A Letter from the President

Time is flying by and we are already in April, but spring started in March this year! The trees and spring bulbs have already bloomed and summer is around the corner. The calendar of events around the lake is already getting started. The month starts off with “April Foolery: An Evening of Short Comedies and Music” presented by the Lake Players and the SML Dam Visitor’s Center has a 50K and a 5K race planned with live music and fun activities for kids. Visit www.smithmountainlake.com for a full list of fun activities all summer long.

Brenda Shumaker and the Special Projects Committee are busy planning a full year of fun activities for Newcomers. If you want to be a part of planning and executing some of our events, please contact Brenda at dfjoyful@cs.com. Our April meeting theme is “Hats off for SML Good Neighbors.” We are looking forward to seeing everyone April 10th!

Kim Puterio, President

From The Vice President

Happy Spring and we want all you plucky chicks to come to our April Newcomers where we will have a hoppin' good time. It’s hats off to Smith Mountain Lake Good Neighbors and guess what? We are all wearing hats. Put your thinking cap on and get that old hatbox out of the attic! After all, YOU could be a winner! We are going to give a prize for the funniest hat, the oldest hat, the most colorful hat, and some other categories we haven’t thought of yet. We have some great upcoming programs and events and remember you can bring a friend or neighbor two times to see if they want to join us. You never know, there may be another prize for the Newcomer who brings the most first time guests. See you in April! Also, don’t forget we need some more gals to join our sunshine team to plan and help with our meetings and events. We have a bargain fashion show in May and a Luau dinner at Mariner’s Landing on June 13th. Mark your calendars because you won’t want to miss any fun!

See you then, Brenda Gay
7 No Trump
Hand at the home of Vonnie Carter!
Congratulations, Ladies!!!!

Newcomers Interest Group
Spotlight-Bridge/Little Slammers

January Winners**
Holly Goings and Micky Stansbury had a perfect Grand Slam Bid and made Victory and History in February. There were only one queen and one jack out against them. They bid and made a

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Congratulations, Ladies!!!!

BRIDGE- LITTLE SLAMMERS
Dot Jackson 721-4859
Always 3rd Mon at Donna Schardt’s house.
480 Channel View Dr

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BRIDGE- RUBBER MADES
Sandy Merriman 721-5571
Always the 2nd Wed at 9:15 am at The Westlake Country Club. We are expected to lunch there.

CANASTA
Joan Hamlin 719-0364
Every 4th Mon at 11 am at The Westlake Country Club. We are expected to lunch there.

DOMINOES
Joan Hamlin 540-719-0364
2nd Thur at 11am at Hot Shots on RT 122
4th Thur at 11am at Vinnie’s Italian Restaurant. Q’s? Please call.

MAH JONGG
Pat Allbritton 721-4709
Every Fri at 10am-4pm, at Joe’s Italian Restaurant, Unit 103. We eat lunch there:

MARBLES
Joan Hamlin 540-719-0364
1st Tues at Joe’s Italian Restaurant, Unit 103
3rd Thur at The Westlake Country Club. Play starts at 11am sharp and we are expected to stay for lunch.

NEWCOMERS CHARITABLE GIVING COMMITTEE
Elizabeth Doucette 540-492-0855
Kris Hill
Chris Brinkerhoff
Donna Haarz

paper goods still needed, note books, printer paper, notebook paper, card stock, pocket folders. Thank you for all Donations!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
Brenda Shumaker 570-809-0009
Ruthie Phillips
Karen Taylor

!!!Volunteers Always Needed!!!

Outdoors Activities and More

BIKING
Elizabeth Doucette 540-492-0855
Doug Stevens 831-234-0435
OR yellowboat663@yahoo.com
SML State Park Trails and Roads. Call Doug to set up a time for a ride. He is there frequently and would love to have company on mild, mannered trail and road rides.

BOWLING
Karen Beldegreen 721-3760
Carole Thommen 297-7228
Every Wed at Rocky Mount Lanes. Meet at the parking lot at Cottage Gate (Westlake Towne Center) at 12:30pm for 1pm bowling.
$1.75 per game plus shoes.

RIDGE RUNNERS
Dick West 297-4311 Dave Wilson 296-1497
Gail Urban 297-6354 Dale Stellhorn 297-1020
Wed Apr 5 WL 8am Poverty Creek
4.5m Moderate
Wed Apr 19 WL 8am Bottom Creek Gorge
4m Moderate/Strenuous

Reading & Gardening

BOOK CLUB
Kathleen Lawshe’ 721-9776
First Thurs of the month at 10am Trinity Ecumenical Parish. Note: We have a full roster and cannot accept any more members
Apr 6 After You by JoJo Moyes
May 4 Issac’s Storm by Eric Larson

BOOK CLUB TOO
Connie Crouch 296-0956
Jennifer Jones 297-4550
First Wed of the month at 10am. Trinity Ecumenical Parish. Please wear your name badge
Apr 5 The English Girl by Daniel Silva
May 3 The Cellist of Sarajevo by Steven Galloway

GARDENING TOO!
Sandy Furick 703-989-3209
Thurs, Apr. 27-Growing Place in Wirtz. New members and guests are always welcome. Please contact Sandy at swfurick@gmail.com for details.
Dining & More

BREAKFAST CLUB
Joan Brackin   297-3456
Every Tues 9am  Meetings are at Hot Shots. Any and all are welcome!

BRUNCHINES
Judy Reap   721-9732
Sun Jun 11  Save the Date! for a fun time at Little Town Players’ production of “Promises, Promises” which promises to be enjoyable musical theater. Brunch details to follow. That’s a Pinkie Promise! For information, contact Judy Reap.

EIGHT TO DINE CLUB
Laurie Stamis   610-322-1599
ljstamis@gmail.com
Couples gather bi-monthly in groups of 8 to enjoy good food and company. Host duty rotates with each couple hosting every fourth time. Hosts and Guests are matched according to availability date, so members dine with different people each dinner. New members welcome!

MONTHLY MOVIE GROUP- M&M'S
Kris Hill  540-719-0600
kristinehill48@centurylink.net  Every 3rd Tues  Meet at 3:45pm in the lobby of Westlake Cinema. To find out which movies are playing, go to www.westlakecinema.com or call to be added to the monthly email distribution list.

SATURDAY NITE DINERS
Kitty Powers  540-721-2223
Fri Apr. 21 Montano’s International Restaurant. Cocktails at 6:00 PM and dinner at 6:45 PM. Please RSVP to me by April 7. Our group is open to new members. For more details to follow. That’s a Pinkie Promise! For information, please call or email me at KittyPowers@gmail.com.

Crafts & More

ANTIQUE LADIES
Ellie Smith   540-790-992
Carrie Wojdyla  719-3225
Adventures will be sent by email. We have a full roster. Call Pat with interest to be placed on a waiting list.

BACKYARD BARGAINS
Brenda Gay Shumaker  570-809-0009
Every 2nd Thurs  10:30 am at my home, 1197 Plymale Rd. Huddleston, Va. 24104. Join us for ideas on “what to do” to repurpose, refresh and revive those tired throw-a-ways turned to treasures. Call for more info.

JEWELRY
Lori Hurt   721-3745
1st & 3rd Mon  *1 pm  at Lori’s home in Wirtz. Room for more and we welcome new members. No previous experience or tools necessary. I’ll teach all the basics and provide supplies. Learn something new or rework an old piece.

KNIT & STITCH
Madeline Demchak  334-3854
Alice Ganiaris  721-3667
Wed Apr 19 at 11am at Monica Ziegler’s home. 95 Pinnacle Pt. Union Hall. Please bring lunch. Please call if not attending. Membership is full.

Club Acknowledgements

FARE ENOUGH
Mary Casper, Dot Tipton, Judy Flynn, Sandy Furick, Joan Bracken, Marilyn Cockfield, Jewell Smith, Cindy Gabor

KITCHEN CREW
Lynn Philbin, Joan Brackin, Mary Saul, Linda Pote

MAGAZINE SWAP
Cindy Gabor  721-3083
Please bring in your old magazines (up to one year old) to swap with other members during the General Meeting Refreshment Break.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES
Membership Chair: Maria Meleis  954-328-4662
Membership Assistant: Irene Holzhauer
Welcome Committee: Suzi Kuhn, Colleen Enslow, Becky Johnson, Jackie Peale

NEWCOMER BUDDIES
Nancy Miller  297-2669
Fran Burns, Connie Lutz

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE
Mail Crew: Mary Sirera  Alice Ganiaris
Marge Lostoski
Editor: Elizabeth Doucette
Electronic Newsletter: Marty Bowers
Proofreaders: Carol Rickerson, Jackie Peale

PUBLICITY
Carla Laseter  704-575-8648
Kitty Powers  540-721-2223
Please take a look at the third page of your Newcomers Directory to find out how to join us on Facebook. Find SML Newcomers in the pictures posted from all the fun we are having!

THE SUNSHINE LADY
Chris Brinckerhoff  576-2265
GET WELL
Wishes sent to:

SYMPATHY
Gisela Ernandes: brother’s passing; Family of Carolyn Hannabass, her death; Family of Lillian Cosmato: her passing.

If you know of a member that needs a card, please email chrisbrinckerhoff@gmail.com, or call.

TRINITY ECUMENICAL PARISH LIAISONS
Nancy Cross  Carolyn Fink  Becky Johnson

NEEDLE POINTERS
Janet Blanchard  540-353-8930
Kathryn Orth
1st & 3rd Thurs @ 3pm at the Moneta Library, room A. Beginners and those who do counted cross-stitch are welcome. Anyone interested in getting together is encouraged to call or email dblandcharch Richmond@yahoo.com
## General Meeting

**April 10 2017**

Doors Open at 10:00  
Meeting Starts promptly at 10:30

Trinity Ecumenical Parish

## Inclement Weather Cancellations

When Franklin or Bedford County Schools are closed due to inclement weather on a General Meeting date, the meeting is cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

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Trinity Ecumenical Parish

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News input for the May Newsletter is due by **12:00 NOON, Thursday, April 13, 2017.**

Please send info to: newcomersnews@embarqmail.com or call 540-721-5750.

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