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The Voice

Newcomers of Catawba Valley Newsletter
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President's Column

Hey y'all,

It is so gratifying to see so many members taking advantage of the events offered by the club. It's starting to feel like we've woken from a long hibernation.

In May

- There were about a dozen in attendance at the Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens & lunch following.
- The Kentucky Derby Party was a HOOT! The more than 40 in attendance raised over \$120 to be donated to our quarterly charity – Southmountain Children's Home.
- The second Samba Day Game featured five full tables playing!
- Dinner Out at Sweet 'Taters practically filled the center of the restaurant!
- The beginner pickleball group had to close ranks. Hopefully, another group will start soon.
- Our in-person MahJongg group is doing well with at least two tables every week
- Happy to see the return of Music Bingo.
- Our Crawdad's outing was a great day at the ballpark!

I could go on and on, but you'll be able to tell by looking at the events scheduled for June.

- The return of many members to the Social Events Committee has awakened desires and willingness.
- A huge Thank you! to Debbie and Rodney Kelso for their excellent work handling Lunch/Dinner Out. They are in the process of relocating, so there is a need for a volunteer to take over Lunch/Dinner Out starting in July. Thanks also to Millie Kaufman for taking on the organization of Chatty Crafters.

Not to be a broken record, but I am still looking for someone to take on Dominoes, Evening Canasta and Publicity. Please give these positions some consideration. Feel free to call me with any questions.

NOTE! Just a quick reminder that the next General Membership Meeting WILL NOT BE AT THE AIRPORT! Kathy Kuehn, our Program Director, is taking us on a field trip to The Hickory Hub on Wednesday, June 14th at 10:30 a.m. Here we'll learn about these unique co-working spaces facility.

Looking forward to seeing you at various events!
Adra Kryszczuk, President

Book Club Chair: Laura Moran moran.laura@att.net

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on Wednesday, July 26th, 2023, at 1:30 P.M. at the Women's Resource Center in Hickory. The book for our July discussion will be **Mad Honey** by Jodi Picoult. This book was a New York Times Bestseller. "Alternatingly heart-pounding and heartbreaking, this collaboration between two best-selling authors seamlessly weaves together Olivia and Lily's journeys, creating a provocative exploration of the strength that love and acceptance require."—The Washington Post Olivia McAfee knows what it feels like to start over. Her picture-perfect life—living in Boston, married to a brilliant cardiothoracic surgeon, raising their beautiful son, Asher—was upended when her husband revealed a darker side. She never imagined that she would end up back in her sleepy New Hampshire hometown, living in the house she grew up in and taking over her father's beekeeping business. Lily Campanello is familiar with do-overs, too. When she and her mom relocate to Adams, New Hampshire, for her final year of high school, they both hope it will be a fresh start. And for just a short while, these new beginnings are exactly what Olivia and Lily need. Their paths cross when Asher falls for the new girl in school, and Lily can't help but fall for him, too. With Ash, she feels happy for the first time. Yet she wonders if she can trust him completely. Then one day, Olivia receives a phone call: Lily is dead, and Asher is being questioned by the police. Olivia is adamant that her son is innocent. But she would be lying if she didn't acknowledge the flashes of his father's temper in Ash, and as the case against him unfolds, she realizes he's hidden more than he's shared with her. Mad Honey is a riveting novel of suspense, an unforgettable love story, and a moving and powerful exploration of the secrets we keep and the risks we take to become ourselves. 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

If you have any questions about Newcomers Bowling, please contact Vince.

Bridge Chair: Gloria Berg glomcberg@hotmail.com

JUNE

Monday, June 5th	Peg Baldwin
Wednesday, June 7th	Kathy Rozea
Monday, June 12th	Kathy Bethany
Monday, June 19th	Betty Stone
Wednesday, June 21st	Gloria Berg

JULY

• Monday, July 3rd	Karen Schafer
• Wednesday, July 5th	Kathy Durand
• Monday, July 10th	Diana Earnest
• Monday, July 17th	Carolyn Eanes
• Wednesday, July 19th	Kathy Durand

General Meeting Program: Kathy Kuehn kecen325@yahoo.com

The General Membership meeting of Newcomers on Wednesday, June 14th at 10:30 a.m. will be a tour of The Hickory Hub, as well as a presentation entitled Coworking. Successful in big cities, warmly welcomed in the Unifour, by Lori Street, Founder & President of The Hickory Hub. The Hub is an open-office workspace community offering an affordable, professional office environment to established or startup businesses who desire to make work effective, efficient, and fun! You won't want to miss the opportunity to see and hear first-hand this innovative entrepreneurial business. Please join us at 10:30 a.m. at The Hickory Hub, 375 Main Avenue NE, Hickory. There's plenty of parking! Looking forward to seeing you!



Chatty Crafters Chair: Millie Kaufman mkauf188@bellsouth.net

June 2nd June 16th at 10:00-12 noon.

Anyone is welcome to attend whenever they are available. Bring your craft with you to work on: knitting, crochet, needlework, jewelry-making, or whatever or just come to visit (that's the best part). Please R.S.V.P. to Pam Allison (3915 Steve Ikerd Dr. NE, Hickory) by email at shill555@Earthlink.net or call 828 405-1173 so she will have enough chairs. Enter via the front door or through the garage where there are fewer steps and a handrail if needed. Please come, even if it's only to chat. The hostess will provide coffee, tea, and water and light snacks. If someone else would like to host it on Tuesday afternoons, that could be an additional option. We crafters are always ready to work on our latest project! So, gather up your project and join us for conversation and comradery.

Games Chair: Debbie Hindman Debbiehindman2022@gmail.com

Cribbage, Euchre, Rummikub, Dominoes, and anything else you want to play. First Tuesday of the Month. June 6th 5:30p.m. Dinner with game play starting at 6p.m. Willing to teach whichever game you want to play. Most games are 2-4 or 6 players. When we get R.S.V.P.'s I will post what tables are filled with and games being played.

Rummikub is held on the third Tuesday of the Month, June 20th 5:30p.m. Dinner with game play starting at 6p.m. Rummikub is a tile game with 13 numbers in 4 colors. Super easy to learn and play. Willing to teach everyone. Airport Rules consists of each table deciding on their own style of playing the game. No uniform rules of play.

Games are played at Hickory Airport with Dinner being offered. 10 meals must be purchased so that there is no additional room fee. When the initial email is sent out, that is when the menu for dinner will be supplied.

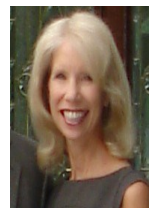
Coffee & Conversation Chair: Sheri Binning/ Ronald.binning@gmail.com

Forget coffee! It's time for Ice Cream and Conversation! We will be going to Riverbend Creamery on the last Friday of the month, June 30th, at 2 p.m. The creamery is located on Piedmont Jerseys Dairy Farm just outside Catawba County. They make their own ice cream and milk of course. The ice cream parlor has that wonderful ice cream parlor smell. I haven't smelled that in years! Take Startown Rd. south until you see the "Entering Lincoln County" sign and take the 1st right. Riverbend Creamery is on the right a way down the road.

<https://www.facebook.com/riverbendcreamery/>

Charity Chair: Nancy Geiger ng0425@gmail.com

We have one month left with our 2nd quarter charity, Southmountain Children's Home. Thank you to all the folks who brought household items for them to our general meeting in May. We'll be doing one more collection at our June meeting: twin sheets, twin comforters, towels, wash cloths, toilet paper, blankets...



Also, for those who missed the meeting - at the end of each fiscal year our club writes a few checks to charities where we see a critical need. On April 1st we gave \$200.00 to each of these worthwhile groups: The food pantry at the Hickory Soup Kitchen, the food pantry at the Salvation Army, The Outreach Center in Morganton and we bought \$200.00 worth of gift cards to support the Make-A-Wish gift card collection to make sick children's dreams come true.

MahJongg Chair: Elaine Knobloch elaine.knobloch@gmail.com

June 6th June 15th June 20th June 29th

The game of MahJongg is like the card game of rummy. We play the American version, it's more challenging than canasta and less mentally taxing than bridge. American MahJongg is played with three or four players using MahJongg tiles. The goal of the game is to be the first, by picking and discarding, to match one's tiles to a specific hand from the annually distributed scorecard published by the National MahJongg League (NMJL) and American MahJongg Association. Club members play at 1:00p.m. on the selected Tuesdays and Thursdays in members' homes. Contact the chair to host.

Make-A-Wish GIFT CARD DRIVE

For those of you who didn't attend the May 10th meeting, you missed a presentation by a new member, Michelle Tompkins. Michelle is a wish grantor with Make-A-Wish. In conjunction with her presentation, Newcomers is offering a great way to be an important supporter of the local chapter, Make-A-Wish Central and Western NC, an organization that grants life-changing wishes to children with critical illness. Newcomers is hosting a Make-A-Wish GIFT CARD DRIVE from May 25th through July 15th. The goal is to collect gift cards to help grant wishes – I am excited for Newcomers to come together as a unified organization and support this amazing cause! Check out this 1-minute video to learn a little more about Make-A-Wish. Gift cards with values of \$10 or \$25 (i.e., Amazon, Steam (video game digital distribution service), Apple, Starbucks, Chick-fil-A, Taco Bell, gas cards, any restaurant, etc.) can be mailed to the club's address or brought to the next two general meetings: Wednesday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m. and/or Wednesday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. The club's mailing address is Newcomers of Catawba Valley, 2425 North Center Street, #169, Hickory NC 28601-1320. Thank you for joining me in creating these life-changing wish experiences for kids when they need it most.

Michelle (aka Rozy at Bowling) Tompkins

Meet-up Event:

The Yellow Deli for lunch on Thursday, June 8th from 11:30-1:30p.m. The Yellow Deli is located at 5081 NC-90E, in Hiddenite. Their website is www.theyellowdeli.com to check out their menu, "The Community Foods Market and Bakery" next door and for information on The Yellow Deli restaurant. There is onsite parking. The restaurant is accessible for those with mobility issues including a ramp to enter the restaurant and a lift to access the multi-level restaurant. Please R.S.V.P to Adra Kryszczuk, by June 5th at 828-514-6031 or adraellen@yahoo.com.



Enjoy every day! Meet new friends

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

Welcome to our newest members!

And Sherri McGinnis from NC



Samba Day is the Second Tuesday of each month. Lunch 11:30a.m. and Samba begins at noon on Tuesday, June 13th, please be considerate of other players and arrive on time. Lunch is \$11.00 per person. We are required to pay the caterer for each meal ordered. If you make a reservation and do not cancel before the deadline of 10a.m. on June 11th (Sunday), you must still pay the charge. Games and Beverages are ONLY \$5.00 per person DESSERTS: Players with last names ending in A-E may bring a dessert to share with players. **Samba will be the only game played and there 'Will Not' be a learning table.**



Samba Night is held at the Hickory Regional Airport on the Fourth Thursday Evening each month. Our June SAMBA is Thursday, June 22nd. Dinner begins at 5:30p.m. and Samba begins at 6:00p.m. Dinner, beverages, and an evening of Samba is \$11. (We need a minimum of ten (10) for dinner.) If you don't want to eat, you can enjoy cards and beverages for only \$5. We offer a learning table for those who want to learn how to play or those who simply want to brush up on their skills. All Newcomer members, men, and women are welcome. Please note that we must pay the caterer for each meal ordered, so if you make a reservation and do not cancel before the deadline, Tuesday, June 20th at 10:00 a.m., you will be responsible for paying the charge! Please call or email me if you would like more information. I look forward to seeing you at the JUNE NIGHT SAMBA event!

- Wine and Cheese Reception prior to “Kinky Boots” at the Hickory Community Theater - Sunday, June 4th 2:00 P.M. matinee, led by Amy Chizen and Evie Gibson meet before the play in The Fireman’s Kitchen downstairs, drinks to be purchased individually from the theater. All are responsible for purchasing their own ticket to the play.

- Annual Picnic Pontoon Party Sunday, June 11th at the Montgomery home in Granite Falls. More details are coming soon but know that the Club will be providing chicken and water and everything else is potluck and BYOB.
- Fifth Friday Crafts: Friday, June 30th at Airport, Led by Kathy Patrick, "Gnome of the Brave" wooden painted gnomes, \$5-\$7 per person.
- Beer & Wine Tasting – June 9th, 6:00-8:00 P.M. at Lowe's Grocery Store in Viewmont, bring a snack and enjoy a beer!
- Soup/Chili Cookoff: Saturday, November 4th. This will be hosted by Karlene & Kathy Patrick. Everyone will bring a crock pot of soup or chili; or if you aren't into cooking, bring bread to accompany the soup and chili, there may be a hike before-hand on the new Rivertrail at Geitner Park.

Person Needed to Lead Hikes



During this NC Year of the Trail, we have ventured out a few times to take in the paths and vistas in our area. We got anywhere from 5 to 18 hikers! We will be taking a break now until the Fall since the heat and humidity can make hiking unpleasant. It is helpful to have someone oversee our hikes so they can pass along information, such as any tricky directions to the hike or parking, how difficult the hike is, what the terrain is like, the length and timing of the

hike, availability of bathrooms/water, and someone to cancel in case of bad weather. Do you have an interest in leading our group? I would be happy to work with someone to let them know where we've gone, suggestions of trails, comments from the hikers, etc. Let Amy know by phone or text at (860) 428-6786 or shoot her an email.

June Birthdays

Date Name

6.01 Cynthia Tupman	6.21 George Beckom
6.02 Nichole Noel	6.22 Laurie Johnsen
6.06 Joanne Daly	6.22 Bill Jones
6.10 Karl Kuehn	6.22 Susan Keefe
6.11 Stan Bumgarner	6.24 Gloria Berg
6.13 Betty Schwartz	6.24 Jack French
6.15 Don Eichelberger	6.24 Tricia French
6.17 Kenneth Pujdak	6.26 Bev Forrest
6.18 June Chalk	6.27 Sandy Sigmon
6.19 Char Sweeney	6.28 Sonya Reid
6.21 Doak Walker	6.30 Carol Earl

ANNOUNCING NEWCOMERS' 2023 LAKE PARTY

We are shaking things up a bit this year and combining our Pontoon Party and our Annual Picnic and having a Lake Party! Plan to join us for this new opportunity for fun, food, and friends!

When: Sunday, June 11, 2023, 4:00 PM until? Rain or shine



Where: Cathi & John Montgomery's house, 6181 Plantation Pointe Drive, Granite Falls, NC. You are also welcome to come by boat! Plenty of room to tie up at the dock.

What to Bring: Swimsuits, towels, outdoor chairs, preferred drinks, appetizers, side dish or dessert to pass, dollar bills for betting on the games.

Food Provided by the Club: Beef and Pork BBQ, sauces, buns, fried chicken, water, unsweetened iced tea, lemonade, and the ingredients for s'mores

How does the Pontoon Party fit in? We will arrange for there to be 4 pontoon boats docked at Cathi and John's. These 4 captains will sign up for one 20- minute ride each: 4:30, 5:00, 5:30 and 6:00 PM. Anyone wanting to go on a pontoon ride will be taken at those times.

Games: We will have our standard games of Corn Hole and Ladders. At the KY Derby Party we introduced a new game of Horse Racing! We are adapting that game to this event and will be having Boat Racing! This involves betting on toy boats and half the money goes to our charity, Shining Hope Farms.

After dinner we can get in a few games of Bingo. As always, the music will be playing, and we encourage dancing! **R.S.V.P:** Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CADA623A0FAC07-newcomers> to **R.S.V.P.** and sign up for what dish you will bring.

Questions: Call or text Amy Chizen at (860) 428-6786, or Cathi Montgomery at (703) 509-6821. In a nutshell, drive or boat over to Montgomery's around 4:00. Meet some new friends and catch up with long-time friends, nosh on munchies, play some games, chat, dance, go for a pontoon boat ride, jump in the lake to cool down, have a drink, eat, and repeat any or all of this! Weather permitting, we will have a bonfire with all the fixings for s'mores.

As we used to say, "Be there or be square!"

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Officers	Position
Adra Kryszczuk	President
Debbie Hindman	Vice President
Sonya Reid	Treasurer
Sharon Snellings	Secretary
Cathi Montgomery	Past President
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Activity	Chair
Book Club	Laura Moran
Bowling	Vince LeGrand
Bridge	Gloria Berg
Canasta Day	Sheri Kidd
Canasta Night	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
Charity Coordinator	Nancy Geiger
Chatty Crafters	Millie Kaufman
Coffee & Conversation	Sheri Binning
Dominoes	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
Events Committee	Evie Gibson & Amy Chizen (co-chairs), Kathy Eichelberger, Lynne Hill, Jon Kiser, Adra Kryszczuk, Cathi Montgomery, Karlene Patrick, Kathy Patrick, Patti Ramsey, Sonya Reid, Judy Ward, Cindy Zook
Items of Interest	Bob Jones
Hospitality	Sharon Snellings
Lunch/Dinner Out	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
Mahjongg	Elaine Knobloch
Membership	Debbie Hindman
Members Helping Members	Sandi Shear Johnson
Newsletter Editor	Sandi Shear Johnson
Programs	Kathy Kuehn
Publicity	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
Rummikub	Debbie Hindman
Samba Day	Shari Kidd
Samba and Games Night	Kathy Rozea
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