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The Voice

Newcomers of Catawba Valley Newsletter
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President's Column

Hello Friends,

The last two weeks of August were difficult for me. I will be reaching out for help on a very regular basis for at least the next month, so thank you in advance. The situation occurred unexpectedly and would not have been my choice. Yet, all things happen for a reason. Which I have not yet figured out.

Because of my injury I am no longer able to function as the head of the Trail Run on September 9th for Newcomers at Shining Hope Farms. If you have not already signed up to help in some way and you can help, please click the link below. Actual walking/running may not be possible for everyone. There are many types of volunteerism needed that day. There have been monetary donations and if that is your preference to please mail to Newcomers of Catawba Valley, 2425 North Center Street #169, Hickory, NC 28601 Please note the Trail Run in the memo part of your check.
<https://raceroster.com/registration/be6a2e81-185a-4a12-96ce-d856a9281cb1/entry?team=559787>



At this time, it makes me think of the things I am grateful for. Everyone who helps run this club is the backbone of our fun and enjoyment. Without those people, we would not have a club. To see everyone at our events is proof of their hard work. You all are amazing to work with and I'm proud to work alongside of you!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at a Newcomer event in the near future.

Adra



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

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on Wednesday, **September 27th, 2023**, at 1:30 P.M. at the Women's Resource Center in Hickory. The book for our September discussion will be *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Now a major motion picture *A Man Called Otto* starring Tom Hanks! #1 New York Times bestseller—more than 3 million copies sold! Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him "the bitter neighbor from hell." But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time? Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So, when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change into one cranky old man, and a residents' association to their very foundations. Fredrik Backman's beloved first novel about the angry old man next door is thoughtful, exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. "If there was an award for 'Most Charming Book of the Year,' this first novel by a Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down" (Booklist, starred review). 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

Newcomers Bowling will open its new season on Wednesday, **October 4th** at 6:30p.m. at Pin Station in Newton. We will bowl every Wednesday (except around holidays) with the season concluding on March 27th.

Bowlers of all abilities are welcome. Please contact Vince LeGrand (legravin@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Bridge Chair: Gloria Berg glomcberg@hotmail.com

SEPTEMBER

Monday, Sept. 4th	Labor Day
Wednesday, Sept. 6th	Karen Schafer
Monday, Sept. 11th	Cancelled
Monday, Sept. 18th	Carolyn Eanes
Wednesday, Sept. 20th	Kathy Durand

OCTOBER

Monday, Oct. 2nd	Pet Brands
Wednesday, Oct. 4th	Kathy Rozea
Monday, Oct. 9th	Kathy Bethany
Monday, Oct. 16th	Betty Stone
Wednesday, Oct. 18th	Gloria Berg



Chatty Crafters Chair: Millie Kaufman mkauf188@bellsouth.net

September 8th and 22nd 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Chatty Crafters will meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays in September. 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. The hostess will provide beverages and snacks. Adra has graciously volunteered to host. Please, let her know if you plan to attend. So, she can set chairs. Her email is adraellen@yahoo.com and she is located at 4048 Elizabeth Street, Hickory.

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

Coffee and Conversation will be in Mountain View at 3 Little Chicks Bakery on **September 29th** at 2 p.m. They have coffees, teas, sodas and pastries. Pastries change often, but here's a peek: at <https://www.3littlechicksbakery.com/s/order>. You can play mini golf there if you want.

Charity Chair: Nancy Geiger ng0425@gmail.com



The Shining Hope Farms 5K Trail Run to benefit their Salutes and Saddles program is coming up fast - **Saturday, September 9th**. Newcomers has a race team you can sign up for by going to this link -

<https://raceroster.com/registration/be6a2e81-185a-4a12-96ce-d856a9281cb1/entry?team=559787>.

If you are racing, you'll need to pick up your T-shirt and packet at 8 a.m. The race begins at 9 a.m.

Right now, we have 3 members signed up, so get some of your friends and join in the fun. You can walk or run! Adra is the Team Captain and has a club goal of raising \$2000.00 for charity.

You may also volunteer that day. Some of the choices to help are set up, showing racers which way to go on the course, encouraging the racers along the way, help the veterans sign up on the memorial wall, passing out challenge coins to the vets, clean up and more. You may sign up at this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DADA62DA5FBC43-2023>.

Shining Hope Farms was founded in 2002 by Paul and Milinda Kirkpatrick in response to the need in the community to provide therapeutic services in an enriching natural environment. The purpose of Shining Hope Farms' services is to improve the quality of life of the participants as well as their families. Our programs have been structured to serve individuals and groups with a variety of disabilities such as cerebral palsy, autism, Down syndrome, developmental delay, brain injuries, and genetic disorders, as well as those in need of mental health support. Our patients and clients find wellness, strength, and hope on the back of a horse. They also have a program for Veterans which is what the race money will go toward. For more info on the organization go to <https://shininghopefarms.org/>. I'd love to see a lot of club members out there that day. This is a wonderful organization and a good chance to see the farm and horses. John and I have signed up to help from 7:30 a.m. – 12 noon – so we'll see you there!

Games Chair: Debbie Hindman Debbiehindman2022@gmail.com



Games, games, games, will be on **Tuesday, September 19th** at 6 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Hickory Airport. Dinner will be Mediterranean Spaghetti with Salad and breadsticks. Games will include but are not limited to, Rummikub, Cribbage, Euchre, Board games, Dominos, and other card games, not including Samba and Canasta. The Airport asks that at least 10 dinners be purchased to pay for the room. Please R.S.V.P. with choice of game and yes or no to dinner. Please consider joining us for dinner and conversation before game play. The airport does a fine job in making our meals.

General Meeting Chair: Kathy Kuehn

Our upcoming **September 13th** Newcomers of Catawba Valley program will be presented by Cassandra Rising, an Executive Committee member of the Catawba Community Collaborative and a Family Recruitment Specialist, Children's Home Society.

There is a critical need throughout our nation to care for our children who find themselves without a home. North Carolina alone has a 23% reduction in the number of licensed foster families.

Cassandra will present information about the Children's Home Society of NC, services are offered to support, strengthen, and grow families, how to become a foster parent, and ways folks can support foster families in their local communities.

Please plan to attend this informative program. Hope to see you **September 13th** at 10:30 a.m. at the Hickory Regional Airport.

Lunch Out Chair: Denise Hogestyn denise14526@gmail.com

Please join us for lunch at Kick Back Jacks at 11:30 a.m. **Thursday, September 14th** at 1187 Lenoir Rhyne Blvd SE Hickory. They have a great menu and there is plenty of parking for all. I hope to see everyone there.



Members Helping Members Chair: Sandi Johnson ncvalegirl@gmail.com



The focus of this support group within Newcomers is to coordinate assistance for members and their immediate families who might need help due to any illness, surgery, hospitalization, death, etc. We can schedule meals for a group of people as well.

As you may know, our President, Adra needs our help. She is looking for companionship, transportation, and some meals. I have set up a plan for her. Please check out this link and sign up or contact me and leave a message. The meal plan is under Adra, and the password is Adra. **Please right click on the link below and pick open hyperlink.** When you click on it, it should bring you directly to Adra's plan.

<https://takethemameal.com/HEBM6792>

New Members and Returning Members

Nicole Carswell from WI
Missy Bucy from MA
Jennifer Wick from WA
Toni Lefler from FL



**August
Dinner Out - 1**

Samba Day Chair: Shari Kidd Kidd915sl@gmail.com



Samba Day is the Second Tuesday of each month. Lunch 11:30a.m. and Samba begins at noon on **Tuesday, September 12th**. Please be considerate of other players and arrive on time. Lunch is \$11.00 per person. Beverages include Water and Tea. We are required to pay the caterer for each meal ordered. If you make a reservation and do not cancel before the deadline 6:00p.m. **Sunday, September 10th**, you must still pay the charge. Games and Beverages are ONLY \$5.00 per person. DESSERTS: players with last names ending in A- N may bring a dessert to share with players. **Samba will be the only game played and there 'Will Not' be a learning table.**

Shooting Chair: Vince LeGrand legravin@gmail.com

I am working with the Springs Road Gun Club in Hickory to schedule one evening and one afternoon each month for a Newcomers shooting session. More details will follow in an email to all members.

Samba Night Chair: Kathy Rozea krr510@yahoo.com

Samba is played at the Hickory Regional Airport on the 4th Thursday Evening each month. Our next Evening Samba is **Thursday, September 28th** Please arrive about 5:15p.m. for registration.

Dinner starts at 5:30p.m. and SAMBA starts promptly at 6:00p.m. The menu will be posted with the Sign-up notice. 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 per person. All members, men, and women, are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact me if you need additional information.

Special Event Committee News:

Thursday, September 7th – Special Events Committee Meeting, 10:00 A.M. – Noon at the Patrick Beaver Library upstairs Conference Room. Bring your ideas and calendars! Lots of exciting activities and events coming up that you can be part of!

Friday, September 8th - Beer & Wine Tasting, 6:00-8:00 P.M. at Lowe's Grocery Store in Viewmont (behind Backstreets Restaurant). Bring or buy a snack and enjoy a flight of beer/ale/cider/stout/porter, or a glass of wine!



Tuesday, September 26th – Trip to Fort Dobbs in Statesville, NC. (See below for description of the fort.) We will plan to park in the covered Belk's parking lot at Valley Hills Mall and carpool to the fort. We will leave promptly at 9:00 A.M. so we will arrive in time for the 9:45 A.M. tour. The cost for the tour is \$2 per person. After the tour we will be going to Sorrento's Pizzeria and Italian Restaurant in Statesville for lunch. Return around 3:00 P.M. to the Belk's parking lot. Watch for sign-up details soon! "Fort Dobbs was an 18th-century fort used for frontier defense during and after the French and Indian War to protect the American settlers of the western portion of what was then Rowan County. It served as a vital outpost for soldiers, traders, and colonial officials. Fort Dobbs's primary structure was by 1761, a palisade. It was intended to provide protection from French-allied Native Americans such as the Shawnee and Delaware, and French raids into North Carolina.

Sunday, October 1st – "Liberty Mountain: The Revolutionary Drama" in Kings Mountain, NC. This is a play about the American Revolution. (See description below and go to LibertyMountainDrama.com for more info.) We will be attending a matinee, which begins at 3:00 P.M. Those who wish to carpool will meet at Rose's Discount Store parking lot by 1:45 P.M. as this will be about a 45-minute drive. Amy Chizen is purchasing a row of tickets

(Center section, 12 seats per row) and you will pay her \$27 per ticket. Please email Amy at chizenamy@gmail.com to make your reservation. Also indicate if you would be willing to be a driver. After the play, we will be going to The Hickory Tavern in Gastonia for dinner. Please indicate on your email reservation if you will be joining us for dinner. "From the pen of playwright and novelist Robert Inman comes the compelling historical drama Liberty Mountain, the story of the hardy, resourceful people who settled the Carolinas and their crucial role in the winning of American Independence. The immersive production features larger-than-life battle scenes, cutting edge special effects, and handcrafted costume pieces that will transport you back to the Revolution."

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. More on this to follow in the next newsletter.



August Dinner Out - 2

5th Friday Crafts

Friday, September 29th

2:30pm – 4:00pm or 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Acrylic Pour



Have you ever dreamed of creating beautiful art, even if you don't feel particularly artistic? This is the beginner class for you! Everyone walks away with 2 "fluid art" pieces that are stunning. You'll let the paint do its work while you swirl the canvas creating a one-of-a-kind image. No brush strokes, no drawing, no perspective, just FUN and

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- Choice of afternoon or evening class
- \$45.00/person, paid in advance



You'll want to reserve your spot now as "Studio Bev" is very cozy, with limited space.

Questions? Contact Jon at: 214.762.6919 or jaydeekay59@gmail.com

Please make check out to Jon Kiser (not NCCV) and mail it to:

Jon Kiser @ 39 Lake Point Cir E, Taylorsville, NC 28681

Be sure to indicate your 1st & 2nd choice of class time. Payment must be received by August 26th. No refunds after September 15th.

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Coffee & Conversation	Sheri Binning
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Items of Interest	Bob Jones
Hospitality	Sharon Snellings
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Publicity	* * * * * Position Available * * * * *
Rummikub and Games	Debbie Hindman
Samba Day	Shari Kidd
Samba and Games Night	Kathy Rozea
Shooting	Vince LeGrand
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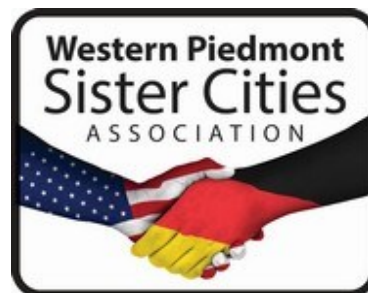
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9.14 Adra Kryszczuk
9.14 Therese Winslow
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