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Sandi Johnson, Editor



The Voice

Newcomers of Catawba Valley Newsletter
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President's Column

Holiday greetings!

As I said last month, where has the time gone? Here it is December already!! The club's float was terrific in the city's annual Christmas parade on November 17th. We were number 93 out of 103 floats. I rode in the car and helped keep the walkers supplied with candy, so I didn't get to see all the floats, but I sure saw lots of Newcomers as we rode by! Thanks to everyone who helped and came out to support.

The next general meeting will be on Wednesday, December 13th at 10:30 a.m. at Hickory Airport. As last year, we'll be having a sing-along (featuring a special guest!) and a cookie exchange. Please join us to herald the Christmas season. Bring cookies to share and plan to take some home with you. Speaking of the general meeting, now is the time that we vote on the roster created by the nominating committee to serve from February 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025. The candidates are:



President –
Vice President –
Treasurer –
Secretary –
Past President –
Directors:

Amy Chizen
Paul Neilsen
Sonya Reid
Sharon Snellings
Adra Kryszczuk
Nancy Geiger, Roxanne Hibbs,
Patti Ramsey and Michelle Tompkins.

All voting is in person, one vote per person. Please remember that write-in candidates are accepted. Looking forward to seeing lots of you at the meeting! **Please note: There is a need for four volunteers: One to take over the Charities program for the club, one to handle the monthly meeting Programs, one to create the newsletter and one to handle Publicity.**

Save the date! Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 13, 2024**. This is the date of the annual Winter Extravaganza. Your social committee has been hard at work setting up a major event. Full details will be available at the December general meeting – another reason to be there! Please read through the entire newsletter to know what's on tap for Newcomers as the year ends. Fun activities are scheduled.

Hope to see you around!

Adra

**We are saddened to share with you –
the passing of a beloved member:**



Carole Reising passed away on Thursday, November 23rd. Carole had been dealing with liver cancer for the past year. There will be a private interment and an online memorial service. Cards for the family can be mailed to:

Dennis Reising * 5208 Peninsula Drive * Granite Falls NC 28630

Obituary:

Carole Lynne Reising, 78, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away Thursday, November 23, 2023. Born September 19, 1945, she was the daughter of the late Oscar and Dorothy Rorebeck of Shenandoah, IA. She graduated from Shenandoah High School in 1963. She married her college sweetheart, Dennis Reising with whom she raised three children. Her extensive education and professional experiences in the accounting, nursing, and management information systems areas culminated in her more than 20 years career with Bon Secours Health System.

Retirement opened opportunities for new adventures. She enjoyed traveling, playing bridge, and serving others through her volunteer work at the Pregnancy Care Center and leading her neighborhood Christmas program supporting local teens in need.

Carole is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 57 years, Dennis; children Lisa Kish (Charlie) of Chesterfield, VA, Julie Sahlin (Nathan Wegener) of Kansas City, MO and David Reising (Vickie) of Granite Falls, NC; grandchildren Jonathan and Trevor Sahlin, Tatum and Mason Reising, and Nathan and Abigail Kish; great-grandchildren Amora and Jordan Sahlin; sisters Joanne Alba of Omaha, NE, Sharon Fichter of Tabor, IA, and Karen Lane (Dave) of Shenandoah, IA; and many nieces and nephews. She will be dearly missed by her family and large circle of friends.

Family and friends are invited to view the virtual memorial service at this link:
<https://vimeo.com/888071106/3351d0d14e>

Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your local Pregnancy Care Center.



Slate of Officers

Below is a list of the candidates running for office for 2024-2025. All these positions will include a place for write-in votes on the ballot. Voting will take place at the December 13th General Meeting. The meeting will be at Hickory Airport from 10:30-11:30 AM. The only way you can vote is to be at the meeting. Besides the elected officers of the club, we are looking for several people to volunteer for some of the other very important tasks that keep our club humming. You will find this list below the Officers list. Just as a reminder, the Directors are also able to take on one of these other positions. Please consider helping!

President – Amy Chizen
Vice President – Paul Nielsen
Secretary – Sharon Snellings
Treasurer – Sonya Reid
Directors: Nancy Geiger, Roxanne Hibbs, Patti Ramsey, Michelle Tompkins

Publicity Chair – Responsible for putting a monthly notice on the Nextdoor and Facebook websites announcing the meetings and speakers; make sure we have business cards printed and any other handouts or signs; occasionally sending notes to the Hickory Record newspaper.

Newsletter Editor – Responsible for collecting and editing articles from the committee heads and officers each month and creating and publishing, via our email, The Voice.

Program Director – Responsible for lining up the speakers for our General Meetings; some of the “speakers” could include a visit to a business or school in the Catawba Valley that would be of interest to our members.



Charity Chair – We sponsor four charities, each for one quarter of the year, with the fourth quarter always being Toys for Tots. This Chair is responsible for contacting the charities and determining what their needs are and getting that message out to our members. They would also line up a speaker from the charity for the evening meeting the first month of every quarter. All donations to the charity are taken by the Chair, or a designated alternate, to the charity site each month. This Chair would be the contact point for our quarterly charities.

These are all important jobs that your fellow members have been taking care of, sometimes for years. We thank all our previous Chairs and Coordinators for the great job they have done for us over the years! Think about our club without these peoples’ help! We would not be as strong or active without them. Please think about stepping up and taking on a position to keep our club running smoothly.

Please consider taking on a position to help
keep this club going.
Your help is most appreciated by all.

General Meeting: Kathy Keuhn kecen325@yahoo.com

Thank you all for your participation in filling out the questionnaire I gave you at this past November meeting. The results have provided a great resource for planning upcoming programs for 2023-24. The contact information provided I especially appreciate. Scheduling becomes super easy!! A huge help. Always feel free to pass on all program ideas! We love receiving them.



December 13th Newcomers program we will be entertained by one of our very own members, Renee' Barnette. Renee' has numerous artistic gifts, one being her angelic voice which she will share with us this upcoming December meeting. I would not be surprised many of you are well acquainted with Renee's beautiful voice. She is the lead soloist with the Euphoria Entertainment band. Euphoria is a well sought after group of talented musicians who perform throughout the area and well beyond.

As promised and requested, we will again follow up Renee's performance with a short- n-sweet Sing-Along. Plan to be entertained and join in with Renee' this upcoming **December 13th** Newcomers general meeting. Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Hope to see you soon!

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

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on **Wednesday, January 24th, 2024**, at 1:30 PM at the Women's Resource Center in Hickory. 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 will be celebrating our Christmas party on **December 13th** at Amy Chizen's house following the December general meeting.

We are in the process of voting for our 2024 selections and a complete list for next year will appear in the January newsletter.

Bowling Chair: Vince LeGrand legravin@gmail.com

Pin Station in Newton is where we bowl every Wednesday (except around holidays) with the season concluding on March 27th, 2024. Bowlers of all abilities are welcome. If you have already contacted me, I have you in my roster and email distribution. If you haven't contacted me and want to bowl, contact me A.S.A.P. so I can include you in the roster.

Hopefully, y'all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The tryptophan from all that turkey should have worn off by now. That means it's time for Newcomers Bowling! Come on out on a Wednesday evening for some bowling.

Bridge Chair: Pett Brands pettway163@gmail.com



I have taken over the coordination of Newcomers bridge from Gloria Berg. A big shoutout of thanks to Gloria for keeping us straight! I hope I can do as well as she did the last 10 years! I will send out the schedule for 2024 and contact lists mid-December after I can verify all phone numbers and email addresses. Please notify me of changes.

We will have our annual holiday gathering on December 4 at 2 pm at St. Albans church, across the street from Jenkins School on route 127. I hope you can all make it! I will order fried chicken. I am asking for food donations in the following order by last name: A and B - bring appetizers/snacks: C through P - bring side dishes R - Z - bring desserts.

Please let me know if you plan to come by Thursday, November 30 so I can establish the Number of players, how many subs I will need to make tables of 4 and if I need to tweak the breakdown of dishes to bring. I have had lots of offers of help from fellow members so I think we can pull this off. I look forward to seeing you all, particularly to meeting some of the subs I have not met.

Chatty Crafters Chair: Millie Kaufman mkauf188@bellsouth.net

Friday December 1st and 15th at 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Oh Boy, December already! If you missed November, you missed learning how to make pompoms. We are a creative group and full of surprises. Bring whatever craft with you that you are working on knitting, crochet, needlework, jewelry-making, etc. The host will provide coffee, tea, and water. The group is open to everyone on a come when you can basis. Join us for conversation and crafting. This month our host is Amy Chizen at 722 14th Avenue NW, Hickory, NC. Please let Amy know if you can attend so she can set up enough chairs. Her email is chizenamy@gmail.com and her text is 860-428-6786.

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

Because of the holidays we will not be meeting in November or December.
See you Next Year.

Charity Chair: Nancy Geiger ng0425@gmail.com



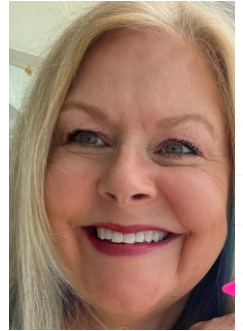
Thanks to all who donated toys for our 4th Quarter Charity – Toys for Tots. I know there will be a lot of happy children at Christmas because of you!

We've chosen our charity for the 1st Quarter of 2024. Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry. (GHCCM). There have been some major changes there in the past year and their executive director, Molly Sain, will

Speak at our January 10th General Meeting about the organization, the changes and how we can support them. *Note please that this is a night meeting at the airport. 7:30 P.M.

Games Chair: Debbie Hindman Debbiehindman2022@gmail.com

Thanks to all who showed interest. I guess it is the time change and many don't like driving at night. December will not be held because of the holidays and family time. Maybe in January we can do a Sunday Afternoon? Let me know if this is of interest. To use the airport, we need 20 people to play at \$5 each for the room rental.



Garden Guru's Co Chairs: Rob Herman/Cindy Zook



We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to meeting next year with some great events.



Dinner Out Chair: Denise Hogestyn denise14526@gmail.com

I have made reservations at SandBar Marina on **December 14 at 5:30p.m.** They can only accommodate 30 people so you must let me know ahead of time. Please R.S.V.P. to me by Sunday December 10th at 6:00p.m. SandBar Marine is at 3210 Rink Dam RD, Taylorsville NC 28681 @5:30p.m. There is plenty of parking for everyone. Hope to see you all there. If you like chicken wings they are the best.





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.

Please volunteer to help with any daily activity you would like to do. We need to create a list of people we can call when an emergency arises.

Welcome our newest members:
Tom Scott from NY
Barbara Curtis FL

Samba Day Chair: Shari Kidd Kidd915sl@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTICE THE LOCATION CHANGE!!!



Samba Day is the Second Tuesday of each month. Lunch 11:30a.m. and Samba begins at noon on **Tuesday, December 12th**. Samba will be the only game played and there 'Will Not' be a learning table.

We are changing things up a bit because there have been complaints about the food choices and the cost at the airport. Starting on the **second** Tuesday of December, we are going to try playing Samba in the back room at Bob Evans Restaurant at 2330 15th Ave SE, Hickory, 28602. They are located near Sam's Club. PLEASE R.S.V.P. to me by Sunday, December 9th at 6:00p.m. so that I can make the reservations for the room.

Players who want to eat lunch should get there between 11:00 and 11:30a.m., so there will be enough time to finish eating by 12:30 for the game to start, or, of course, could eat after playing. ***Because they are allowing us to play for free, everyone should buy at least a drink or dessert from the restaurant. There will be no other fee involved; however, there will still be a kitty for those who wish to chip in.*** Join in and let's see how it goes!



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. Please arrive about 5:15p.m. for registration. **Thursday December 28th** is Samba night. Dinner starts at 5:30p.m. and SAMBA starts promptly at 6:00p.m. The menu will be posted. We offer cards and dinner for \$11 per person or cards only (no dinner) for \$5 per person. Sweet and Unsweet Tea is available to all players. We encourage players to suggest any dinner selections that they would like to see offered at future Evening Samba Nights.

We regularly also offer a learning table for members who would like to learn how to play or to brush up on their skills. All Newcomers, are welcome. Please contact Kathy Rozea at krr510@yahoo.com, if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Shooting Chair: Vince LeGrand legravin@gmail.com

Newcomers Shooting has returned! There are 2 shooting sessions per month. On the second Tuesday of each month there will be an evening shooting session at 6:30p.m. There will be an afternoon shooting session on the fourth Thursday of each month at 12 noon. Shooting sessions are held at the Springs Road Gun Club in Hickory. Memberships are available, but you do not have to be a member to participate.

Shooter of all abilities are welcome. Please contact Vince LeGrand (legravin@gmail.com) if you have any questions. If you have already contacted me, I have you in my roster and email distribution. If you haven't contacted me and want to shoot, please contact me A.S.A.P. so I can include you in the roster.



Special Event Committee News: Amy Chizen Chizenamy@gmail.com



Upcoming Activities and Events

We will have a Special Events Meeting on Friday, **December 1st** from 1:30-2:30 at my house (722 14th Ave NW, Hickory). We need to look at January and February activities.

December 8th – Beer & Wine Tasting at Lowe's Beer Den 6:00M–8:00 PM
Bring/buy a snack.

Plans are in the works for our **Annual Holiday Party**, so save the date of **Saturday, January 13, 2024!** Look for details and sign-up in this Newsletter and in your email!



Pictures of the float in the parade:



December Birthdays

Date Name

12.02 Roseanne Bray	12.17 Millie Kaufman
12.08 Judy Ward	12.17 Evon Repaire
12.01 Carol Parker	12.19 Kimberly Daly
12.12 Chris Beckom	12.19 Denise Hogestyn
12.13 Scott Hibbs	12.21 Kathy Durand
12.14 Dale Pfingst	12.21 Joe Paussa
12.14 Amy Chizen	12.22 Ken Feldman
12.14 John Jonkhoff	12.23 Patti Ramsey
12.15 Pam Wagoner	12.24 Evie Gibson
12.15 Albert Derocher	12.24 Beth Bramhall
12.15 Sharon Bennett	12.25 Revonda Wilson
12.15 Michelle Tompkins	12.26 Richard Czyzyk
12.16 Dennis Reising	12.30 Toni Lefler
12.16 Joan Lamanna	12.31 Karen Schafer



Newcomers Annual Magical Evening!

January 13, 2024

Our venue this year is the 160 year old Warehouse18 with industrial charm of vintage brick and wooden beams offset by the elegance of crystal chandeliers.

Indulge in an evening of elegance and entertainment with
"Chucky B" as our sensational DJ! ✨



Doors will open at 5:00 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Warehouse 18 is at
18 2nd Street SE, Hickory

This unforgettable evening will include:

- Roaming servers with 3 delectable appetizers
- Plated dinner of: Beef, Chicken, Seafood or Vegetarian with Salad, vegetable and dessert
- Incredible beats by DJ "Chucky B" who joins us from Charlotte
- Tailored Seating Assignments: Crafted for an enjoyable evening among Newcomer friends.
- Cash Bar with wine at \$7.00 and domestic Beer \$4.50 – Premium mixed drinks available

Come together with friends old and new. Revel in great food, captivating music, and delightful company.

TICKET INFORMATION~

Tickets will be sold until December 20, 2023. IF mailed, must be postmarked by December 20. Cash Payments will be accepted by Treasurer Sonya Reid at the December 13 General Meeting at the Airport. OR you can mail payments & meal choices to the address below. Due to required payments in advance to the suppliers there will be NO REFUNDS.

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Newcomers of Catawba Valley Annual Winter Dinner/Dance Reservation FORM

Maximum of 2 Members & 2 Guests on the same reservation Form to be seated together (Guests charge includes 2024 Annual Membership Fee)

DINNER CHOICES: All dinners include Mix Green Salad, Scalloped Potatoes, Roasted Broccoli and Blackberry Cobbler.

Ribeye Steak w/brandly demi-glace (**R**)

Chicken breast w/ creamy piccata, (**C**)

Roasted Salmon w/ Chimichurri (**S**)

Vegetarian Plate (**V**)

Member Name

Circle Food Choice

COST

R C S V \$40

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Guest Name

R C S V \$60

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Make Check out to NCV.

TOTAL

Mail to: NCV: 2425 N. Center Street #169 Hickory, NC 28601

Officers, Directors, Activity Chairs and Committees 2023 - 2024

Officers	Position as of July 1, 2023
Adra Kryszczuk	President
Debbie Hindman	Vice President
Sonya Reid	Treasurer
Sharon Snellings	Secretary
Cathi Montgomery	Past President
Directors	Nancy Geiger, Evie Gibson, Rob Herman, Kathy Rozea
Activity	Chair
Book Club	Laura Moran
Bowling	Vince LeGrand
Bridge	Gloria Berg/Pett Brands
Canasta and Games Daytime	Susan Reese
Charity Coordinator	Available
Chatty Crafters	Millie Kaufman
Coffee & Conversation	Sheri Binning
Events Committee	Cindy Zook & 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	Denise Hogestyn
Mahjongg	Elaine Knobloch
Membership	Debbie Hindman
Members Helping Members	Sandi Shear Johnson
Newsletter Editor	Available
Programs	Available
Publicity	Available
Rummikub and Games	Debbie Hindman
Samba Day	Shari Kidd
Samba and Games Night	Kathy Rozea
Shooting	Vince LeGrand
Sponsors	Kevin McCutcheon
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Webmaster Team	Lisa Raggio (calendar), Adra Kryszczuk (members), Greg Gervasio (site advisor)

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Newcomers of Catawba Valley **NEWEST** Sponsor



Springs Road Gun Club conveniently located in Hickory, NC offers an indoor shooting range and pro-shop. The range's origins date back to the mid-80s, and the range has served the greater Hickory area with quality marksmanship and threat defense techniques and training. Jack Simons bought the facility in 2005 and has grown the range to the high caliber business that it is to today. His gun range is

equipped with fourteen shooting lanes and electronic target placement from three yards all the way out to 25 yards. You can shoot most pistol calibers, shotguns, and an assortment of rifles. They have many popular guns available for rental.

The gun range is also approved and equipped for law enforcement qualifications. The range offers hourly rates, as well as monthly and yearly memberships. They have monthly firearm classes that include NRA training courses, North Carolina Concealed Handgun training courses, and they offer advanced level and instructor level training courses as well. A list of their services are listed below.

Indoor Shooting Range

- Firearm Classes
- Concealed Carry Certifications
- Private Instructions
- Gun Sales and Rentals
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- Springs Road Gun Club is Hickory's Premier Gun Range,
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Without the volunteers, there is no club.

*Please consider taking on
a role to help our club grow!*