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# The Voice

Newcomers of Catawba Valley Newsletter  
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## **President's Column**

Welcome to spring everyone! I am more than ready to have warmer days and pretty flowers! How nice it is to see so many members enjoying themselves and taking part in club activities after such a long absence. Debbie Kelso's dinner out in March was a rousing success with 42 in attendance! Our new Samba Day, run by Shari Kidd, had several long-time members resurface! And, the Meet-up at CoMMA in Morganton for the USAF Heritage of America Band Concert had over a dozen members in attendance - it was GREAT!



The Special Events Committee has been hard at work setting up and organizing events to, hopefully, appeal to all members. Their next meeting will be on Monday, April 17 at 10 a.m. Here's an opportunity to put in your two cents worth! Can't attend, send an email to either Amy Chizen ([chizenamy@gmail.com](mailto:chizenamy@gmail.com)) or Evie Gibson ([belleislebelle@ymail.com](mailto:belleislebelle@ymail.com)) with your suggestions. Their meeting on March 14th has created a wonderful list of activities for us. Check it out later in this newsletter.

Wanted to also make sure everyone is aware of a new activity hosted by your Vice President, Debbie Hindman. Debbie is running a combination of Cribbage and Euchre on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the airport.

Our next General Meeting on Wednesday, April 12th will be an **evening** meeting and will feature Chris Jernigan, CEO of Southmountain Children's Home in Burke County (our second quarter charity). Hope we'll see you there! Speaking of General Meetings, please make a note on your calendars that our June 14th meeting will be off-site, in other words, NOT at the airport! Kathy Kuehn has some wonderful speakers arranged this year, so plan to set aside the second Wednesday of each month.

You'll note on the listing of officers and activity organizers that there are still some needs. Please consider volunteering. Many hands make light work, and our club is run by volunteers!

Wishing us all sunshine and happiness.

Adra Kryszczuk

- **Book Club Chair: Laura Moran** [moran.laura@att.net](mailto:moran.laura@att.net)

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on Wednesday, May 24th, 2023 at 1:30 P.M. The book for our May discussion will be *Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn, New York Times Bestseller. The bestselling author of *The Rose Code* returns with an unforgettable World War II tale of a quiet bookworm who becomes history's deadliest female sniper. Based on a true story. In 1937 in the snowbound city of Kyiv, wry and bookish history student Mila Pavlichenko organizes her life around her library job and her young son—but Hitler's invasion of Ukraine and Russia sends her on a different path. Given a rifle and sent to join the fight, Mila must forge herself from studious girl to deadly sniper—a lethal hunter of Nazis known as Lady Death. When news of her three hundredth kill makes her a national heroine, Mila finds herself torn from the bloody battlefields of the eastern front and sent to America on a goodwill tour. Still reeling from war wounds and devastated by loss, Mila finds herself isolated and lonely in the glittering world of Washington, DC—until an unexpected friendship with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and an even more unexpected connection with a silent fellow sniper offer the possibility of happiness. But when an old enemy from Mila's past joins forces with a deadly new foe lurking in the shadows, Lady Death finds herself battling her own demons and enemy bullets in the deadliest duel of her life. Based on a true story, *The Diamond Eye* is a haunting novel of heroism born of desperation, of a mother who became a soldier, of a woman who found her place in the world and changed the course of history forever. The Book Club meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday of the month except for November when we meet on the third Wednesday.

- **Bowling Chair: Vince LeGrand** [legravin@gmail.com](mailto:legravin@gmail.com)

The Newcomers Bowling season concluded on March 22nd. Newcomers Bowling will be on hiatus for the Spring and Summer. Our next season will begin around the beginning of October. If you have any questions about Newcomers Bowling, please contact Vince LeGrand at [legravin@gmail.com](mailto:legravin@gmail.com)

- **Bridge Chair: Gloria Berg** [glomcberg@hotmail.com](mailto:glomcberg@hotmail.com)

Please welcome Diana Earnest to the 2nd Monday group and Pett Brands to the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday group.

#### APRIL

Monday, Apr. 3rd	Gloria Berg
Wednesday, Apr. 5th	Gloria Berg
Monday, Apr. 10th	Laurie Johnsen
Monday, Apr. 17th	Pett Brands
Wednesday, Apr. 19th	Helen Woodyard

#### MAY

Monday, May 1st	Pett Brands
Wednesday, May 3rd	Peg Baldwin
Monday, May 8th	Addie McSherley
Monday, May 15th	Laurie Johnsen
Wednesday, May 17th	Carol Parker



- **April General Meeting**

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- **Beer Tasting Chair: Karlene Patrick [karlene.patrick@yahoo.com](mailto:karlene.patrick@yahoo.com)**

Next Beer Den will be Friday April 14 6-8p.m.at Lowes Food Viewmont. Bring or buy a snack to share.

- **Charity Chair: Nancy Geiger [ng0425@gmail.com](mailto:ng0425@gmail.com)**

April 1 begins our 2nd quarter charity, but before I tell you about that I want to thank all of you who donated diapers and wipes and creams to Our Nest Diaper Pantry. As usual you went over and above!

We'll be helping older children this next quarter at Southmountain. Their CEO, Chris Jernigan, will be our program at the April 12th meeting. At the meeting we will be collecting twin sheets, pillows, comforters for twin beds, dish towels, wash cloths and toilette paper for the houses. We'll try to fill Chris's car!



Here's a little information about the ministry: Starting in 1903, Southmountain's primary function was to educate and teach industrial skills to children in rural Rutherford County. The mission was transformed into housing and caregiving for abandoned children during the Great Depression, and in 1935 the organization relocated to Nebo in Burke County. More recently, the group-care model was retired in favor of the neighborhood-style care that they now provide to foster children in eight homes, bound by a circular driveway right around the corner from their original Nebo headquarters.

The 150-acre neighborhood provides "professional" parents whose care and stability allow the best possible environment for the children in their care. This model allows them to marry the best part of group care with the best part of traditional foster care; it improves foster children's quality of life and the best part is that it allows siblings to stay together. The campus also features state-of-the-art facilities and recreation opportunities, from hiking trails to a playground to an indoor pool.

In addition to the foster care community in Nebo, the organization operates the Burke County Children's Advocacy Center in downtown Morganton and ten additional advocacy centers across North Carolina, stretching from Brevard to Morehead City. When children and families face the pain and trauma of child abuse, a child advocacy center provides consolidated care and a source of comfort, information, and, best of all - a solution. Advocacy centers bring law enforcement, medical care, therapy, and social services together under one roof. This efficiency spares children continued trauma and allows healing to begin sooner. Southmountain has become a leader in implementing this model and the services it provides, including Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, the gold standard of care for child victims of abuse. Ensuring safe, convenient (a significant obstacle for some families) care to child victims of abuse is a priority of Southmountain; therefore, in 2022, they created a full-time Spanish language program for non-English speaking victims and their families.

They continue to innovate and find ways to improve care and provide their services. One of the most important ways they do this is by educating our communities that their facilities exist, and it's most effective when described through outreach like this!

- **Chatty Crafters Chair: Adra Kryszczuk** [adraellen@yahoo.com](mailto:adraellen@yahoo.com)

Chatty Crafters will meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays (April 14th and 28th) at the home of Adra Kryszczuk, 4048 Elizabeth Street, Hickory NC 28601 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Anyone is welcome to attend whenever they are available. Bring your craft with you to work on: knitting, crochet, needlework, jewelry-making, or just come to visit. Please R.S.V.P. to Adra at [adraellen@yahoo.com](mailto:adraellen@yahoo.com), our hostess this month, so there are enough chairs. The hostess will provide beverages and snacks.

- **Cribbage and Euchre Chair: Debbie Hindman** [debbiehindman2022@gmail.com](mailto:debbiehindman2022@gmail.com)

It's going to be the first Tuesday of April at my house. 4637 9th St NE Hickory April 4, 5:30 p.m. Social time and 6pm game play. I am looking for someone to host the month of May as I will be on vacation. We can also discuss whether we want to stay playing at my house or go back to the airport and including more games. Please R.S.V.P. so that I have enough tables set up but don't hesitate to attend even if you don't R.S.V.P. Also, I have a ramp for those who don't like steps.

- **Coffee & Conversation Chair: Sheri Binning/Ronald.binning@gmail.com**

Coffee and Conversation will be at Cafe Gouda at Belle Hollow Shopping Center on Hwy 127 on the last Friday of the month, April 28th, at 1 p.m. They have sandwiches, soups, salads, lots of pastries and delicious coffees and teas. It's a popular spot in Hickory! <https://www.cafegouda.com>

- **Lunch Out Chair: Debbie Kelso** [dkelso528@gmail.com](mailto:dkelso528@gmail.com)

. The Lunch Out is scheduled for Thursday, April 13th from 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m. at Saigon Gardens Restaurant, 613 Conover Blvd. in Conover (Hwy. 70) east of 321) You can view the menu online and learn more about the restaurant at [www.thesaigongarden.com](http://www.thesaigongarden.com). This restaurant



March Dinner Out

was recommended by a couple of Newcomer members. This table service restaurant serves delicious, authentic Vietnamese food. The staff is reserving space for us to enjoy our meal together! There is plenty of parking and the restaurant is accessible for those with mobility issues. Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, April 10th by email, phone call or text message.



- **Members Helping Members Chair: Sandi Johnson** [ncvalegirl@gmail.com](mailto:ncvalegirl@gmail.com)

THANKS TO EVERYONE who responded to my request to help a member get to the doctor. I am so thankful to the 10 people who said they would help. This is what this group is great for – helping one another. Now our member can choose who she wants to use.

The focus of this support group within Newcomers is to coordinate assistance for members and their immediate families who might need help due to illness, surgery, hospitalization, death, etc. Types of assistance could include hospital and home visits; meals, walking the dog, help with errands and meals, shopping; transportation for shopping and doctor visits; providing books and/or reading to someone; preparing meals; sending cards, etc. Please consider offering to help with this or any other activity. Just email the chair and specify when you would be available for what task(s) you would want to take on. THANK YOU

- **Meet-Up Chair: Amy Chizen** [chizenamy@gmail.com](mailto:chizenamy@gmail.com)

It's a Meet-up! Join us on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Hickory Metro Center for Not Your Mama's Bingo Pageant. It's the most fun you can have on a Saturday night for \$25! Guests are encouraged to dress to theme (drama)! *Not Your Mama's Bingo* is a laugh-filled, no holds barred event. (Check out their Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/notyourmamasbingo/>). Bingo participants play for prize packages and one "50/50" cash prize game. In between games, the audience is entertained by several "numbers." Since beginning in 2010, the event has outgrown its people! \$25 covers the show, bingo sheets and use of daubers. Not included are refreshments and 50/50 game sheets, which are \$5 for the only cash prize. All proceeds from *Not Your Mama's Bingo* go to support ALFA's mission to reduce the stigma and impact of HIV, viral hepatitis, STIs and other communicable diseases through access to equitable prevention, education, and care services. Get your tickets at <https://allevents.in/hickory/not-your-mama%E2%80%99s-bingo/200024021626246> Contact Adra Kryszczuk at [adraellen@yahoo.com](mailto:adraellen@yahoo.com) with questions.

- **New Members - Welcome to our newest members!**

MaryAnn Dore from TX  
Daniel Boyden from NY  
Lisa and John Raggio from CA

*Let's give them a warm welcome the next time you see them.*

- **Rummikub Chair: Debbie Hindman** [debbiehindman2022@gmail.com](mailto:debbiehindman2022@gmail.com)

Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> will be Rummikub. At the airport at 1:30p.m. social time. 2:00p.m. game play. Rummikub is a fast-paced tile game and VERY easy to learn. Sequential numbers 1-13 in the same color and 4 of a kind in all 4 colors. Come and enjoy the fun. The more the merrier.

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> will be Rummikub afternoon play at Debbie Hindman's home, 4637 9th St NE Hickory. 1:30p.m. social time. 2:00p.m. game play. Rummikub is a fast-paced tile game and VERY easy to learn. Sequential numbers 1-13 in the same color and 4 of a kind in all 4 colors.

Tuesday, May 23rd will be Rummikub evening play at Debbie Hindman's home, 4637 9th St NE Hickory. 5:30p.m. social time, and 6:00p.m. game play. Rummikub is a fast paced game and VERY easy to learn. Sequential numbers 1-13 in the same color and 4 of a kind in all 4 colors.

- **Samba Day Chair: Shari Kidd** [Kidd915sl@gmail.com](mailto:Kidd915sl@gmail.com)

Samba Day is the Second Tuesday of each month. Lunch and Samba begins at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11th. Lunch of Tuscan Garlic Chicken (chicken breast sautéed in garlic olive oil, tossed with fresh baby spinach, sundried tomatoes and shredded mozzarella), Green Beans, Tossed Salad, beverages and an afternoon of fun-filled Samba is \$11. **DESSERTS: Players with last names ending in F - J may bring a dessert to share.** If you don't want to have lunch, you can play cards and 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 playing the game right at noon, 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. Sunday, you still must pay the charge! If an emergency arises, please call Shari Kidd on her cell A.S.A.P. at **828-838-5275**. To join in the fun, contact Chris Beckom at [beckomgc@outlook.com](mailto:beckomgc@outlook.com).

- **Samba Night Chair: Kathy Rozea** [Krr510@yahoo.com](mailto:Krr510@yahoo.com)

Samba is played at the Hickory Regional Airport on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Evening each month. Please arrive about 5:15p.m. for registration. Dinner starts at 5:30p.m. and Samba starts promptly at 6:00p.m. Our next NCV Evening Samba is **Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. The menu will be posted in the April 5<sup>th</sup> notification and sign-up email. The price for dinner and Samba is \$11 per person. If you prefer not to eat, you can enjoy cards and beverages for only \$5. Interested in learning 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 or have questions, please call (828-495-7939).

We plan to start playing the games promptly at 6pm, so please plan to be at 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, you will be responsible to pay the charge. Come and join us for an evening of fun. Please contact me if you need additional information. See you there!

- **Special Events: Art Show: Karlene Patrick** [Karlene.patrick@yahoo.com](mailto:Karlene.patrick@yahoo.com)

Art- Acrylic & Mixed Media One of our own has an art show at the Old Rock School in Valdese, NC: Art will be by Renee Barnette on **April 3- April 7 / Online April 3-April 22** at 400 Main Street West, Valdese. Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

- **Special Events: Chair Jon Kiser** [jaydeekay59@gmail.com](mailto:jaydeekay59@gmail.com)

Your Special Events committee is happy to announce a carpool excursion to the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden in Belmont, NC on Tuesday, April 18th. Spring is a wonderful time to explore this beautiful 30-acre garden which includes an outstanding 8000 sq. ft. Orchid Conservatory. Bring Walking shoes, water and an umbrella, just in case.

<https://dsbg.org/visit/explore-the-garden/> Costs are: Seniors (60+) - \$12.95 / Adults -

\$14.95 /Kids - \$7.95 ***This will be a rain or shine event***, and we'll meet at the Hickory airport (side) parking lot at 9: 15a.m, leaving promptly at 9:30a.m. They open at 10:00a.m., and we'll likely arrive at 10:15a.m., returning to the airport by 2:00a.m. Please let me know if you are interested in going, and if you are willing to be a driver.

- **Special Events: Körner's Folly Kathy Eichelberger [kateich@aol.com](mailto:kateich@aol.com)**

The Special Events Committee announces an excursion to Körner's Folly, 413 South Main Street, Kernersville, NC 27284 on Friday, April 21. Körner's Folly is the architectural wonder and home of artist and designer Jule Gilmer Körner. Built in 1880 in Kernersville, North Carolina, the house originally served to display his interior design portfolio. Visitors can now explore the 22-room house museum and its unique original furnishings and artwork, cast-plaster details, carved woodwork, and elaborate hand-laid tile. ***This will be a rain or shine event*** and you can either meet at Hickory airport (side parking lot, leaving promptly at 9:00 a.m.) or, if you prefer, drive on your own. **The** museum opens at 10:00 a.m. and we'll likely arrive at 10:30 a.m. We will stop for lunch afterwards at a place TBD. There are **two options**: A Self-Guided tour for \$12.84 or a Guided tour for \$18.19. They need a count of Guided tours no later than 4/7/23. Pay on arrival by Credit Card only (no cash). Check the website <https://kornersfolly.org/> for more information. Please R.S.V.P. to Kathy Eichelberger at [kateich@aol.com](mailto:kateich@aol.com) and let her know: **1.** Type of tour you want, **2.** If you want to carpool and **3.** If you are willing to be a driver.

## April Birthdays

### Date Name

4.01 Andy Bucy  
4.01 Daniel Boyden  
4.03 Eileen Zins  
4.03 Dave Zook  
4.04 Judi Dostall  
4.04 Laura Gansrow  
4.06 Sharon Hilliker  
4.09 Harold Mason  
4.09 John Almeida  
4.10 Donna McDermott  
4.10 Margie Dickey  
4.10 Don Baldwin  
4.11 William Waldron  
4.11 William Zacharenko  
4.12 Eileen Conway  
4.12 Lisa Watts  
4.13 Susan Leininger  
4.14 Jon Kiser

### Date Name

4.15 Bob Jones  
4.17 Dianne Straley  
4.17 Ruth Siskind  
4.18 Joe Durand  
4.19 Deborah Wood  
4.21 Debbie Hindman  
4.22 Lori Martin  
4.22 Christine Gagnon  
4.25 Gail Feldman  
4.25 Nancy Geiger  
4.26 Raymond Osterer  
4.26 Chad Burel  
4.27 Susan Perkins  
4.29 Delilah Bragg  
4.29 Craig Hines  
4.30 Susan Turner  
4.30 Bert Perkins

**YEE HAW!**

## **IT'S TIME FOR THE KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY!**

### **This year's Kentucky Derby Party is "Goin' Country"**



On May 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be pullin' the posse together at the Chizen homestead (722 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, Hickory) between 4:00 PM and 4:15 PM. Plenty of parking in the back for your wagons!

**What's on the menu?** The club will provide barbequed pork and buns. The rest of you pardners a will be bringing a side dish or a dessert. *We always know how to create a mouth-watering*

*spread!* We'll be sure to have some sauce choices, but feel to bring along your favorite to share. There'll be big tubs of ice to chill drinks; bring your whistle-wetter of choice, but the water jugs will be filled by the club.



**What should we wear to this rodeo?** Respectable cowboys and cowgirls would don a western shirt, jeans, chaps (if you have them), cowboy boots, maybe a scarf or bolo tie, and, of course a cowboy hat! (Please note we are not having a decorated hat contest this year.)

**What activities should we expect?** Hold onto your hats and join us for music, dancing, horse racing dice game, Pin the Tail on the Horse, Corn Hole, Ladders, and a slew of stuff we haven't even thought of yet! Of course, there will be betting on the "greatest 2 minutes in sports," so bring singles to participate.



How do I get a spot? RSVP to [chizenamy@gmail.com](mailto:chizenamy@gmail.com) or text to (860) 428-6786 by April 28th and indicate a side dish or dessert.

See y'all there!



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Programs	Kathy Kuehn
Publicity	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
Rummikub	Debbie Hindman
Samba Day	Shari Kidd
Samba and Games Night	Kathy Rozea
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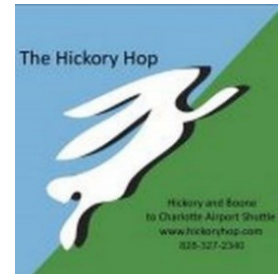
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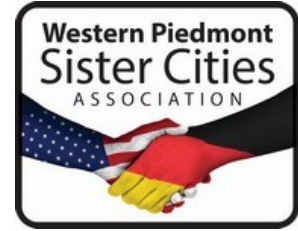
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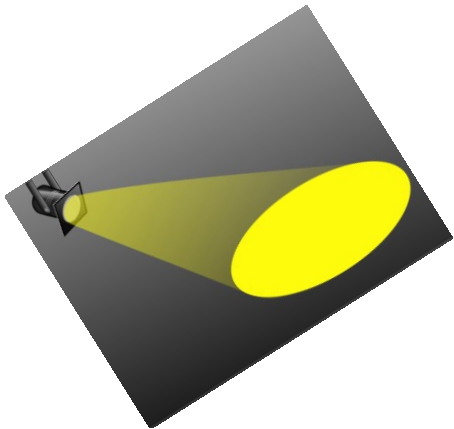
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