MAY 2024



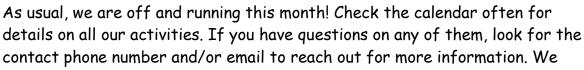
The Voice

Newcomers of Catawba Valley Newsletter 2425 North Center Street, #169, Hickory, NC 28601

newcomersofcv.org



Happy May! We didn't get many April showers, but boy, do we have May flowers! I think Spring is becoming my favorite season here. I hope you are enjoying all the flowers popping open in your neighborhood!





start out the month with the Kentucky Derby Party, which will be held at my house, $722\ 14^{th}$ Ave. NW, Hickory, on Saturday, May 4^{th} at $4:00\ PM$. Our theme this year is Cinco de Mayo, so don a sombrero and wear your bright colors to join the fun! The Voice is full of events, so get your calendar out and line it up with ours! Looking forward to playing Trivia this month and catching Tour of Destruction at the Hickory Speedway! Of course you don't want to miss our General Meeting on Wednesday, May 8^{th} at $10:30\ AM$, where we will hear what the Hickory Community Theatre is doing, and how you can help out. Wow! Better get my running shoes on!

Again this month we are asking for Lowe's Home Improvement Gift Cards for our charity, Habitat for Humanity of Caldwell County. Plus, bring your empty pill bottles to the Hickory Airport any time and put them in the box by our supply cabinets.

I would like to thank John and Jane Jonkhoff for organizing a Meet Up at the Hickory Speedway! They have arranged for us to meet at the Hickory Speedway on May 17^{th} at 6:00 PM to watch Tour of Destruction. What fun! To arrange a Meet Up, check our Calendar to see if the date is free of a special event. Sometimes regular events will overlap, but we try to avoid conflicts. Then, run your idea past me at chizenamy@gmail.com or Adra Kryszczuk at adraellen@yahoo.com so we are aware of it. Then send out a notice to all the members via email, as well as posting it on our Facebook page. Include the activity, date, time, and meeting place, if tickets are needed, where to get them and the cost. If you want an RSVP, include your preferred method to receive them. Meet Ups are simple to set up, so remember, you don't have go alone or miss an event when you are a Newcomer Member.

I missed seeing so many of you during April due to a very busy family month for me. I look forward to seeing many smiling faces during May to make up for that. I miss you guys!

Amy Chizen President

Committee Chairs Needed



Games Night - An opportunity to enjoy ANY game you choose other than Samba or Canasta. Chair is responsible for setting the date, time and location (usually the airport). A kitty will be provided.

Night Canasta - Set up date, time and location (usually the airport) for members to assemble for lunch and hand and foot canasta. A kitty will be provided.

MahJongg - Organize games at least once monthly at locations as agreed by participants.

Dominoes - Set up date, time and location (usually the airport) for members to assemble to play games. A kitty will be provided.

Members Helping Members - Coordinate assistance for Newcomer members and their immediate families who might need help.

Shooting - Organize shooting sessions at the Springs Road Gun Club in Hickory.

Please consider taking on one of these activities. Your help will benefit all members!

General Meeting:



The next General Meeting is **Wednesday**, **May 8**th at 10:30 AM. Our speaker will be John Rambo. He has been the Managing Director of the Hickory Community Theatre since September of 2005 (almost 19 years). He came to Hickory from Sacramento, CA but he was born in Oregon and raised in Colorado. He got involved in community theatre when he was 14 and loves having the opportunity to make it a career. He'll be talking about



the history of HCT, the season reveal party on May 9th, etc. and opportunities for volunteering.

Events Hotline / Save this number: 828-544-1929



The Newcomers Club has a voicemail where you can check the status of an event, if you are concerned about a delay or cancellation due to weather. No emails will be sent out to the entire Club regarding weather related delays or cancellations.

Any decisions regarding delays or cancellations will be

updated on the voicemail 2 hours prior to the start time for the event.

This voicemail will not be monitored. Please do not leave messages. If you have any questions about a specific event, contact the Event Coordinator directly.

Beer Tasting Chair: Karlene Patrick karlene.patrick@yahoo.com



Next Beer Den Gathering is Friday, May 10th at Lowes Foods by Backstreets, 6:00-8:00 PM.

Bring a Snack to share if you want!

Look forward to seeing you there.



Bowling Chair: Michelle Tompkins ma.tompkins@hotmail.com



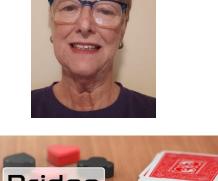
The 2024-2025 season will start around the beginning of October at Pin Station in Newton. Please contact the new chair, Michelle Tompkins if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Bridge Chair: Pett Brands pettway163@gmail.com

May Hosts				
1 st Wednesday	May 1	Gloria Berg		
1 st Monday	May 6	Gloria Berg		
2 nd Monday	May 13	Addie Mc Sherley		
3 rd Wednesday	May 15	Carol Parker		
3 rd Monday	May 20	Carolyn Eanes		

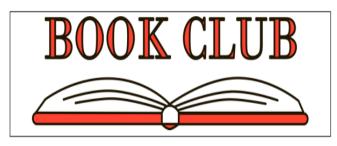


1 ^{s†} Monday	June 3	Pett Brands
1st Wednesday	June 5	Susan Perkins
2 nd Monday	June 10	Vicki Mullins
3 rd Monday	June 17	Karen Schafer
3 rd Wednesday	June 19	Helen Woodyard



Please remember to let me know of any schedule changes!

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



The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd 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 for discussion in May will be The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner:

Hidden in the depths of eighteenth-century London, a secret apothecary shop caters to an unusual kind of clientele. Women across the city whisper of a mysterious figure named Nella who sells well-disguised poisons to use against the oppressive men in their lives. But the apothecary's fate is jeopardized when her newest patron, a precocious twelve-year-old, makes a fatal mistake, sparking a string of consequences that echo through the centuries.

Meanwhile in present-day London, aspiring historian Caroline Parcewell spends her tenth wedding anniversary alone, running from her own demons. When she stumbles upon a clue to the unsolved apothecary murders that haunted London two hundred years ago, her life collides with the apothecary's in a stunning twist of fate—and not everyone will survive.

With crackling suspense, unforgettable characters and searing insight, The Lost Apothecary is a subversive and intoxicating debut novel of secrets, vengeance and the remarkable ways women can save each other despite the barrier of time.

The remaining books for 2024 are:

July 24 - Woman 99 by Greer Macallister

Sept 25 - The Last Carolina Girl by Meagan Church

Nov 20 - Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

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



Coffee and Conversation will be the last Friday of the month on May 31st at Sheetz, near Hobby Lobby (2191 13th Ave Drive SE, Hickory, NC 28602) at 2:00 PM. If there is a Sheetz with better seating, maybe someone could let me know. Sheetz has a wide menu and coffee drinks and desserts. https://www.sheetz.com/food

Chatty Crafters Chair: Millie Kaufman mkauf188@bellsouth.net



Friday May 3rd and 17th CHATTY CRAFTERS 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This is an open group and anyone is welcome to attend whenever they are available. Bring your craft with you to work on: knitting, crochet, needlework, jewelry-making,

whatever, or just come to visit (that's the best part). We crafters are always ready to work on our latest project! So, gather up your project and join us for conversation and camaraderie. Our hostess this month is Amy Chizen. Please let her know if you can attend so she can have chairs out for everyone. Our hostess will provide coffee, tea, and water. Text Amy at 860-428-6786 or by email chizenamy@gmail.com. Her address is 722 14th Avenue NW, Hickory, NC 28601. Questions? Contact Millie Kaufman by email at makeuf188@bellsouth.net.

Lunch/Dinner Out Chair: Denise Hogestyn denise14526@gmail.com



Lunch out will be held on **Thursday**, **May 9**th at 11:30 AM at Fresh Chef Restaurant, 1825 N Center Street, Hickory. I enjoy seeing all of you. Hope you can make it.

Contact me to RSVP at denise14526@gmail.com

Here's a link to the menu: https://www.freshchefkitchen.com/our-menus-list



Newcomers Dinner / Trivia

Hickory Tavern
2982 N Center St, Hickory
Tuesday, May 21st
5:30 PM Dinner / 7:00 PM Trivia
We are trying something new!
We will eat dinner together and





then play Trivia. Trivia is general trivia - no specific categories. Valerie Carpenter, a Newcomers member, will be the Trivia hostess. Please confirm your attendance by emailing ncvtreasurer@gmail.com (Sonya Reid) by Monday, May 20th by noon. We will be playing in teams, so don't worry about knowing all the answers. Come join us!

Hiking: Sonya & David Reid



Newcomers "Scenic Strides" Hike

Friday, May 17th at 2:30 PM

Hike Address: 1149 Lake Rhodhiss Dr NE, Valdese, NC 28690 Come join David and Sonya for a hike at **Valdese Lakeside Park**. Meeting location will be Restrooms beside the Park Map. Parking lot is a gravel parking lot next to the Dog Park.

We will be there by 2:15 pm. Hike starts at 2:30 pm.

Hike will be around 4 miles (easy to moderate).

No sign-up needed. Don't forget your water and snacks.

Watch for an email the week before the hike with more details.

If you are concerned about the weather, call the NCV Events Hotline for any updates at 828-544-1929. Any changes (delays or cancellations) will be announced on the hotline by 12:30 PM.

Publicity Chair: Jon Kiser jaydeekay59@gmail.com



Newcomers Club of Catawba Valley - a Social Club

Private group - 18 members

Our Newcomers Facebook group is live! Many of you already joined from the link I sent out last month. If you have not joined but would like to, please let me know and I'll send you the invitation: jaydeekay59@gmail.com

As a reminder, the Facebook group is considered an extra tool for us to communicate and to build awareness of Newcomers to the Facebook community. Our website (https://newcomersofcv.org/) and our group email remain the primary means of information about our organization. Consider using the Facebook page as another reminder of small group meetups that fall

outside of the scope of our Special Events. It's also a good place to communicate with other FB members on a personal level, such as posting a photo from a recent get-together.

Our Facebook group has already generated interest from non-members. I'm sending them the

Our Facebook group has already generated interest from non-members. I'm sending them the application and will add them once they've joined. It has proven to be an effective way of outreach. I'm open to feedback and suggestions that you may have!

Events Co-Chairs: Cindy Zook / Jon Kiser

The Special Events Committee has been actively planning special events for all of you to enjoy! Please mark your calendars for the following:



<u>Saturday</u>, <u>June</u> 1st - Our annual <u>Lake Party</u> will be held at Cathi and John Montgomery's house - 6181 Plantation Pointe Drive, Granite Falls. You don't miss this fun event! See info on <u>PAGE</u> 10 for details.

<u>Hickory Motor Speedway Meetup</u> - Jane and John Jonkhoff have organized a meetup for **Friday**, **May 17**th. They will meet you in front of the ticket booth at 6:00 PM. You can purchase



tickets in advance from https://www.tourofdestruction.com. They highly recommend you go to that website in advance to learn what types of races are scheduled for that evening and to learn the rules. Ear protection is recommended and is available to rent from the Speedway if you don't have your own. You are not allowed to bring coolers or chairs inside, but stadium seats or blankets are good to sit on. They tell me this event is lots of fun!



May 31st - Sip & Paint Party at Shadow Line Winery

Fellow member, Crystal Rice, owner of Create Art and Memories, will provide all the materials and step by step instructions to paint a beautiful canvas that evening. You will choose a design from two different choices. Please watch your emails for the flyer and sign-up instructions. Seating is limited so you won't want to delay!

If you have any suggestions for other activities, please let us know. Our next committee meeting is at Cathi Montgomery's on **Tuesday**, **May 21^{st}**, 10:00 AM.

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



Looking for someone to take over this position for everyone in the club. If someone needs your help, they will reach out. I'd be happy to tell anyone how to get and set up the food website for that situation.

It's a way to get involved and yet there's not much you have to do. Please let me know if you're interested in taking over.



Charity Co-Chairs: Linda Zacharenko willin1228@hotmail.com

Marje Wells marjewells8@gmail.com



At our last meeting we introduced Habitat for Humanity Caldwell County as our second quarter charity. At the moment they are building a 10 home subdivision and are hoping to get some volunteers from our club to help. Watch your email for dates and time. Please let either Linda at willin1228@hotmail.com or

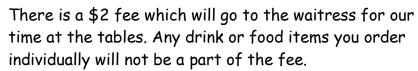


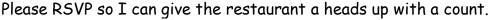
Marje at marjewells8@gmail.com know if you are interested. Also we will

be collecting gift cards from Lowe's Home Improvement or cash/check donations at our meeting on May 8th, which will be used to purchase building supplies.

Rummikub Chair: Maureen Morgan mjmsdesk@gmail.com

There will only be one Rummikub Game Event for the month of May; Sunday, May 5th at Bob Evans from 2:00 PM - 4:00PM.





The Third Thursday Rummikub Games on May 16th are cancelled.

Thank you for those who bring their games to share. It is very much appreciated. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at <u>mjmsdesk@gmail.com</u>.

Fifth Friday Crafts!



Fifth Friday Crafts - May 31st, 10 AM to noon at the Hickory Regional Airport. Join this crafty group as Barbara Curtis teaches us to make ornamental balls from greeting cards, ornamental papers and/or wallpaper stock. The fun will begin at 10 AM and runs until noon. \$3.00 per person includes all supplies. Please bring your own paper scissors and something to drink. R.S.V.P. to Adra Kryszczuk at adraellen@yahoo.com so we'll know how many chairs to set up.

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



Winghaven Garden & Bird Sanctuary







Located in the heart of Charlotte, North Carolina, Wing Haven provides a natural oasis for reflection and study of its three public gardens. Wing Haven Garden & Bird Sanctuary is rich in Southern horticulture and a habitat for birds and wildlife. The Elizabeth Lawrence House & Garden is the site of a world-renowned garden writer's living laboratory. The Student Environmental Education and Discovery (SEED) Wildlife & Children's Garden provides hands-on exploratory learning and a natural habitat for local wildlife. Together, these gardens welcome visitors of all ages to discover and learn.

Wing Haven Garden & Bird Sanctuary has been a special part of Charlotte since its creation by Elizabeth and Edwin O. "Eddie" Clarkson in 1927. Nestled in a quiet residential neighborhood just three miles from Charlotte's bustling center city, it's hard to imagine this was once a wide-open field of red clay. Between 1927 and 1937, Eddie Clarkson purchased a total of eleven parcels as they could be afforded, and the gardens grew to nearly three acres.

The Garden

The Clarksons skillfully designed their gardens with beauty and birds in mind. Throughout, plantings offer interest in all seasons as well as cover, nesting sites, and food for feathered friends. Pools, fountains, and numerous birdbaths provide fresh water. There are formal areas, an herb garden, and woodlands with meandering paths. The gardens are enclosed on all sides by brick walls, and brick paths anchor vistas throughout. Building the walls and paths was slow-going. Over many years, on anniversaries, birthdays, or any old occasion, the Clarksons gifted each other with a thousand bricks at a time (350,000 bricks in total) to complete their vision. Plaques and statuary, integrated into the garden walls and paths, were carefully chosen over 44 years by Elizabeth Clarkson, and reflect the spirit, beauty, dedication, and passion of Wing Haven and its creators.

We have the opportunity to tour these lovely gardens and bird sanctuary on **Tuesday**, **June 4th**, from 10:00 until 12:00 noon. Cost for the tour is only \$15 and we have a limit of 30 members. Groups of 10 -15 will be lead on the tour by a docent. We would carpool from the airport parking lot that day and would go to lunch afterward. There is also an opportunity for anyone who wishes to go on their own to the Duke Inn, which is nearby and tour their gardens in the afternoon.

If you want to go on this tour you must do the following: Contact Cindy Zook at cindyzook@horizontech.com or text or phone her at 336-592-0222. Once you have made a reservation, you will need to send her a \$15 check made payable to: Winghaven Gardens. DO NOT SEND HER CHECKS BLINDLY! YOU MUST MAKE A RESERVATION FIRST BECAUSE WE CAN ONLY TAKE 30 PEOPLE! A waitlist will be maintained.

Newcomers of Catawba Valley Annual Lake Picnic

Saturday, June 1st, 4:00 pm

Home of Cathi & John Montgomery

6181 Plantation Point Dr

Granite Falls, NC

The club will provide fried chicken, tea, water and... s'mores!



You will bring:

- A folding chair
- BYOB
- Swimsuit/towel if

you want to wade in the lake.

- Side dish or dessert. Please use the link below to sign up by May 26th. Link will be available 5/4.
- https://www.signupgenius.com/
- The sign-up link will serve as your RSVP.





- Carpooling recommended.
- Please arrange boat arrivals in advance
- This is a no cost event open to NCV members only.

Games

- Corn Hole
- Ladder Toss
- Table boat races



Please call the Special Event Hotline for delay or cancellation notifications.

~ 828.544.1929 ~

You will hear a recorded message from an unattended service. No message means the party is on!

Canasta and Game Day Chair: Adra Kryszczuk adraellen@yahoo.com





Canasta and Game Day, Tuesday, May 28th, 2024, 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Join us at the Hickory Airport for canasta, cribbage, dominoes, euchre, pinochle, mah jongg or other games suggested by members. SAMBA IS NOT OFFERED AT GAMES DAY. Canasta players will be assigned to tables on a first-come, first-play basis. I will confirm your request to play, as we fill up

tables of four. Players should plan to arrive by 11:00 AM to have lunch on your own at Wingz Grill. Some games will have a \$1 kitty/pot. All games will begin at noon. Bring or purchase your own beverages. Members may choose to bring a snack/dessert to share if they desire. R.S.V.P. with your choice of game no later than 10:00 AM Sunday, May 26th to Adra Kryszczuk, adraellen@yahoo.com.

Samba Day Chair: Dianne Straley dfwhit@gmail.com



Join us for three rounds of Samba on **Tuesday**, **May 14th**, at the rear room of Bob Evans restaurant, 2330 15th Ave. SE, Hickory, off McDonald Parkway.

We start play at noon, so please come in plenty of time to order and eat lunch.

Samba is a card game similar to hand-and-foot canasta, but a bit tougher. Lots of fun.

Please bring \$1 as an extra tip for our waitress. We have an optional \$2

kitty if you are interested. The deadline to sign up is noon on Monday, May 13th. Contact Dianne Straley, <u>dfwhit@gmail.com</u> or 828 308-4282.

Samba Night Chair: Kathy Rozea krr510@yahoo.com



MAY SAMBA Night is **Thursday**, **May 23rd**, **2024** at the Hickory Airport. Dinner starts at 5:30 PM and SAMBA starts at 6:00 PM. Dinner and SAMBA costs \$11 per person or you can enjoy just drinks and SAMBA for \$5 per person.

We offer a learning table for those who want to learn or simply brush up on their skills. All Newcomer members are welcome. Please contact Kathy Rozea for more information: krr510@yahoo.com or call 828-495-7939.



5.01	Janis Goonan	5.20	Amy Presley
5.03	Ann Czyzyk	5.23	Steven Hill
5.09	Wilma Dulla	5.25	Teeky Kenny
5.09	Audrey Brendle	5.26	Ronald Binning
5.12	Anna Murawski	5.27	Bonnie Kelly
5.13	Karlene Patrick	5.27	Amber Holland
5.16	Jyotika Patel	5.28	Karen Mills
5.16	William Hill	5.30	Barbara Curtis
5.18	Roxanne Hibbs	5.30	Suzy Caldwell



Harry Beck from IL
Audrey Brendle from NC
Susanne Gannon from VA
Lisa and Joshua Gonzalez from CA
David Holland from NC
Yash Patel from MN
Patrick Keefe from FL
Melanie Peters from VA
Robert Slater from OR
Christine and Andrew Weishar from NC

Officers, Directors, Activity Chairs and Committees 2024 - 2025

Officers	Position
Amy Chizen	President
Paul Nielsen	Vice President
Sonya Reid	Treasurer
Sharon Snellings	Secretary
Adra Kryszczuk	Past President
Directors	Nancy Geiger, Roxanne Hibbs, Patti Ramsey, Michelle Tompkins
Activity	Chair
Beer Tastings	Karlene Patrick
Book Club	Laura Moran
Bowling	Michelle Tompkins
Bridge	Pett Brands
Canasta and Games Day	Adra Kryszczuk
Canasta and Games Night	***** Position Available *****
Charity Coordinator	Marje Wells & Linda Zacharenko (co-chairs)
Chatty Crafters	Millie Kaufman
Coffee & Conversation	Sheri Binning
Dominoes	***** Position Available *****
Events Committee	Cindy Zook & Jon Kiser (co-chairs), Debbie Beck, Amy Chizen, Kathy Eichelberger, Evie Gibson, Tina Hollar, Susan Keefe, Adra Kryszczuk, Cathi Montgomery, Karlene Patrick, Kathy Patrick, Patti Ramsey, Dawn Ross, Melodee Slater, Kay Wynter
Garden Gurus	Rob Herman & Cindy Zook (co-chairs)
Hiking	Sonya & David Reid
Hospitality	Linda DeGraw (mornings), Sharon Snellings (evenings)
Items of Interest	Bob Jones
Lunch/Dinner out	Denise Hogestyn
MahJongg	***** Position Available *****
Membership	Paul Nielsen
Members Helping Members	Sandi Shear-Johnson
Newsletter Editor	Joan Lamanna
Programs	Michelle Tompkins
Publicity	Jon Kiser
Rummikub	Maureen Morgan
Samba Day	Dianne Straley
Samba and Games Night	Kathy Rozea
Shooting	* * * * * * Position Available * * * * * *
Sponsors	Kevin McCutcheon
Team Cuisine	Jon Kiser
Webmaster Team	Adra Kryszczuk (calendar & members), Greg Gervasio (site advisor)

Sponsor Spotlight



Hickory Heating and Cooling

Providing HVAC repairs and installations for the Greater Hickory Unifour area. Our organization's motto is "Comfort without Compromise," and our goal is to provide you the best solutions to your home's heating and cooling needs without compromising quality and integrity.

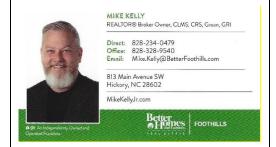
Established in 2018, Hickory Heating and Cooling is a "Customer First" HVAC company where we take pride in our top-notch customer service. We have over 20+ years of experience in the residential and commercial HVAC industry. We are fully licensed throughout North Carolina, and we are fully insured. We truly understand the frustration customers sometimes experience when working with other HVAC companies. Whether it's in scheduling repairs or maintenance or even receiving quotes, we put the convenience aspect on the front line of how we take care of our customers. From our online booking to our text notifications letting you know when we're on the way to your home, to providing a summary of work accomplished, we remain attentive to every detail. That's why we have the tagline "Comfort without Compromise" because we feel you shouldn't have to compromise anything when it comes to the comfort in your own home. We thank you for choosing our company and we look forward to serving you in any way possible. We understand that without happy customers we wouldn't survive, and we strive each and every day to keep that in mind. Please don't hesitate to call us (828-618-4887), we look forward to speaking with you. Stop by and thank Todd and Julie Hagee for being a Newcomer's Sponsor. See more https://www.hickoryheatingandcooling.com/ or email hickoryheatingandcooling@gmail.com

PLEASE, support our sponsors! Thank them and mention Newcomers if you do.

Do you have a business that you regularly support - doctor, auto repair, restaurant - that you think would like to serve as a sponsor of Newcomers of Catawba Valley? Please share your request with Kevin McCutcheon at kevinmccutcheon76@gmail.com.

Newcomers of Catawba Valley Sponsors























Kiser Eye Care Dr. Melanie S. Kiser Optometrist

Valley Hills Mall 1960 Highway 70 SE Hickory, NC 28602 Telephone: (828) 323-8833

Office Hours By Appointment Same Day Appointments Available



LINDA MEARES
Broker, REALTOR*
828-6112-7386 Mobile
828-322-1005 Business
828-327-3199 Fax
Indameares@clobh.com
COLDUCAL
BANKER IS
BOYD & HASSELL INC.,
REALIORS*







127 First Avenue, NE Hickory, NC 28601

www.cbbh.com/lindameares













Chad Burel Financial Advisor







brogers@hughsq.com

(828) 979-3638









