help with, please contact Debbie. Also, please take time to look at the complete list of volunteers needed below.

REMEMBER, WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION

Remember to please review our list of Sponsors and use them when you can. Also, when you use our SPONSORS, please let them know you are from Newcomers. This tells them that their sponsorship is worthwhile. If you know any businesses that could be Sponsors, please contact Kevin McCutcheon.

As always....stay safe and healthy.... Enjoy the summer! Enjoy the newsletter! Hope to see you soon!

Cathi Montgomery
President
Newcomers of Catawba Valley

NCV ACTIVITY CHAIR VACANCIES & DUTIES (JULY 2022)

<u>A PARTNER FOR LUNCH/DINNER-OUT</u> We are looking for a partner(s) to help our Chair Lunch/Dinner-Out activity. You/they would assist in the planning and arranging of lunches/dinners each month. These events are great for enjoying different restaurant venues in the area and meeting with other newcomers.

THESE CHAIRS ARE NEEDED

CANASTA AND GAMES DAY DOMINOES MAHJONGG (IN-PERSON GAMES) SAMBA DAY 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

RUMMIKUB (September)

The duties of the chairman of Rummikub are:

Secure location for the month

Send out notice of where it will be

Have fun!

A message from Vice President: Rob Herman



Life Changes

"Ain't it funny how life changes You wake up, ain't nothing the same and life changes

You can't stop it, just hop on the train and You never know what's gonna happen You make your plans and you hear God laughing

Life changes, and I wouldn't change it for the world, the world, oh no"

Songwriter: Thomas Rhett

When we were young, we planned to change the world; we looked at our parents as old fuddy duddies that were living in the past and unable to grasp the change necessary to improve the world.

When I was a young buck, my business card indicated my title was "Change Agent" Yes; my job was to blow up all the policies that had been around for years and were no longer efficient or effective. Lots of older employees didn't like me or the changes. Some policies had been there for decades, and it made them feel safe. But change came whether they liked it or not and guess what, we all learned to adapt because that is what it takes to survive.

Our membership peaked at 332 in 2021. We lost 90 members during Covid but gained 59 new members in the same time frame. In the last 6 months we have had 41 new members join which is a record-breaking trend. The average age of our membership is steadily dropping. Today at 301 members many of you are asking for more evening events and your directors are responding and making change. Starting immediately our Guest Speaker Monthly Meetings on the Second Wednesday of the month will include 4 evening meetings per year starting at 6:30pm. Expect these in the months of March, June, September, and December. So, "just hop on the train as you never know what's gonna happen."

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

The Fourth of July 2022 is on Monday, July 4, 2022.

Guidelines to Create a New Newcomers Activity with or without Member Fee

- 1. Any member may start a new activity for the membership.
- 2. A new activity may be a one-time or repeating event. The idea must be presented to the board, preferably in person but email is acceptable. (Approval will be expedited when the idea is presented in person allowing the board to get any questions or concerns answered quickly.) The proposal should include the following:
 - a. Activity name.
 - b. Activity chair (leads the activity and coordinates all messages to members.)
 - c. Purpose of the activity.
 - d. Suggested day/date and time (should attempt to avoid conflicts with other scheduled activities).
 - e. Activity location, cost (if any) to members, does the event repeat.
- 3. All activities must be inclusive for all members and their guests, subject to guest guidelines as outlined in club By-Laws. If the activity has a restriction on numbers, a waiting list should be developed.
- 4. It is the responsibility of the new Activity Chair to notify the Webmaster and Newsletter Editor each month about date, time, and location for inclusion on the calendar, weekly activity notices and newsletter.
- 5. The club does not provide space or cover the cost for space. Funds must be collected from those in attendance by the activity chair.
- 6. Any member may collect fees from other members to cover expenses of an event. The price set is based on demand and the expenses to put on the event. The activity chair collects the fees to provide the event from the members who attend.
- 7. The club will not promote a business of a member or non-member at meetings, through the email list or newsletter. (Example: An instructor could have an activity where ONLY members are invited for weekly classes and charge them \$10/week using the newsletter.) No business announcement at general meetings, through the club newsletter or the email address list is permitted.



Our list of activities for the next couple months include outside adventures as well as inside visits and happenings. Pick and choose what is to your liking and we hope to see you soon and often.

The monthly Beer & Wine Tasting needs a new leader!

If someone else would like to take this on, I'd be happy to assist them.

Thursday, July 7th – Rain Date Friday, July 8th - Blueberry Picking – Who can resist these plump, juicy, sweet berries throughout the summer? Some of us freeze them and enjoy them for months to come! We are meeting at Campbell's Farm in Bethlehem around 10:00 AM. Besides Pick-Your-Own Blueberries, there's a variety of produce and specialty items to purchase.

Tuesday, July 12th – Trip to Trader Joe's – Let's hit the road and do some shopping! Some of our members miss the Trader Joe's store they had to leave behind; some only had a rare opportunity to shop there. Unfortunately, there isn't a Trader Joe's right in the Hickory area, but what's to stop us from driving about an hour to one? Let's do it! We will carpool to Winston-Salem, have lunch at a restaurant near the store, then head to Trader Joe's! Check out the attached flyer.

Saturday, July 16th – Pool and Hot Tub Party at the LeGrand's! Join us around the pool, in the pool, or at the picnic tables for an evening of fun and relaxation. Vince and Michele Legrand have a wonderful setup for this event, and we are fortunate to have them open their home again this year. For those who have been before you know what a great time this is. For those of you who have missed it in the past, or are newer members, plan to be there this year! You can join a group in the warm pool, or maybe try the attached hot tub instead! Either way you are sure to enjoy it! There's also plenty of room around the pool to sit and chat with those who have taken the plunge. As always, there are picnic tables on the deck, plenty of good food, great music in the background, and lots of folks to catch up with or get to know. Look for the details coming soon from Vince but put this event on your calendar now, so you don't miss it!

Tuesday, July 26th – Wine & Design – Every year we like to do a craft project at one of the many DIY places around Hickory. This year we have chosen Wine & Design on Route 127 for a canvas painting project. We are scheduled for a 1:30 PM class at a cost of \$37 per person, so mark it on your calendar now. More information and details will be coming to your email shortly!

During August, when it's hot and muggy and you don't feel like doing anything, we're going to show a movie in the cool, comfortable basement of the Chizen's! There are many things to be decided on this activity, so there is a short survey which will be available for you to fill out at most of our other activities. Watch your email for the final details.

Tuesday, August 16th – History Museum of Catawba County Tour – We have arranged for our group to take a tour of this museum which is located in Newton, NC. Learn about the hardy Scots Irish, German and English peoples who followed the trails along the Catawba River to find a place to call home. Our tour will begin at 10:00 AM and will last about 2 hours. There is a \$10 pp charge; Veterans are free. After the tour we will head up the street to B52s American Bar and Grill for lunch. Join us to learn more about this place you now call home! A flyer and sign-up information will be sent out closer to the date.

Tuesday, August 23rd – Trip to Mt. Airy, NC – Let's take another nostalgic trip back in time, this time to the '50's and 60's. Mt. Airy, NC, is famous for being the town on which Andy Griffith based his show set in Mayberry, NC. You can pick up reruns on TV almost every day to refresh your memory on all the characters! You will find lots of Andy Griffith Show memorabilia in the shops all along the main street. It's even possible to take a tour of the town in a black and white police car just like Andy and Barney's! Although there are a number of restaurants in town, you may choose to treat yourself to a very inexpensive lunch at Barney's Diner or the Snappy Lunch Diner, just like the folks of Mayberry did all those years ago. See the flyer for details and join us on this fun trip.

Other activities that are definite for this year include:

***Tubing in September *** Pontoon Party is scheduled for September 15

*** Afternoon Tea in October *** Soup/Chili Cook-off and a hike in 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, contacting restaurants, etc.

See you out and about!

Amy Chizen SEC Newcomers Chair

In June, despite the heat, a number of us ventured out to the Covered Bridge and Murray's Mill in Catawba, NC. The bridge is a neat piece of NC history, and obviously built to last! The mill was very pleasant to walk through and get the low down on how the grist mills across the country operated. Some attendees had heard the talk before, so took a bit of a snooze, but the rest of us were engrossed in our guide's talk! Afterwards we all cooled off with bowls of ice cream and cool sodas from the old-fashioned coolers. A delightful day!







Historical Association of Catawba County - Covered Bridge

Trader Joe's . . . Here We Come!!!

Pack your reusable bags and let's go to Trader Joe's!

Shopping with friends is soooo much more fun at a place like Trader Joe's! So, let's pack up the cars and head out! I am aware that there are a few Trader Joe's around, which happen to be equal distance from Hickory. This time we are opting for a Winston-Salem location. And, of course, we'll stop and have lunch before we shop so our cold/frozen purchases won't suffer in the heat.

WHEN: Tuesday, July 12, 2022

TIME: Meet at Rose's parking lot (1149 US Highway 70, Hickory) at

10:00AM, shove off by 10:15AM. Return around 4:00PM.

LUNCH: We will stop first at Midtown Market Cafe.

TRADER JOE'S: 252 S. Stratford Road, Winston-Salem, NC

RSVP: chizenamy@gmail.com by Sunday, July 10th





Welcome to our new members! Every new friend is a new adventure... the start of more memories.

Bill and Ann Weese from AK Linda Eyre from NJ

Cynthia and Darren Beeksma from WI Wayne Hill from VA Jack French from CO

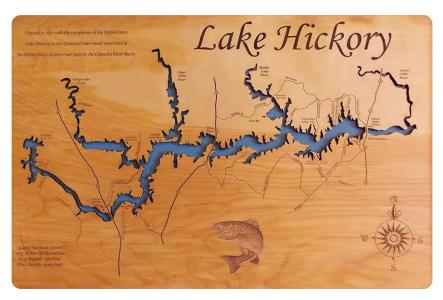




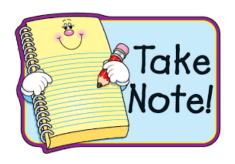




Summer at Lake Hickory Enjoy your summer!







Using the Membership Email List

As a club, we are very lucky to have one email address that addresses every member. That address is 'ncvmembers@googlegroups.com.' The method for utilizing this address is to use the "bcc" option in the "to" portion of your email program. In essence, this sends an individual email to each member. The problem comes in responding to these emails and each email program has its own built-in settings.

When I reply to an email that has a "via novmembers" address, I always make sure that the reply is going to the person who sent it (for example me with my weekly Activities column). If you look at the "to" portion of your return email, you should see only the person's name to whom you are responding. If you see something else, it will – most likely – go to EVERYONE in the club. Sometimes you really don't want that. And most members already have enough emails to delete on a daily basis.

So, please be mindful of reply emails to those sent to the entire club. Every members' email is listed in the printable directory and/or in the 'list all members' portion of the website. Hope this will help with unneeded emails in the future.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have website questions.

Webmaster, Adra Kryszczuk (adraellen@yahoo.com)









Team Cuisine enjoyed a fabulous Indian menu prepared by Adra Kryszczuk. We had two host homes enjoy the same meal. Many of us learned new recipes and enjoyed our "Night in India." The next meal will be in August when..."It's summertime and the livin' is easy." Please contact Jon Kiser if you are interested in participating in Team Cuisine.



Adra Kryszczuk & Rob Herman



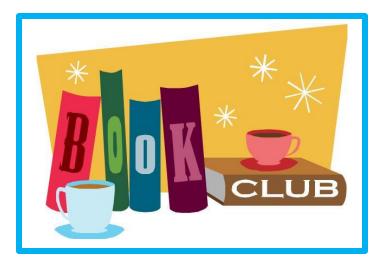
A fun group of chefs at Susan & Ray Mata's



John Geiger & Susan Mata enjoying Lemon Drop Martinis







The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on Wednesday, July 27 at 1:30 PM at the Women's Resource Center in Hickory.

The book we will be discussing is Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson:

"As we go about our daily lives, caste is the wordless usher in a darkened theater, flashlight cast down in the aisles, guiding us to our assigned seats for a performance. The hierarchy of caste is not about feelings or morality. It is about power—which groups have it and which do not."

In this brilliant book, Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings.

Beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system that influences people's lives and behavior and the nation's fate. Linking the caste systems of America, India, and Nazi Germany, Wilkerson explores eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, bloodlines, stigma, and more. Using riveting stories about people—including Martin Luther King, Jr., baseball's Satchel Paige, a single father and his toddler son, Wilkerson herself, and many others—she shows the ways that the insidious undertow of caste is experienced every day. She documents how the Nazis studied the racial systems in America to plan their out casting of the Jews; she discusses why the cruel logic of caste requires that there be a bottom rung for those in the middle to measure themselves against; she writes about the surprising health costs of caste, in depression and life expectancy, and the effects of this hierarchy on our culture and politics. Finally, she points forward to ways America can move beyond the artificial and destructive separations of human divisions, toward hope in our common humanity.

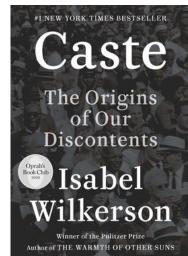
Beautifully written, original, and revealing, Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents is an eye-opening story of people and history, and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of ordinary lives and of American life today.

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



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

Western Piedmont Sister Cities Program and International Resources in the Hickory Metro Area to be presented July 13th -10:30 am, Hickory Regional Airport meeting room.

Tracey Trimble, Executive Vice President, and General Manager of Hickory Furniture Mart will present these two programs within our Hickory community.

Trimble will speak on our Sister City - Altenburg Land, which means the Altenburg region. Instead of just a sister to city partnership, it's a region-to-region partnership, The first one recognized by Sister Cities International when it was founded. It's paired with our four county Western Piedmont region of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba Counties.

Greater Hickory International Council (GHIC) — Trimble will explain how the Council focuses on the new international residents acclimating them to our area, our country. Many, many pieces are involved in this process.

Trimble is a vibrant speaker you will enjoy learning more about these two programs. Programs, I promise you will enjoy hearing about, maybe decide to be involved with personally.

Kathy Kuehn Newcomers Program Chair





Chatty Crafters

Chattery Crafters will meet at 2117 Starboard Lane, Connelly Springs, NC 28612 on Friday July 8th and 22nd at 10:00 AM

Dawn Ross & Tracy Breen will be the July hosts.

Hope to see you there!





Thank you to the nine Newcomers who came out on June 28th to help at the Outreach Center. We took 2 car loads of items for their thrift shop and loaded cars with boxes of food for a solid three hours. And it was fun!

All that's left is our treasurer sending them a check from the 3-months of 50-50 raffles.

But no rest for the weary! Our 3rd quarter charity is the **Good Samaritan Food Pantry out of Mt. Pisgah Church, which is at 9379 NC Hwy. 127, Hickory.**

The pantry was started in 1986 by Karen Schmidt. It partners with the Second Harvest Food Bank in Winston Salem from whom they receive food products to help serve the citizens of Alexander County.

They receive donations from various sources such as Boy Scouts Food Drive, the Alexander County postal service food drive, various church Sunday schools, the "Friends Feeding Friends" program through Lowes Food of Bethlehem and Food Lion in Taylorsville. They help those with ongoing needs turning no one away. Everyone who works at the pantry are volunteers, not only from Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church, but also the Bethlehem Community. They are open two days a week for 2 hours (Mondays 3:00 to 5:00 pm and Fridays 1:00 to 3)

At the July 13th General Meeting we'll have a pantry filling drive – please, if you are able, bring items from the following list:

Dry beans (any kind) Jam or jelly Ramon noodles Spaghetti sauce Mixed vegetables (canned)

Coffee and coffee creamer Laundry detergent Dish detergent Shampoo

Toilette paper Bar soap Toothpaste Feminine products

I won't be organizing an in-person volunteering day here because they only need 1 or 2 people at a time. But, if any of you are interested, they can use 1 or 2 the first or second Friday of each month. Please email Jean Pope if you'd like to schedule a day – and tell her you are with Newcomers. jean.h.pope@gmail.com

The former director, Frank Simmons, will say a few words about the ministry at the start of our July 13th meeting and then we'll load up his car with pantry items!!

Thanks as always for your generosity!

Nancy Geiger Newcomers Charity Director





Bridge

Monday, July 4th

Wednesday, July 6th Monday, July 11th Monday, July 18th Wednesday, July 20th

HOLIDAY

Susan Perkins Adra Kryszczuk Laurie Johnsen 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

Canasta & Games

Tuesday, July 5th at 5:30 PM

Canasta and Games is held at the Hickory Regional Airport on Tuesday, July 5th at 5:30 PM. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the games this month, so come eat and play the game of your choice. We offer Canasta, Rummikub, Dominoes and Pinochle! There is always a learning table for Canasta. 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. If you do not receive an email from me, call! We are looking forward to a 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 the meal. Play includes a catered dinner of Sesame Asian Chicken with broccoli, roasted potatoes and salad SERVED PROMPTLY AT 5:30 p.m., cost is usually \$11. If you don't want to eat, you can enjoy games and beverages for only \$5. We must pay the caterer for each meal ordered, so if you make a reservation and do not cancel before the deadline of 10:00 AM Sunday July 24th, you must still pay the \$11 charge! Reserve your spot with Adra Kryszczuk at adraellen@yahoo.com.

Samba

Wednesday, July 27 at 5:30 PM



Samba will be at the Hickory Regional Airport on July 27th. Dinner and Samba begins at 5:30 PM. Dinner, beverages, and an evening of fun-filled Samba is \$11. If you don't want to eat, you can enjoy cards and beverages for only \$5.00. 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 membersmen and women are welcome. We like to start playing the game right at 6:00 PM 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 a reservation and do *not* cancel before the deadline of 10:00 AM Monday July 25th, you still must pay the charge! To join in the fun, contact Adra at adraellen@yahoo.com.

SPONSORSHIP CORNER





The Olde Tavern awaits your palette. It was the location of Northern Exposure. It was the home of the original Hickory Tavern. BT Burger once inhabited the space. And until 2015, it was the infamous Lazy Dog.

Best wings in Hickory!!! Stating "we have the best wings in Hickory" is kind of a bold statement, isn't it? But we believe it. Fried or grilled, our wings are second to none. Our sauces are our own; we made them! And we love it, and then pass our love of our wings on to you.

We love the rest of our food too. From our already-famous Buffalo Chicken Wrap to our succulent Pimento Burger, to our incredible Chicken Carbonara. We love it all!!! And we know you will too.

Our goal is to be the most accommodating restaurant with the best food in Hickory. We want to be the place we ourselves want to come to when we are not working. We are our own family, and we are inviting you to be a part of it too.

Don't forget our catering services! We can cater any sized event. And while our catering may appear to be set up for certain dishes, like wings, grilled chicken, club sandwiches and burgers. We can also cater anything from our Main Menu. Just give us a call at least one day in advance before your event: 828-322-3323.

Please stop by Olde Tavern and thank Joe Hartsoe for being a sponsor.

theoldetayern.com

Kevin McCutcheon Newcomers Sponsor Chairperson



World UFO Day is July 2, 2022

World UFO Day was organized by WorldUFODay.com in 2001 and was put together to bring together enthusiasts of UFO's and the evidence they've all gathered to support their existence. Knowing that the possibility that we'll one day encounter other intelligent life in the universe is practically 100%, they knew it was vital that people started having the dialogue about their arrival long before there was accepted proof that they arrived.





For July and August, we will have Ice Cream and Conversation to keep things cool. This month, we will go to Udderly Delicious on Hwy 70 on Friday July 29th at 2:00 PM. This is the one with mini golf and near the car dealerships. They make their own ice cream.

Fun Facts About Ice-Cream

1. National Ice Cream Month



2.

California produces the most



3.

Most popular flavors



Newcomers Dinner Out



Hi Newcomers!

In order to accommodate our Newcomers who are unable to attend "Lunch Out" during lunchtime, I am going to schedule some evening dinners together. So, I have scheduled a dinner on **Thursday**, **July 14th**, at **5:30 PM at Hickory Social House**, **2039 N. Center Street in Hickory**. Hickory Social House includes Bootleggers Whiskey Bar and Wood Fire Pizza.

You can go to http://www.hickorysocial.com to view their menu. The restaurant is accessible for those with mobility issues and there is plenty of parking. *Please rsvp by Monday, July 11, 2022*, so I can update the restaurant with an attendance count. You can either email or text me.

Debbie Kelso

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Dkelso528@gmail.com

Looking forward to a fun evening!

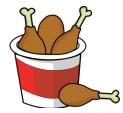


Important Dates in July

Coincidentally, it was in July that the rabies vaccine was first successfully given to a patient. The French microbiologist Louis Pasteur administered the vaccine to a nine-year-old called Joseph Meister on July 6, 1885. The child had been bitten by a rabid dog, and Louis Pasteur, unsure whether the vaccine would be successful, decided it was worth testing. Fortunately for the boy, it worked!

On <u>July 5</u>, 1946, the world's first bikini was unveiled in the famous Piscine Molitor swimming pool in Paris. Just in time for the heat of summer, the bikini was modeled by showgirl Micheline Bernardini. While two-piece forms of swimwear previously existed, none used as little fabric as the bikini.

On <u>July 4</u>, 1776, the 13 American colonies declared their independence from the British monarchy. The 4th of July, formally known as Independence Day, has been a federal holiday since 1870 in the United States of America.



July isn't just the month for Independence Day, though. There are plenty of other great holidays observed around the world! <u>July 2nd</u> is World UFO Day, while <u>July 3rd</u> is Stay out of the Sun Day. In the US, <u>July 6th</u> is a pretty delicious day, as it's National Fried Chicken Day! At the end of the month, we also have International Tiger Day on July 29th.

July has some pretty delicious month-long observances, too! In the US, at least there are three, in particular, that stand out – It's National Watermelon Month, National Hot Dog Month, and National Ice Cream Month. Yum!

July was an important time for the space race of the '60s. The first crewed mission to the moon, the Apollo 11 Mission, launched on July 16, 1969. Four days later, on July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong made history by taking the first step on the moon while declaring, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind!".

July 16, 1945, was another big day for the world and a step down a very dark period of history. It was on this day in Alamogordo, New Mexico, that the first atomic bomb was detonated. The bomb was called "Fat Boy," and its explosion sure was fat – the mushroom cloud was 41,000 feet (12.5 kilometers) high!





July 2	Mike Baretsky
July 2	Ed Farthing
July 6	Rose Arant
July 6	Madison Spencer
July 7	Ed Stewart
July 8	Audrey Rozzelle
July 9	Darren Beeksma
July 9	John Geiger
July 11	Barbara Womack
July 11	Cindy Zook
July 14	Dan Hinceman
July 15	Martha Lord
July 15	Kitty Clark
July 17	Frank Wells
July 18	Jane Woodward
July 20	Yung Holtzman
July 21	Cindy Donahue
July 27	Clark "Skip" Houghtling
July 29	Jessica Spears
July 30	Marvin Yokum



Happy Birthday to our July birthday members

Famous People with July Birthdays

Princess Diana – Nikola Tesla – Ernest Hemingway Robin Williams – Tom Hanks – Julius Caesar JK Rowling – Nelson Mandela – Tom Cruise John Glenn – Alexander the Great – Frida Kahlo Amelia Earhart – Jackie Kennedy – Henry Ford Mick Jagger – John D Rockefeller – Ringo Starr

Traits of people born in July

- Those born in July tend to be hard working
- They tend to be perfectionists
- Protective & sensitive for family
- Concerned about the future
- They are empathetic people
- Focused on important matters
- Can be very serious
- Have a good memory
- Curious and asks questions to gain knowledge
- Home & family are very important

July has two birth flowers – the water lily and the larkspur. The water lily is a symbol of a pure heart, while the larkspur (especially its white form) represents the lightness of the heart.

The birthstone of July is the ruby, considered by many to be the king of gems. At one point in time, it was considered to protect warriors on the field of battle if it was embedded in their armor. Nowadays, as a birthstone, it's said to protect against evil.









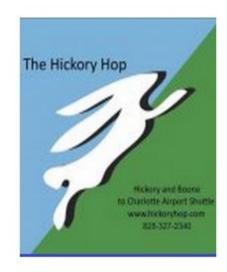




















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