

# The Voice

August 2022

*"The strength of the team is each member.  
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Hello Newcomers!

So, the President (that is currently me) writes a column each month for the newsletter, but lately I have had a harder time trying to figure out what to write as we have such talented Board members and Committee Chairs who provide the most interesting and detailed articles. So, I would like to thank all those folks that help make the newsletter, The Voice, such a dynamic and informative medium. And an extra thanks to our editor, Susan Mata. Susan's talent shines through each newsletter.

I invite you to enjoy this information-filled newsletter and hope that you can make all the fun events coming up in August.

Our next **General meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, August 10, 2022**, at 10:30 am at the Hickory Airport meeting room. Dr. Garrett D. Hinshaw, Catawba Valley Community College will speak on Positive Economic & social impact on the greater Catawba County community.

**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.

**See the complete list of volunteers needed in this newsletter.**

**REMEMBER, WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION.**

Please review our list of Sponsors and use them where 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 August! Enjoy the newsletter! Hope to see you soon!



Cathi Montgomery  
President  
Newcomers of Catawba Valley

**A message from Vice President:  
Rob Herman**

**Newcomers Playing with Daubers**



Look at this picture of Newcomers. What in the world are they holding in their hand? Is it a Dauber? or is it a Dapper? or is it a Dopper?

Whatever, you call it, over 35 newcomers got together to use them at the Hickory Tavern recently. This game invented in Italy in the 1500s, made its way to France, Great Britain, and other parts of Europe in the 1700s. In the early days, as the numbers were called, players marked their cards with beans – leading to the game's first 20th century name: Beano. Now it's called Bingo and everyone uses Daubers to mark their cards.

However, the Newcomers in this modern version are listening to 45 seconds of a song then identifying its title in their head, then finding the title on their card and finally marking it with their Dauber before the next song begins playing. It's far more challenging than old-fashioned Bingo. Come join us for Music Bingo, have some fun and maybe win a prize. Even if you don't like Bingo, you will be singing the songs with everyone and having a blast. Hope to see you soon.

## Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at the Women's Resource Center in Hickory.

The book we will be discussing is ***A Good Neighborhood*** by Therese Anne Fowler:

**A gripping contemporary novel that examines the American dream through the lens of two families living side by side in an idyllic neighborhood, over the course of one summer that changes their lives irrevocably, from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Z* and *A Well-Behaved Woman*.**

In Oak Knoll, a verdant, tight-knit North Carolina neighborhood, professor of forestry and ecology Valerie Alston-Holt is raising her bright and talented biracial son. Xavier is headed to college in the fall, and after years of single parenting, Valerie is facing the prospect of an empty nest. All is well until the Whitmans move in next door—an apparently traditional family with new money, ambition, and a secretly troubled teenaged daughter.

Thanks to his thriving local business, Brad Whitman is something of a celebrity around town, and he's made a small fortune on his customer service and charm, while his wife, Julia, escaped her trailer park upbringing for the security of marriage and homemaking. Their new house is more than she ever imagined for herself, and who wouldn't want to live in Oak Knoll?

But with little in common except a property line, these two very different families quickly find themselves at odds: first, over an historic oak tree in Valerie's yard, and soon after, the blossoming romance between their two teenagers. Told in multiple points of view, *A Good Neighborhood* asks big questions about life in America today — what does it mean to be a good neighbor? How do we live alongside each other when we don't see eye to eye? — as it explores the effects of class, race, and heartrending star-crossed love in a story that's as provocative as it is powerful.

The Book Club meets every other month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month except for November when we meet on the third Wednesday. The Book Club coordinator is Laura Moran, [moran.laura@att.net](mailto:moran.laura@att.net).

**The last book for 2022 is *Oona Out of Order* by Margarita Montimore to be discussed on November 16.**

## Ice Cream and Conversation

Ice Cream and Conversation will be the last Friday of the month, August 26th, at 2 pm at Scoops 'n Smiles in Newton. They have Hershey's ice cream including sugar free varieties. Their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Scoops-n-Smiles-341033933339166/>. Then we will get back to coffee in September.

### ***Chatty Crafters!***

Chatty Crafters, the club's craft group meets in member's homes at 10 a.m. on Fridays August 5th and 19th. Our host this month is Amy Chizen, 722 14th Avenue NW, Hickory. Anyone is welcome to attend whenever they are available. Bring your craft with you: knitting, crochet, needlework, jewelry-making, or whatever, or just come to socialize. Please R.S.V.P. to Amy Chizen at [chizenamy@gmail.com](mailto:chizenamy@gmail.com) so there are enough chairs. The hostess will provide coffee, tea and water. If someone else would like to host on Tuesday afternoons, we'd welcome that option. Crafters are always ready to work on their latest project! So, gather yours up and join us for conversation and comradery! Questions? Contact Adra Kryszczuk at [adraellen@yahoo.com](mailto:adraellen@yahoo.com).

### ***Samba!***

Samba Day is held monthly at the Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Drive NW, Hickory. Dinner, beverages and an evening of fun-filled Samba is \$11 and begins at 5:30 p.m. If you don't want to eat, you can enjoy cards and beverages for only \$5. Don't know how to play? There is always a learning table offered for those who want to learn or simply brush up on their skills. All Newcomer members, men and women, are welcome. We like to start play right at 6 p.m. so please be considerate of others and get to the airport on time. We must pay the caterer for each meal ordered, so if you make reservations and do not cancel before the deadline of 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, you still must pay the charge! To join in the fun, contact Adra at [adraellen@yahoo.com](mailto:adraellen@yahoo.com).

Adra

## Sponsorship Corner



If you are looking for that perfect piece of furniture, then look no further. Hickory Furniture Mart is not only a tremendous furniture and design resource in our own community, but they are also well-known around the world. Did you know that visitors from every US state and several international countries travel to Hickory each year, all in search of high-quality furniture from some of our region's most popular manufacturers? This brings in additional revenue and boosts our local and state economies as these visitors not only shop at the Mart for their furniture, but they also sleep at our hotels, eat in our restaurants, fill up at our gas stations, and spend additional money at our local retailers. Some even extend their trip and travel to neighboring communities during their stay trying to decide the best place to relocate once they retire. Many of the furniture factories located in this region are owned and operated by multi-generational families that have grown up in the furniture industry from the very beginning. They are experienced in the art of crafting North Carolina furniture with both traditional and modern methods. Hickory Furniture Mart is best known for its diverse selection, high-quality craftsmanship with endless customizable options, exceptional customer service, and famously discounted North Carolina prices.



They have built a trusted reputation for over 60 years and continue to transition their business model to meet the needs of past, present and future customers. Today you can visit Hickory Furniture Mart either in person or shop remotely, whichever is most convenient for your schedule. Professional interior designers and showroom designers are available to help you select items for your home or if you prefer to shop on your own, that option is available as well. It has been said that approximately 60% of furniture in American homes, originates from furniture manufactures and businesses located in North Carolina. That is pretty amazing if you think about it, and this incredible resource is located right in our own back yard. If you are interested in learning more about Hickory Furniture Mart, or if you would like help finding exactly what you need for your home, please do not hesitate to reach out to Tracey Trimble, Executive Vice President & General Manager at [ttrimble@hickoryfurniture.com](mailto:ttrimble@hickoryfurniture.com) or 704-502-5932. Come by the HFM and thank Tracey for being a sponsor.

Kevin McCutcheon  
Sponsorship Chairperson

# Charity News

Thank you to all the folks who brought items for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry to our July meeting. Here's what Frank Simmons (who was there telling us about the ministry) emailed me the next day:

*I wanted to thank you again for allowing me to speak with your group. Their quarterly project to support Mt. Pisgah Good Samaritan Pantry is appreciated. The items which I received yesterday totaled 197 pounds. This will certainly add to our ability to provide assistance to those seeking assistance. Please thank the entire group for their support.*

In case you weren't at the meeting or didn't read last month's newsletter, our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter charity is the Good Samaritan Food Pantry out of Mt. Pisgah Church which is at 9379 NC Hwy. 127, Hickory, They are open two days a week for 2 hours (Mondays 3:00 to 5:00 pm and Fridays 1:00 to 3)

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.

At the August 10th General Meeting we'll have another pantry filling drive – please, if you are able, bring items from the following list:

Dry beans (any kind)  
Jam or jelly  
Ramen noodles  
Spaghetti sauce  
Mixed vegetables (canned)  
Coffee and coffee creamer  
Laundry detergent  
Dish detergent  
Shampoo  
Toilette paper  
Bar soap  
Toothpaste  
Feminine products

Mostly right now the only volunteers they can use would be as subs. If any of you are interested in that please email Jean Pope and tell her you are with Newcomers. [jean.h.pope@gmail.com](mailto:jean.h.pope@gmail.com)

Thanks as always for your generosity!

Nancy Geiger  
Charity Chair

## *Special Events Committee News*

Despite the heat, we were busy in July! We planned it that way so our August activities don't seem so hot. Well, here's hoping! 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.

A few hearty souls braved the heat to go *Blueberry Picking!* We never got a picture because we were there at different times and scattered around looking for the "best spot." Besides, it was way too hot to get that close to anyone else! Some sampled ice cream and purchased other fruits and vegetables. We all went home with plenty of juicy blueberries. Check out Campbell's Farm in Bethlehem if you are looking for a place to pick!

Our *Trip to Trader Joe's* in July was lightly attended, but Adra, Dawn and I had lots of fun! Lunch was outdoors at The Midtown Café and then over to Trader Joe's for a little of this and a little of that. Take note: If there is a store/shopping center/boutique you have visited, or would like to visit, let us know and we'll put a trip on the schedule! If you want to go there, others will too!

We are soooo sorry that Vince LeGrand was injured and had to cancel the *Pool and Hot Tub Party!* The good news is that we do try to get this on the calendar every year, so look for it again in 2023.

On to our August adventures:

**Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** - The monthly **Beer & Wine Tasting** is back - at least for August! We are going back to the Beer Garden in the front of the Lowe's Foods of Viewmont on 14<sup>th</sup> Ave NW. They have different beers on tap every month, as well as ciders and wines available. Bring a munchie to share, or purchase something at the store and put it on the table. I'm planning to pick up a cheese and cracker platter from the Deli. Plates and napkins will be provided by the club.

**NOTE NEW TIME:** 6:00 – 8:00 PM.



During August, when it's hot and muggy and you don't feel like doing much, we're having a **Movie Day** in the cool, comfortable basement of the Chizen's! Thank you for all the input on the survey! And the winners are: an afternoon show during the week; the club will provide popcorn, iced tea, water and soda, and you are welcome to bring other snacks and/or drinks with you. Three of the movies rated so close together that it's too hard to call! So, we are showing the first "Top Gun" on one side of the basement, and the first "Downton Abbey" on the other side at the same time! Wait, you say, "I want to see both of those!" No problem! We will have a second Movie Day so you can catch the other flick! Or if one date doesn't work for you, maybe the other one will. The dates are: **Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**, and **Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**. Arrive around 1:30 and the movies will start at 2:00 PM and are both about 2 hours long. We will work on showing "Hamilton" by itself one afternoon later on, since it's a longer movie.

**Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> – History Museum of Catawba County Tour and Lunch at B52's** – 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 Cafe 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: now call home! A flyer with sign-up information follows.

**NOTE THE NEW DATE!! Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tubing and Lunch at Pepperoni's** – This activity was such a hit last year we just had to have it on the calendar again this year! We will meet at Rose's Discount Store parking lot, carpool to the Catawba River Outdoors in Marion, tube down the river for about 2 hours and then go to lunch at Pepperoni's. Who could ask for more?!? See the flyer for details and sign-up information.



**NOTE THE NEW DATE!! Tuesday, August 30th – 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 Cafe 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:

Tour of Harper House with Ice Cream Treats to follow – September 9<sup>th</sup> \*\*\*

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, contacting restaurants, etc.

See you out and about!

Amy Chizen

SEC Chair

# Welcome New Members

Eileen Zins from MT

Trish Scalise from WV

Jennifer Suttle from GA

Eileen Conway from CO

## Newcomers General Meeting

August 10, 2022

Dr. Garrett Hinshaw, President of Catawba County Community College will be speaking at our upcoming August 10, 2022 General Meeting to be held at the Hickory Regional Airport 10:30 a.m.

Dr Hinshaw will speak on the positive economic and social impact Catawba County Community College (CVCC) has on the greater Catawba County community. Dr. Hinshaw's major role in developing relationships between businesses and the community's economic development teams place CVCC as a key component towards building our strong workforce. CVCC plays a strong role in industrial recruitment coupled with providing a high level of educational training to not only meet the needs of the employers for today and the future. A few of the program developments in place would include: Furniture Academy, Industrial Systems Lab, Workforce Innovation Center, Hospitality Academy, Medical Sciences, etc. Of course Dr. Hinshaw's efforts do not stop there. He has been and continues to be instrumental in building relationships between CVCC and local educational agencies.

We have the unique opportunity of having Dr. Hinshaw speak to us directly so please plan on attending.

## WANTED: NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY TEAM MEMBERS

The 5K/10K Shining Hope Farms Salute Trail Run is coming up September 10th starting at 8AM. Let's put a team(s) together! \$25/30 fee (until 8/1) with a chance to win a \$250 gas gift card. Price will increase after 8/1. Please note, I will be walking & most likely not don't the full 5 miles. Ha! I hope you'll join me. We'll have such a great time together, it's incredibly beautiful & a great opportunity to help our veterans. If you'd be interested in joining me, please register at:

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Look forward to seeing you!

Kathy Kuehn

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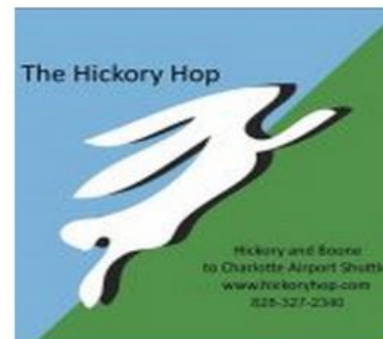
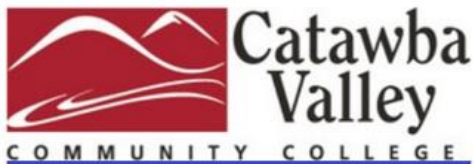
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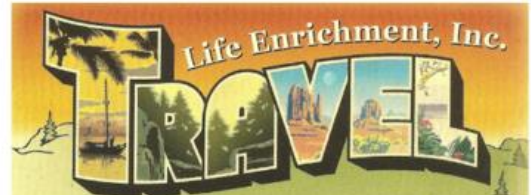
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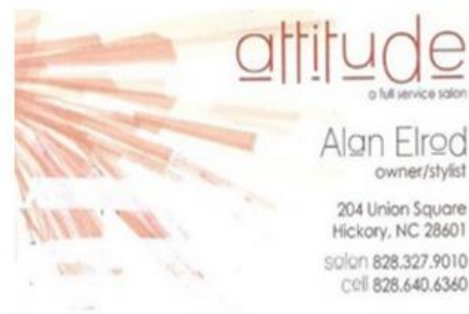
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