

October 2022

The Voice



Newcomers of Catawba Valley Newsletter



Hello Newcomers!

Hello Newcomers!

HAPPY FALL Y'ALL! September was the long goodbye to summer, and an introduction to cooler temperatures and colors galore. My husband and I were in Aruba recently where it was hot and Caribbean, and we enjoyed it immensely. But we were happy to come home to cooler temperatures and the feeling of fall in North Carolina.

We had lots of fun events in September and I hope you were able to attend them. October is shaping up to be a great month with several events. There will be a visit to the Carolina Raptor Center (and lunch), a Lenoir-Rhyne Football Game (if we can find someone to organize), Afternoon Tea at Harper House, and an Annual Craft Project at Nailed It! See details in the newsletter for more information. And please remember that while our Social Events Chair, Amy Chizen, and her husband are going through a serious medical issue, people are needed to assist her by organizing the events she is arranging. If we can't get volunteers, we will cancel the events. Thank you in advance.

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!*

Our quarterly charity for the last quarter of 2022 is, as always, Toys for Tots. We will be providing information for dropping off toys to the collection boxes. Toys need to be new and unwrapped. Newcomers have always been huge contributors to this cause and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Our next General meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 10:30 AM in the Hickory Airport meeting room. Our program speaker will be Kevin McCutcheon, and he will talk about the Toys for Tots program, as well as the services the Marline Corp League 1163 offers in the area and what we can do to help.

It's time to think about running for the Board of Director's positions for the next year (February 2023 thru January 2024). All positions are open. Positions are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors. I will be sending an email with the details.

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 October! Enjoy the newsletter! Hope to see you soon!

I hope everyone has a glorious fall and enjoys the cooler temperatures and amazing colors!

Cathi Montgomery
Catawba Valley Newcomers President



**"Autumn leaves are falling,
filling up the streets; golden
colors on the lawn, nature's
trick or treat!"**

- Rusty Fischer



Newcomers

Welcome to our new member!

Linda Baker from Nebraska



PROGRAM NEWS

Newcomers Tour - October 12, 2022 - 10:30 AM

Guest Speaker — Kevin McCutcheon

Our next General meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 10:30 AM in the Hickory Airport meeting room.

Our program speaker will be Kevin McCutcheon, and he will present news about the Toys for Tots program and the Catawba Valley Marine Corp Detachment #1163. The Marine Corps League perpetuates the traditions and spirit of ALL Marines and Navy FMF Sailors, who proudly wear or who have worn the eagle, globe and anchor of the Corps. It takes great pride in crediting its founding in 1923 to World War I hero, then Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune. The League is the only Federally Chartered Marine Corps related veterans organization in the country. The League supports the Toys for Tots efforts working with the Marine Corps Reserve and Toys for Tots Foundation to raise millions of dollars for the youth of America, as well as collect and distribute millions of toys all across the United States.

The Marine Corps League also provides funeral honors support to over 10,000 funerals per year. This support allows the Marine Corps (Active and Reserve) to focus more of their resources on mission preparation. The Marine Corps League also supports the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Semper Fi Fund, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, Mack's Marines, and the Young Marines. They have several scholarship/award programs including the Marine Corps University Lt Gen Lejeune Leadership Award, Delta Dental Scholarship, and college scholarships through the Marine Corps League Foundation. And one of our most critical missions is assisting transitioning Marines and their families in support of the Marine Corps' Marine for Life program.

MARINE CORPS RESERVE





October Charity News

We have just finished our 3rd Quarter Charity (Good Samaritan Food Pantry), but I would like to do one bonus collection for them at our next general meeting. When I delivered this last donation the director told me that 2nd Harvest had just informed them that they will be cutting back on the food they give them. So, I asked her what they need the most and I would see if the Newcomers would step up (like they always do!) She said they are ALWAYS short on jelly, cereal and spaghetti sauce. If you are able, please consider bringing any of those items to our next meeting. And as always thank you!

On to our 4th Quarter Charity - the Marine Toys for Tots

Here's a little information about them:

The mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is to assist the U. S. Marine Corps in providing a tangible sign of hope to economically disadvantaged children at Christmas. This assistance includes providing day-to-day leadership and oversight of the Program, raising funds to provide toys to supplement the collections of local Toys for Tots Campaigns, to provide promotional and support material and defray the costs of conducting annual Toys for Tots Campaigns. Local campaigns are generally organized and coordinated by the Marine Corps League Detachments. GOAL: The primary goal of Marine Toys for Tots is, through the gift of a new toy, help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children. Website link. <https://www.toysfortots.org/Default.aspx> What our club does every year is provide new toys. (We might also help with picking up and delivering at individual drop off boxes, but stay tuned for that - we are still working out those details) Boxes will be at the Hickory Airport starting in mid-October and remaining until early December. You can drop toys off there at any time (our monthly General meetings are at the airport, so that would be an easy time for you to drop things off.)

Nancy Geiger
Charity Chair



This month we will journey to Harts General Store and Creamery in Lenoir.

October 28th at 2:00 PM

This is an old barn on a farm and they have coffee, pastries, and ice cream.
1651 Taylorsville Rd SE between Lenoir and Hwy 127

Please join us!

Halloween Jalapeño Poppers

- ◆ 10 Jalapeno peppers, sliced in half lengthwise and pith/seeds removed. Leave the stem on the pepper.
- ◆ 8 oz Cream Cheese, room temperature
- ◆ 8 oz Jack Cheese, shredded
- ◆ 1 Scallion (green onion) finely chopped
- ◆ 1/2 teaspoon salt
- ◆ 1 Package refrigerated Pillsbury crescent rolls
- ◆ 2 eggs
- ◆ Candy eyeballs

1. Preheat oven 400° F. In a small bowl, mix the cream cheese, jack cheese, scallion and salt until well blended.

2. Roll out the crescent rolls and separate into 4 rectangles (not triangles) with a perforation in the middle of each. Press your fingers into the perforations to seal them. Using a pizza cutter, cut each rectangle into 10 long pieces lengthwise.

3. Fill each jalapeño half with the cheese mixture. Wrap each jalapeño half with the dough, leaving a space for the eyes. Use two pieces of dough if necessary. Brush with egg mixture and place on baking sheet.

4. Bake in oven for 8-10 minutes. Remove from the oven and press the eyes into the cheese where the opening is. Serve immediately.





Special Events Committee News

It is with a great deal of gratitude that I am able to present this schedule. Members have really stepped up and pitched in to help out during this very unsettling time for Harlan and me. There are more activities that can use a helping hand, so let me know if you want to take something on. As usual, lots of fun activities were happening in September! Our list for the upcoming weeks includes new and interesting outings, so take a look and fill your calendar with fun and exciting adventures! We hope to see you soon and often!

Here's what happened in September:

The Tour of Harper House/Lyerly House in Hickory was very well attended, with around 20 members and guests. The architecture, history and stories passed on during this tour were a wonder to most of us. This is a real treasure in Hickory that we will definitely have to visit more often. Thanks to Susan Mata for organizing and leading this outing. The root beer floats afterwards were a big hit as well! Who can argue with root beer and ice cream? Thanks to Bill and Lynne Hill for their scooping and pouring efforts!

Thanks to Deb and Rodney Kelso and Cindy and Dave Zook, this year's Pontoon Party is in the books as a success all around! The weather was great, the food was wonderful, and the company provided for fun times! Typical Newcomers' activity!

On to October activities:

Thursday, October 6th – Lunch at Geppetto's Pizza followed by the Carolina Raptor Center (CRC) – 11:15 AM – 5:00 PM. (This activity is being organized by Kathy Kuehn.) 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 Hickory Airport at 11:15 AM and carpool/caravan down there, leaving by 11:30 AM. To change things up a bit, we will begin our outing with lunch first at Geppetto's Pizza in Denver, NC. Geppetto's is an all-you-can-eat pizza and salad buffet. Again, how can we go wrong? After



that 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? Please RSVP by 10/1 to Kathy Kuehn at 636-675-4183. Also, please consider driving. Let Kathy know if you would be willing to do this along with how many additional people you can comfortably take in your car.

Saturday, October 8th – Lenoir-Rhyne Football Game – 1:00 - ? (We are currently looking for an organizer for this activity. Anyone interested?) 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



Saturday, October 22nd – Afternoon Tea at Harper House – Attendees are in for a real treat with this activity! Susan Mata, who formerly owned a tea shop in San Antonio, TX, will be running our Afternoon Tea. The official invitation is included in this edition of The Voice. We are limiting the attendance to 22, so get your paid reservation in soon. Your spot will be secured with payment and there are no refunds.

Monday, October 24th – Annual Craft Project at Nailed It! – (Evie Gibson will be heading up this activity.) 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 filling your holiday shopping list! Watch your email for details on sign up from Evie!



Looking forward to November:

Thursday, November 3rd - Hike with Soup/Chili Lunch – 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM



(Anyone up for working on this with me?) Before the weather turns too chilly, let's get in a hike at Riverbend Park! And, what better way to finish off a good hike than with a soup and/or chili lunch? We are in the process of setting this up, but the idea is to meet at Riverbend at 10:00 AM, hike until around 11:30 AM, then meet back at the Educational Center for lunch. Participants should plan to bring one of these three lunch items to share: Soup, Chili, or Crackers/Bread. The club will provide the bowls, silverware and water. Not up for a hike? That's OK, you can bring your contribution and join in the hot lunch! Watch for details as we get closer.

Tuesday, November 15th - Lunch at Four Peas in a Pod, then shopping at Fantastic Finds – (Anyone want to take this one on?) Here's a chance to get going on your Christmas shopping list! Once again, we're going to go for lunch first, then do our shopping since this restaurant closes at 2:00 PM. The meeting place for carpooling has not been determined, but you may just want to meet us at the restaurant, depending on where you're coming from. Fantastic Finds is just up the street from the restaurant, so we'll head over there afterwards. In case you are unfamiliar with this business in Newton, it is a booth mall that includes antiques, vintage items, collectibles, arts, crafts, home accessories and more. Many of the items are hand made by local crafters!



Other activities to watch for in the coming months include:

Hart Square Christmas Outing *** Annual Cookie Exchange and Social – December
General Meeting *** Annual Holiday Party – January

Some of you may wonder what happens to excess food after our activities. If we think we can use them at an up-coming activity, they are saved with the supplies. If they are perishable, or we don't use them up in a short amount of time, they are donated to the Hickory Soup Kitchen. As an example, I just delivered the excess iced tea from the Kentucky Derby Party and the Annual Picnic. Sometimes the items need a little work, like with the left-over Make-Your-Own Sundae toppings. Brownies and cookies were made with some of the toppings, plus, a full container of ice cream, a full container of whipped cream, and a partial container of chocolate and caramel sauce went with them. I try to purchase items based on how many I think will be attending, but sometimes that's extremely tough to gauge. Let me know if you know of a different way to handle this. At this time, all of our activity supplies are inventoried and stored at my house. I'd be happy to send anyone the inventory list if you are interested.

Amy Chizen
SEC Chair



Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2022 will occur on Monday, October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats. 🎃

Did you know?

One quarter of all the candy sold annually in the U.S. is purchased for Halloween.



Please Join Us For

Afternoon Tea

Saturday, October 22nd

1:00 pm ~ 3:00 pm \$35.00 pp

**To Be Held at Harper House
310 N Center St ~ Hickory, NC**

RSVP to Susan Mula at 210-663-8178 or
susanneditor@gmail.com

Payment is due at time of reservation

This is a limited space event — Only 22 seats are available.



Klingspor Abrasives Tour



Newcomers of Catawba County toured Klingspor Abrasives, one of the most innovative eco-friendly German family owned companies in Hickory. The tour was, led by Jakob Dreisbach VP / Supply Chain & Manufacturing and Lorie Street, Executive Support.

Some of unique features include the fact that the facility is solar powered, highly automated utilizing robotics in the warehouse area.

Other unique features of the company include their innovative employee benefits such as their gym with access to a personal trainer. The Sandbox, Klingspor Innovative Daycare for the employees & public.



Sponsorship Corner



The Western Piedmont Sister Cities Association (WPSCA) (www.westernpiedmontsistercities.org) was officially formed in 1993 and in 1997 made international history by connecting four counties located in the Western North Carolina region (Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba) with Altenburger Land, a region located in the former East German Federal State of Thuringia. This created the first region-to-region partnership for Sister Cities International (www.sister-cities.org), which is a global leader in citizen diplomacy. Sister Cities programs promote peace and understanding through joint exchanges that focus on arts and culture, youth and education, business and trade, and community development, all of which are essential in developing, growing, and maintaining people-to-people relationships around the world. Local governments in the 4-county region pay annual membership dues and may contribute additional funding throughout the year, which is combined with corporate and scholarship foundation monies for specific activities, events, and exchanges. Each local government member appoints two representatives to serve on the WPSCA Board. Administrative support services are generously provided by the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG). WPSCA local meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of every other month at 4pm at a different location within our 4-county region. On the alternate month, WPSCA meets virtually via WebEx with their partners in Altenburger Land. For each virtual meeting, there is a themed topic selected in advance and leaders and colleagues engaged in this topic are invited to attend on both sides to discuss future projects and exchanges together. Since 2020, there have been joint virtual meetings to discuss education/school to school pairing, arts/music/film, sports tourism, emergency management/first responders (police, fire, EMS), civic organizations, and governments and municipalities, and there is one final meeting scheduled in November to discuss economic development and business. In 2023, we are looking to discuss youth leadership/young entrepreneurs, historical associations, health and wellness, and we are going to circle back around to education & schools/school pairings and exchanges, which was temporarily suspended during COVID. In 2023 WPSCA will also be celebrating its 30th Anniversary in partnership with Altenburger Land. We hope to welcome a delegation from Altenburger Land to our region so we can celebrate together.

If you are interested in getting involved in the planning stages of this celebration, or any other WPSCA event, please email Tracey Trimble at ttrimble@hickoryfurniture.com.

And thank her for her many sponsorships.



Be Like a Tree

Stay Grounded
Connect with your roots
Turn over a new leaf
Bend before you break
Enjoy your unique natural beauty
Keep growing



October Bridge

Monday	October 3	Helen Woodyard
Wednesday	October 5	Peg Baldwin
Monday	October 10	Vicki Mullins
Monday	October 17	Gloria Berg
Wednesday	October 19	Kathy Rozea



Cards and Games, Tuesday, October 4th at 5:30 PM

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 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 Southwestern Salad (Romaine lettuce, tossed with black beans, whole kernel corn, black olives, diced tomato, black olives, tortilla chips and seasoned chicken. Served with Cajun ranch dressing) SERVED PROMPTLY AT 5:30 p.m., cost is \$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 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, October 27 at 5:30 PM

Samba is played at the Hickory Regional Airport. Dinner and Samba begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner of Chicken Pie (white meat chicken, roasted chicken gravy topped with a golden brown crust. Served with broccoli salad and garden salad), 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

Fall is here and that means the Newcomers Bowling Season has arrived! Our bowling season is 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

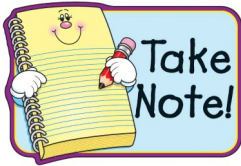
For those of you not familiar with Newcomers Bowling, we do not have teams. Bowlers of all experience levels and ability are welcome. We bowl to socialize and get a little exercise. Newcomers Bowling will take place every Wednesday, but do not feel obligated to participate every week. If you don't have 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.

We hope to see many of you on the lanes this Fall!!!



Important Notice

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 ncvmembers" 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.

Officers, Directors, Activity Chairs& Committees	
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 Dema Kevin McCutcheon, Audrey Rozzelle, Sharon Snellings and P
Items of Interest	Bob Jones
Hospitality	Sharon Snellings, Carol Sawicki, Judy Dostall
Lunch out	Debbie Kelso
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
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)


OCTOBER EVENTS

Vegetarian Day October 1
Smile Day October 2
Cinnamon Roll Day October 4
Yom Kippurs Begins October 5
World Teachers Day October 5
German American Day October 6
National No Bra Day October 13
Be Bald & Free Day October 14
World Food Day October 16
American Beer Day October 27
Frankenstein Friday October 28
Halloween October 31



Celebrities Born in October

Pablo Picasso * Julie Andrews * Sting
Jimmy Carter * Mahatma Gandhi
Kelly Ripa * Teddy Roosevelt
Marie Osmond * Charlton Heston
George Washington * John Lennon
Margaret Thatcher * Derrick Rose
Eleanor Roosevelt * Ivanka Trump
Julia Roberts * Stevie Ray Vaughan

THE OLD
FARMER'S ALMANAC
OCTOBER BIRTHSTONE
OPAL

Symbolizes
FAITHFULNESS & CONFIDENCE

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 2 Lonnie McSherley
October 2 E Jingle DeNeit
October 3 Edward Sawicki
October 5 Mike Sigmon
October 6 Ray Mata
October 6 Maureen Spagnola
October 7 Jerry Johnson
October 11 Kathy Bethany
October 13 Linda Monroe
October 14 Rege Duralia
October 16 Cathi Montgomery
October 20 Tom Hilliker
October 20 Lynne Hines
October 21 Larry Goonan
October 21 Shari Kidd
October 23 Linda Dunn
October 23 Paul Nielsen
October 23 Scott Ireland
October 24 Liesl Giorgio
October 25 Linda DeGraw
October 27 Connie Yokum
October 28 Shirley Moore
October 28 Christine Almeida
October 31 Louise Mason

Happy Birthday
October Members
Enjoy your day!



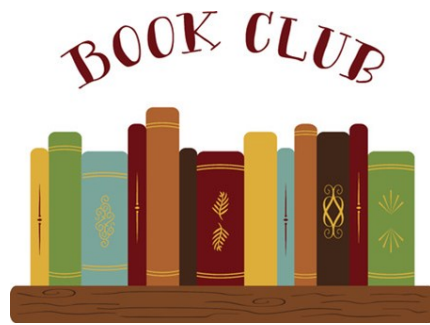
october
BIRTH FLOWER
passion
creativity
drive to succeed
desire for wealth
beauty and warmth of the rising sun

MARIGOLD

BORN IN OCTOBER

- Loves to talk
- Beautiful inside out
- Not deceitful
- Sympathetic
- Always making friends and popular
- Easily hurt but recovers easily
- Daydreamer
- Emotional
- Loves to travel, the arts and literature
- Loves the outdoors
- Spendthrift

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"Beyond the Book"



***The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on
Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 1:30 PM at the
Women's Resource Center in Hickory.***

The book we will be discussing is **Oona Out of Order** by Margarita Montimore:
NATIONAL BESTSELLER
A GOOD MORNING AMERICA BOOK CLUB PICK
AMAZON EDITORS' 20 BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR PICK

"With its countless epiphanies and surprises, *Oona* proves difficult to put down." —USA Today

"By turns tragic and triumphant, heartbreakingly poignant and joyful, this is ultimately an uplifting and redemptive read." —The Guardian

A remarkably inventive novel that explores what it means to live a life fully in the moment, even if those moments are out of order.

It's New Year's Eve 1982, and Oona Lockhart has her whole life before her. At the stroke of midnight she will turn nineteen, and the year ahead promises to be one of consequence. Should she go to London to study economics, or remain at home in Brooklyn to pursue her passion for music and be with her boyfriend? As the countdown to the New Year begins, Oona faints and awakens thirty-two years in the future in her fifty-one-year-old body. Greeted by a friendly stranger in a beautiful house she's told is her own, Oona learns that with each passing year she will leap to another age at random. And so begins *Oona Out of Order*... Hopping through decades, pop culture fads, and much-needed stock tips, Oona is still a young woman on the inside but ever changing on the outside. Who will she be next year? Philanthropist? Club Kid? World traveler? Wife to a man she's never met? Surprising, magical, and heart-wrenching, Margarita Montimore has crafted an unforgettable story about the burdens of time, the endurance of love, and the power of family.



***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.
We will be choosing 2023 books in November. Please join us!***

Dear Friends

Our long-time member, Harriet, is in the hospital with bacterial pneumonia and other medical issues. She will hopefully be going to the Brian Center for rehab some time in the next few days. She is slowly improving but is very weak. John and Harriet's daughter and son are with John for the week which he greatly appreciates. Nothing is needed right now but cards would be appreciated. Send cards to:

Harriet Bates
237 32 Ave NW
Hickory, NC 28601

Please keep the Bates family in your thoughts & prayers.

Upcoming October Events

October 3	Bridge
October 5	Bridge
October 6	Carolina Raptor Center
October 7-9	Octoberfest
October 10	Bridge
October 8	Lenior-Rhyne Football
October 12	Newcomers General Mtg
October 13	Lunch Out @ Palermo's
October 17	Bridge
October 19	Bridge
October 22	Tea Party at Harper House
October 24	Nailed-It
October 24	Cards & Games
October 26	Newcomers Board Mtg
October 26	Western Piedmont Sister Cities Assoc. Meeting
October 27	Samba
October 28	Coffee & Conversation



We are going to **Palermo's Family Italian and Greek Restaurant** on Thursday, October 13th from 11:30-1:30 pm. for lunch. The address is 924 Conover Blvd W in Conover. If you want to check out their menu go to their website. Please RSVP to Debbie Kelso by phone, text or email by October 10th.

Debbie Kelso * 716-480-1606 * dkelso528@gmail.com

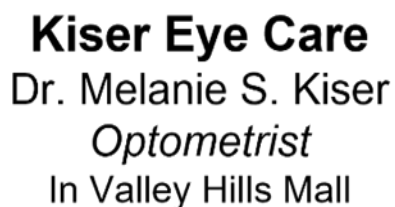
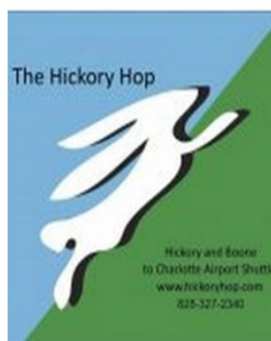
Shining Hope Farms Saddle & Salutes 5K / 10K Run



Pictured: Scott & Roxanne, Mike de Niet, Kathy Kuehn, Jingle de Niet, Jane & John Jonkhoff. Not pictured: Smita & Pratibha Patel, Elizabeth Strickland.

Newcomers of Catawba County team of 10 won 1st, 2nd, 3rd in their categories at the recent Shining Hope Farms Saddle & Salutes 5K/10K run. A rainy but fun fundraising morning event produced funding for 36 additional veterans' therapeutic services. This was an outstanding & heart warming event we each enjoyed, even though we were soaked to the bone.

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