



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY

New Places, New Faces, New Friends!

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January 2012

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2012 *Happy New Year!*

We are coming to the end of this year, but always looking forward to next year. January 1st starts the one-time, three month extension of the Newcomer's Fiscal Year. There is a lot happening both for the board and for the general members.

- Officers and Directors positions for the 2012-2013 season: the Nominating Committee is finalizing the slate of Officers and Directors to present to the General Membership at the February General Meeting on February 8th, 2012 at the Hickory Airport. Come to the General Meeting and place your vote. If you are interested in running for any Board position, please contact the Nomination Committee (Kay Norusis, Barb Beck and Michelle LeGrand).
- 2013-13 Budgets—the Treasurer is compiling a proposed budget for the new fiscal year for presentation at the next Board Meeting on January 4th at Taste Full Beans, downtown Hickory. All are welcome to attend.
- March 3rd is our Annual Gala—and you know that most of the work happens before the date so the members can enjoy a wonderful evening of food, dancing, and conversations.
- April is the start of our new Fiscal Year. Our new Officers and Directors will assume their duties on April 1st. In addition, our membership dues are also due on by April 1st.

At the January General Meeting, Mr. Jim Starkey will present a program on the Foothills Stand Down Project for homeless

**Coffee &
Conversation –
Sheri Binning**

**Evening Socials –
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**Food for Thought –
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**Items of Interest
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**Lunch Out –
J. Kippenhan &
Sue Warner**

**Mah Jongg –
Sonja Bridgwood**

**Members Helping
Members –
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**Membership -
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**Men's Activities –
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**Mexican Train –
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**Special Events –
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veterans to seek basic and preventative medical care. In February our speaker is Dr. William Powell from Lenoir-Rhyne University.

We are also resuming most of the normal activities in January, so check the calendar to see the when and where. Committee chairs should contact Pat Hartung to get these events back on the NCV web site calendar.

One more time I want to thank the whole committee for our fabulous Holiday Party. Not only was the food very, very good everything was well planned. It was a great evening. Thanks everyone.

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful year of great memories with Newcomers. See you all next year and have a safe and cheerful holiday. My special thanks to Betty Schwartz for her never ending work with Newcomers as the club Secretary. She pulls together the General Meeting and Board Meeting notes, processes New Member Welcome packages, picks up the mail, produces the monthly Newsletter and actively participates in many of the clubs activities. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO BETTY and a tremendous "Thanks for everything".

"Since there is nothing so well worth having as friends, never lose a chance to make them."Francesco Guicciardini

Kathy Rozea, President
Newcomers of Catawba Valley



Great Holiday Party with one of Santa's Helpers at work!

A jolly welcome to Newcomers



"It's Mine! No, it's mine!!"



January 2012						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3 1:00 pm MahJongg 6:30 pm Mexican Train Dominoes	4 10:00 am Board Meeting 1:00 pm Bridge 7:00 pm Bowling	5 11:45 am Lunch Bunch @ Bistro 127	6 10:00 am MahJongg	7
8	9 1:00 pm Bridge	10 1:00 pm MahJongg 6:30 pm Shooting @ Springs Road	11 10:00 am General Meeting	12 6:30 Evening Mah Jongg	13 10:00 am MahJongg	14
15	16 1:00 pm Bridge	17 1:00 pm MahJongg 6:30 pm Bunco	18 1:00 pm Bridge 7:00 pm Bowling	19	20 10:00 am MahJongg	21
22	23 6:30 pm Evening Bridge	24 10:00 am Board Meeting 1:00 pm MahJongg	25 2:00 pm Coffee and Conversation	26 11:30 Lunch & Canasta 12:00 pm Shooting @ Springs Road 6:30 pm Evening Mah Jongg	27 10:00 am MahJongg	28 Evening Social
29	30	31 1:00 pm MahJongg				

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

January

- 1 – Floyd Clark
- 2 – Barbara Servino
- 5 – Dick Angell
- 5 – Helen Dowell
- 10 – Miki Valkanoff
- 12 – Nancy Campbell
- 14 – Elizabeth Davolio
- 19 – Faith Cody
- 21 – Barbara Beck
- 21 – Robert Sand
- 23 – Sue Bumgarner
- 23 – Betty Stone
- 24 – Gary Schwartz
- 24 – Ken MacLeod
- 24 – Al Mautschke
- 25 – Daniel Ferry
- 27 – Sue Asp
- 30 – Mary Ellen Glover
- 30 – Edie Ashman

(If I've missed your birthday, please share it with me (Betty Schwartz)).

GENERAL MEETING/WELCOME COFFEE

The General Meeting for January will be held on Wednesday, January 11th at 10:00 am at the **Crosswinds Café inside the Hickory Airport**. The official address is 3101 9th Ave. Dr., NW. From 321 turn onto Clement Blvd. NW (there is a Pizza Hut on the corner where you turn and a Raceway and CVS across the street). Go past the ball field and through the "Yield" sign (after yielding, of course!). Turn into the airport parking lot and enter the terminal.

The program for January will be on the Foothills Stand Down which is an organization of veterans helping their fellow veterans who are homeless. Foothills Stand Down will also be this quarter's charity. Although there is a special need for warm blankets, thermal underwear and heavy socks at this time of year, any of the following items would be welcome: Socks, sleeping bags, rain gear (coats, umbrellas, ponchos), small notepads and pens, undergarments (men's, women's, and children all sizes), hygiene kits and products, back packs, Off Bug Spray, reading glasses, bath towels and wash cloths, clothing (new and used, in good condition), shoes - all sizes.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

A weekly activities report is sent out by Pat Hartung that is tied directly to the calendar on the web site. This calendar is always as current as the information that Pat has been provided by the committee chairs. Each week, Pat will send out the following link:

http://www.newcomersofcv.com/calendar_agenda_view.html

You can see the full details of each activity by clicking on the title. You can also print a weekly or full monthly list of the activities out for future reference. To all committee heads: please ensure that you provide Pat with current information relative to dates, places, and time of your activities. That will ensure that our members have immediate access to the most up to date information.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

For information contact Sheri Benning.

LUNCH CLUB

Lunch out will be on Thursday, January 5th at 11:45 at Bistro 127. Josette Kippenhan is coordinating this month. For information on "Lunch Out", please contact either Josette Kippenhan or Sue Warner.

EVENING SOCIAL

Our holiday party, planned by the Hartungs, Mansons, Kidds, Glovers and Parkers December 10th at Crosswinds Café was a spectacular success! This team did a bang-up job of decorating and organizing a truly marvelous Holiday Party.

Now it's time to get ready to put on your favorite team jerseys and come on out for some tailgate action at the airport. We'll review the games that put the two teams (whoever they are!) in the Super Bowl! The date is January 28th. Watch your emails for the final details. February brings a special new event . . . A Champagne Tasting hosted by Jane and Rege Duralia! Watch the newsletter and your emails for particulars. And don't forget the Gala on March 3rd!

Members, it's not too soon to start thinking about next year. If you are interested in hosting an evening social, let us know right away. Some of the dates are already spoken for!

Again, my committee and I want to take time to thank all of you for your support at all of the socials this past year - both for attending and especially to those who hosted and/or helped out with our events. They have all been wonderful and you have made them so. We wish all of you a healthy, happy and prosperous new year!

The Evening Social Committee Members are Adra Kryszczuk (Chairperson), Linda Manson, Robyn Wolgemuth, Maureen Jones and Bob Jones. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

BUNCO

Each participant brings an appetizer to share and \$5 for the kitty which is shared by three

winner (your chances of winning are pretty good as there are normally only eight to 12 attendees!). For more information please contact Sandy Davis or Beth Hyman.

CANASTA

This month's lunch and canasta will be on Thursday, January 26th at the Hickory Airport. For information on monthly canasta, please contact Pat Hartung or Lynne Sonandres.

NEWCOMERS DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, February 22nd at 1:30 at the Woman's Resource Center. The current book selection is "Franklin and Eleanor" by Hazel Rowley. See the web site for more details or contact Sue Asp or Betty Schwartz for more information.

MAH JONGG

Daytime Mah Jongg is now on Tuesday afternoons @ 1:00 usually at Wynnshire Ridge and Friday mornings @ 10:00 at Jessie's Diner in the backroom. Tuesday play time is reserved for those who know how to play, however you are welcome to come and watch if you want to learn more about the game. Friday play time is for everyone. An evening group has also been formed. Please contact Sonja Bridgwood if you'd like to learn how to play Mah Jongg.

BRIDGE

The daytime bridge schedule for January is as follows: Mondays, January 2, 9, and 16 at 1:00 pm; Wednesday dates are January 4 and 18 at 1:00 pm. Evening bridge this month will be held on Monday, January 23rd at 6:30. New members, please contact Carol Parker or Karen Catel.

MEN'S ACTIVITIES **(though not limited to men)**

This month's shooting events will be on Tuesday, the 10th at 6:30pm, and Thursday, the 26th at 12:00 pm. In January, the bowling league will plan on January 4th and 18th. For information on these activities, please contact Vince LeGrand.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND MORE

The Food For Thought group will not be meeting in January. For information please contact Maureen Jones.

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Mexican Train Dominoes will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd, 6:30 p.m. This is a fun game for ALL ~ male & female, beginner or experienced player, young and old. Please

bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage as well as \$2.00 for the kitty. For information, please contact Shari Kidd or Carol Parker.

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

"Members Helping Members" is a support group within our organization. The focus of the committee is to coordinate assistance for members and their immediate families who need help and support due to such things as illness, surgery, hospitalization, death, or other problems. The committee serves as the central contact between families needing assistance and Newcomers. They contact any recommended member to get approval before offering member support and to identify what type of assistance is needed. Once specific assistance is identified and approved by the family, the committee sends out requests to the membership.

Examples of the types of assistance include hospital and home visits; help with errands and grocery shopping; transportation for shopping and doctor visits; providing books and/or reading to someone; preparing meals; sending cards, etc. Monetary donations are excluded.

Members may contact any committee person. The committee currently includes Sue Warner (chairperson), Betty Schwartz, Karen Schafer, Carol Parker, Brenda Macleod, De Martin and Sonja Bridgwood.

ITEMS OF INTEREST & TIDBITS OF INFO

To place an ad, email Bob Jones listing your items with short descriptions and your contact info by noon on Wednesday so that he can distribute the list on Thursday. Thank you Bob for so readily volunteering to help us out on this!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Dianne Straley has a number of special activities planned over the next few months. Stay tuned for details.

"WANTED" - Advertisers for our Website

If you know of any business or service company that would like to link up with our website as a sponsor, please notify Carlos Warner or Bob Jones. The ads run for twelve months after signup which can be at any time during the year. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following Newcomers who all joined since the last newsletter: Shirley Soto.