The Voice



Newcomers of Catawba Valley Newsletter

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Hello Newcomers!

August is over and so fast! Schools have started and soon the leaves will change.
But Newcomers will still be calling with many exciting activities!

Last week we had a grand time tubing the Catawba River in Marion. There were 20 of us and after tubing we went for a late lunch which we all needed after almost three hours on the river.

"Summer should get a speeding ticket ~ goes by way too fast!"

September is full of fun activities, and I invite you to enjoy

this information-filled newsletter and hope that you can make the fun events coming up. There will be a tour of the Klingspor Factory, which is

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highly automated and the products are produced in a 100% solar powered factory utilizing robotics; a tour of the Carolina Raptor Center in Huntsville; a tour of Harper House and root beer floats; a pontoon party on Lake Hickory; a beer and wine tasting; and much more.

Our next **General meeting** will be held on **Wednesday EVENING**, **September 14**, **2022**, **at 7:30 PM** at the Hickory Airport meeting room. **Lorissa Vines**, **Development Director at Hart Square Village**, will be our speaker. Afterwards we will snack on ice cream and toppings. We are going to have evening meetings on the last month of each quarter, so September, December, March and June, to accommodate folks working during the day. We will also be holding some evening and weekend activities.

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. Please see the "volunteers needed" list for opportunities.

REMEMBER, WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION.

It's time to think about running for Board of Director's position for the next year (February 2023 thru January 2024). All positions are open. More information coming.

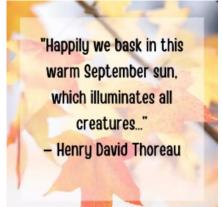
Please review our list of Sponsors and use them where you can. Also, when you use our SPONSORS, please let them know you are a Newcomers member. This tells them that their sponsorship is worthwhile. If you know any businesses that could be Sponsors, please contact Kevin McCutcheon.

As always....stay safe and healthy.... Enjoy September! Enjoy the newsletter!

Hope to see you soon!



Cathi Montgomery
President Newcomers of Catawba Valley





Welcome to our new members!

Colleen & Ty Eshleman — PA
Cindy Hall — VA
Eric Kemper — CA
Patti Ramsey — NC
Sonya & David Reid — NC

It's the friends

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PROGRAM NEWS

Newcomers Tour - September 14, 2022 - 10:30 AM Klingspor Abrasives

Klingspor Abrasives, who are they? What do they produce? I don't need abrasives. Why attend this tour? I would expect many of you may have these questions in mind as you see this activity on the schedule.

I hope you'll humor me a bit and read on as I tell you just a little about this company. Klingspor is a family owned German company opening its doors in 1893. They are a world-wide leading-edge grinding equipment producer. In 1979, Klingspor Abrasives first opened its small US corporate facility in Hickory with only a few products and just 20 people. Now their vast list of innovative products is produced by over 700 people. Impressive, right?

Why do I think we'd all enjoy this particular tour? It intrigues me that this factory is 100% powered with 2,016 solar panels. Also, I love robotics! Robotics will be hard at work along with the 700+ employees. They are one of the leading abrasive companies in the world, right here in Hickory. One of several German companies here.

Also, Klingspor Abrasives has opened several stores in the area called, Klingspor Woodworking, one located in Hickory with the focus on woodworking hobbies. Many of you may be familiar with their stores and equipment.

I hope I have intrigued you to join me Wednesday, September 14th to tour Klingspor Abrasives. This business is located at 2555 Tate Blvd. SE, Hickory. Please RSVP by 9/12 so I have an idea the number expected. **Email:** kecen325@yahoo.com or 636-675-4183.

Kathy Kuehn Program Chair





September Charity News

As always a big thank you to all the folks who brought items for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry to our August meeting. In case you weren't at the meeting or are new, our 3rd 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 3:00 PM.)

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 September 14th 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
Ramon 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

Thanks as always for your generosity!

Nancy Geiger Newcomers Charity Chair





Coffee and Conversation will be at Hickory Bread Cafe on the last Friday of the month, September 30th, at 1:00 PM. We will go a little early in case anyone wants to eat lunch. This is near Target where the Atlanta Bread was located and the menu is very similar.

Please join us!



Newcomers General Meeting

The September General meeting will be Wednesday EVENING, September 14, 2022, 7:30 PM at the Hickory Airport meeting room. Lorissa Vines, Development Director at Hart Square Village, will be our speaker. After the meeting please join us for ice cream sundaes and time for a social gathering.

Lorissa Vines Hart Square Development Director

Lorissa Vines is a Catawba County native with a great sense of pride in our community. She has worked in the nonprofit sector for 19 years. Lorissa discovered her passion for Hart Square through Leadership Catawba and now serves as an Advisory Board Member. Lorissa was recognized as one of our area's "Top 10 Under 40" in 2019 and successfully completed her Teleios University Leadership Certification in 2021.





To my dear Newcomer friends:

As many of you know, Harlan has been under the weather lately. After many doctors, hospitals, tests, etc., he was diagnosed with ALS. At this point we have more questions than answers, so it will take some time for everything to fall into place. I planned the next couple months' activities prior to this news, so if anyone would like to take any of these on, please let me know. As of September 1st, I will be taking a sabbatical from the Special Events Committee, but will be happy to assist on these outings. If no one takes on the events they will be cancelled. Thank you for all the encouragement and good wishes we have received so far. I will keep you abreast of any news and progress. Amy

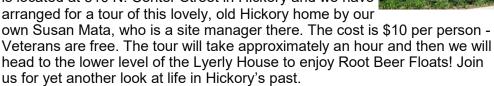
Lots of fun activities were happening in August! Our list for the upcoming weeks includes some new and interesting outings as well as an annual favorite. Pick and choose what is to your liking and we hope to see you soon and often!

We gathered at the History Museum of Catawba County to find out about the Courthouse where the Museum is housed, as well as about the polio outbreak of the 1940's, the early pottery of the area and have a look at some wonderful pieces of antique furniture. Our guide was very knowledgeable and happy to answer any questions. We then went up the street to B52's for a tasty lunch and lively discussions. We all have such entertaining stories to share! We may try to plan this trip more frequently as we get more and more newbies to the area.

Our second tubing trip is under our belt! Twenty of us bobbed and floated down the river, some getting up close and personal with the water! We highly recommend this venue, Catawba Outdoor Adventures in Marion, if you are looking for a relaxing couple of hours on the water. Watch for next year's "water trip" to have a little more excitement to it! Stay tuned!

Here's what's happening in September:

Friday, September 9th – Tour of Harper House/Lyerly House in Hickory – 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM. With this tour, we will have visited all of the properties of the Historical Association of Catawba County this year. Harper House is located at 310 N. Center Street in Hickory and we have arranged for a tour of this lovely, old Hickory home by our



Thursday, September 15th – Pontoon Party – 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM.



This is an activity we look forward to every year! For those who haven't participated before, here's a quick explanation. Many of our members have pontoon boats. One member, **Chad Bure!**, owns Lake Hickory Adventures, which does group cruises on Lake Hickory. By joining these two entities together we are treated to a beautiful evening out on Lake Hickory! You will

be assigned a pontoon boat to ride on, during which your captains will give you a tour of Lake Hickory. At a pre-set time and location, all the pontoon boats will meet and tie up to Chad's boat. Everyone brings a dish to pass, which is served buffet-style aboard Chad's boat. There is an eating area both up top and in the air-conditioned cabin area below, or you may head to the pontoon boats to eat dinner. We have found that even in September the water is fine for a quick dip if you choose. We watch the sun set and then all head home. Get your reservation in soon!

Friday, September 30th - Beer & Wine Tasting. — We are taking this activity on the road! Why just order a beer or glass of wine when we can watch it being made?!? We are headed for Casa Lord Davaste Vineyards and the Barley Market in Troutman, NC.

We are hoping to get a tour of the winery, then retire to the beer cellar for some adult beverages! More info will be coming out on this as the date gets closer.

Let's get started on October activities:

Remember Amy Chizen will not be organizing these activities. We will need a member who is willing to take charge of each event for these special activities to take place. Will you step up to help?!!!



Thursday, October 6th – Lunch at Geppetto's Pizza followed by the Carolina Raptor Center (CRC) – 11:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Here's something really different!

The CRC is located in Huntersville, NC, which is just over an hour's drive from Hickory. This is an Educational Center featuring outdoor trails with live raptors, flight shows and indoor exhibits. Because we do this so well, we will meet at the Hick

exhibits. Because we do this so well, we will meet at the Hick-ory Airport and carpool/caravan down there. To change things up a bit, we will begin our outing with lunch at Geppetto's Pizza in Denver, NC. After lunch we'll take the short ride to the CRC, where we can explore the grounds together or on your own. CRC closes at 4:00 PM, so we should be back at the airport around 5:00 PM. Sounds like a fun-filled, educational and exhausting day! You up for it? For now, mark it on your calendar and details and sign up will come out in a couple weeks.

Saturday, October 8th – Lenoir-Rhyne Football Game – 1:00 - ?

Do you enjoy watching live college football? Have we got an opportunity for you! Hickory's very own Lenoir-Rhyne football team will be playing a home game at their newly updated Moretz Field on this Fall afternoon, so let's take in a game. And, just to make this a little more fun, you are encouraged to bring your grandchildren along! They are honoring all K-12 Hickory teachers and students, so they get in free! Adult tickets are \$20pp, and non-resident children (12 and under) are \$10pp. Watch for the flyer with all the details!



Saturday, October 22nd – Afternoon Tea at The Harper House. We have been able to set the date, but the arrangements are still in process. Watch for more details coming soon!

Monday, October 24th – Annual Craft Project at Nailed It! This year's DIY craft project will be done at Nailed It! in Hickory. Take a look at their website at www.hickory.naileditdiy.com to check out their projects. What a great way to begin your holiday shopping!



Look for more information soon!
Other activities that are a definite for the coming months include:

- *** Lunch and Shopping Trip to Fantastic Finds in Newton— November
- *** Soup/Chili Cook-off and a hike November
- *** Annual Cookie Exchange and Social December General Meeting
- *** Annual Holiday Party January

To Amy and Harlan -

The Newcomers of Catawba Valley appreciate all you have done for our club. Your dedication to Newcomers has been tremendous and we have greatly benefited from your constant participation and direction. Please know that we understand this is very challenging for you both, but we are here to lend a helping hand during this difficult time. We wish you the best and will miss you during your sabbatical, Thanks again for all of your help to Newcomers and know that the Newcomer family supports you. Amy § Harlan you are both near and dear to our hearts. We hope you will feel comforted from your friends and please check in with the club to keep us updated. All the best.

Sponsorship

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Nearly twenty years ago, the Hickory International Council was created by former Hickory Mayor Rudy Wright to serve as a forum for the international community in Hickory and to advise the City Council regarding ways to improve Hickory as an international city that welcomes and values international visitors, residents, and businesses. Seventeen years later, the Hickory International Council, with the support of current Hickory Mayor Hank Guess, officially changed its name to the Greater Hickory International Council (GHIC) and transitioned into a non-profit organization expanding its reach to the entire Greater Hickory region, serving the four counties of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba.

The mission of the GHIC is to promote goodwill, cultural awareness, cooperation, education and mutual respect through partnerships and community events while recommending steps, processes, programs, and procedures that improve communication and foster positive interaction between the international community and the Greater Hickory region's municipal governments. GHIC strives to make the Greater Hickory region friendly to international visitors, businesses, and residents and recommends actions that improve cultural understanding and tolerance within our local communities. GHIC also works in collaboration with the educational system, local governments, and other organizations to promote understanding of all international communities and to teach the interconnectedness of the world today in addition to promoting international investments in and expansion of local businesses through exports and investment opportunities abroad.

GHIC sponsors and supports several international events throughout the year. For more information on these international events and activities in our community, visit www.hickoryinternationalcouncil.com

Thank you, Tracey Trimble for being such a great sponsor.



Many of the rights we enjoy and take for granted today, were hard-fought wins by the labor movement of the late 19th century. Labor Day was created to honor the women and men who campaigned tirelessly for workers' rights, such as a 40-hour work week, safe work conditions, paid time off, and sick leave. (Can you imagine what it was like before?!) They saw that there could be no freedom and liberty in this country without economic freedom for the working class. The holiday honors the source of this nation's strength—American workers. No matter how you decide to celebrate Labor Day 2022, take some time to reflect and pay tribute to all the laborers, past and present, who helped build America.

The September 11th attacks resulted in 2,977 fatalities, over 25,000 injuries, and substantial long-term health consequences, in addition to at least \$10 billion in infrastructure and property damage.







Volunteers are needed to help organize these events and games. If you are willing to help support Newcomers please contact Cathi Montgomery. The following games need a chair to help.

Canasta, Dominoes, Mahjongg, Samba Day & Night

September Bridge

Monday, Sept. 5th Wednesday, Sept. 7th Monday, Sept. 12th Monday, Sept. 19th Wednesday, Sept. 21st

HOLIDAY
Helen Woodyard
Vicki Mullins
Carolyn Eanes
Susan Perkins

Cards and Games,

Tuesday, September 6th at 11:30 AM

Cards 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, Bridge, Euchre, Pinochle, Rummikub and Dominoes (Samba is NOT available)! 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 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 of DIY Taco Salad (lettuce, tomato, onion, jalapenos, black olives, shredded cheese, salsa, sour cream, tortilla chips and seasoned chicken and beef in an edible tortilla bowl) SERVED PROMPTLY AT 11:30 a.m., cost is \$11. If you don't want to each lunch, you can enjoy games and beverages for only \$5. 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, Thursday

Thursday, September 22 at 5:30 PM

Samba is played on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Hickory Regional Airport. Dinner and Samba begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner (Chicken Parmesan topped with Marinara served over linguini), beverages and an evening of Samba is \$11. 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. 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 like to start playing the game 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.

Bowling

We're sweating in the 90° heat and getting drenched by almost daily thunderstorms. Cheer up.....Fall is not that far away! And if Fall is coming, that means the Newcomers Bowling Season is coming!

Our bowling season will be basically the same as last year.

- Bowling at Pin Station in Newton on Business 321 across from Catawba County
 Government Center
 - Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM with practice starting at 6:20 PM
 - Cost is \$8.00 per person to bowl 3 games
 - Bowling will be weekly

For those of you not familiar with Newcomers Bowling, we do not have teams. Bowlers of all experience levels and ability are welcome. We bowl to socialize and get a little exercise. Newcomers Bowling will take place every Wednesday, but do not feel obligated to participate every week. If you don't have your own ball and shoes, Pin Station has a large selection of balls that you can use for free and shoe rentals are inexpensive.

I am currently working on the schedule and will send it out when it is complete. We will start bowling around the end of September. If you are interested in Newcomers Bowling, please contact Vince LeGrand at Legravin@gmail.com.

I maintain a roster of everyone who has signed up for bowling, and I send out a reminder to everyone on the roster early each week.





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Greetings, Newcomers!

Are you interested in participating in the unique and very tasty October Team Cuisine event, "My Ukrainian Mother's Dinner?"

I have two hosts and I need at least one more. If you haven't already volunteered, please let me know at this time if you are able to host. Take Note: This will likely be the last Team Cuisine event this year.

I'm also taking GUEST RSVPs now. We will accommodate as many diners as we have seats at the table, so if you haven't already, *please respond asap, and no later than Sept 2nd* if you would like to participate as a guest.

Thanks much.

Jon Kiser Team Cuisine Chair 214.762.6919

Important Dates in September

- Labor Day is the most well known holiday in September. It is observed every year on the first Monday in September.
- Native American Day is always celebrated on the 4th Friday of September.
- Grandparent's Day is observed in the United States on the first Sunday after Labor Day.
- Constitution Day, celebrating the ratification of the governing document of the United States, is observed on the 17th.
- The autumn equinox, which is the traditional transition from summer into fall, takes place on or around September 22nd, depending on the year.

Celebrities Born in September

Stephen King * Col Sanders * Pink
Bruce Springsteen * Prince Harry
Olivia Newton John * Buddy Holly
Michael Douglas * Agatha Christie
F Scott Fitzgerald * Hank Williams
Dr Phil * Salma Hayek * Bill Murray
Andrea Bocelli * Catherine Zeta Jones
Adam Sandler * Jimmy Fallon
Patrick Mahomes * Freddie Mercury



September has three birth flowers: the forget-me-not, the morning glory, and the aster. Forget-me-nots represent love and memories, asters represent love as well, and the morning glory represents unrequited love.



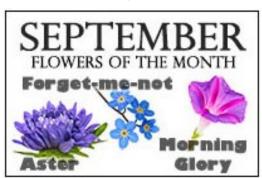
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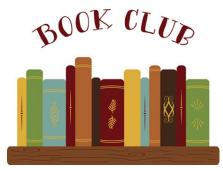
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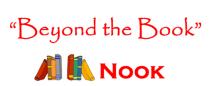




September Birthday Traits

- Charming. Those born in September are very good with their words. They are convincing and straightforward. They are quite the tricksters too!
- 2. Open-minded. People born in September are known for their cool and chill attitude. They are also some of the least judgmental people and respect your views and beliefs.
- 3. Loves everything. September individuals are appreciative of everything in life, even the smallest of things.
- 4. Overthinkers. Those born in September are no different from everyone else when it comes to overthinking. They will not take a step or decision without OVER thinking about it first.
- 5. Perfectionist. People born in September need everything to go their way. They will try and try till they get their desired result.

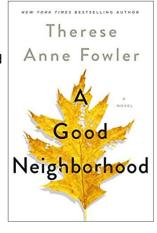




The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on **Wednesday**, **September 28th at 1:30** PM at the Women's Resource Center in Hickory. The book we will be discussing is **A Good Neighborhood** by **Therese Anne Fowler**.

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 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 Whitman's 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 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 4th Wednesday of the month except for November when we meet on the third Wednesday. The Book Club coordinator is Laura Moran, The last book for 2022 is Oona Out of Order by Margarita Montimore to be discussed on November 16th.





The Voice of the Newcomers is prepared by the Newcomers News Editor, Susan Mata. To make The Voice better each month please share your photos with me and stories of your activities with Newcomers. Deadline for any submissions is the 25th of each month. Looking forward to seeing your adventures.

Please submit to: susannewseditor@gmail.com.

Thank You!

September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic American Heritage Month

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.







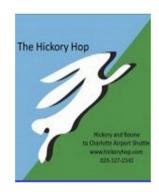




















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