



# NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS

HOPKINSVILLE - CHRISTIAN COUNTY

## President's Message

Greeting members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! As this holiday season approaches, I hope you will be preparing familiar recipes, placing out treasured decorations, humming along to your favorite holiday tunes, and taking part in those special holiday traditions that revive feel good memories.

There are many holiday activities happening in our area to help you get in the Christmas spirit. See the calendar on [page 3](#).

Whatever your favorite holiday pastime is, join us for our annual Christmas luncheon Wednesday, December 13. We are mixing our Newcomers and Neighbors traditions with new, fun ideas ([see page 2](#)). This is a social lunch with an optional gift exchange with lots of friendship and joy. I hope to see you there so I can personally wish you a very Merry Christmas!

P.S. Be sure to join our new member-only Facebook group where we share information and ideas.

*Susan*

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# December Membership Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Pennyrile Electric Community Room  
2000 Harrison Street

Lunch: Fajita Bar, Dessert, Drinks

**\$12 per person**

*(Exact change is greatly appreciated)*

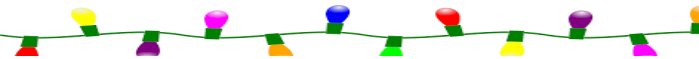
Please RSVP “Yes” OR “No”  
to Cathy

[hoptownnewcomers@hotmail.com](mailto:hoptownnewcomers@hotmail.com)

by Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Be sure to let her know if you plan to eat. Also, let her know if you are inviting a guest (and if they are eating).

If you have any dietary restrictions, let us know and we will do our best to accommodate.



*\*If you find you are unable to attend after you RSVP, please let Cathy know by end of day Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> or you will be responsible for the cost of your meal.*

50/50 tickets are available at each gathering, 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. The winner receives half of the total collected. The remaining half is retained for future donations.



**FORGOTTEN ANGELS 2023**

For our December community outreach, we are collecting stocking stuffer items for [PADD's Forgotten Angels Project](#).

Stocking stuffers typically range from snack options like chips, pretzels, dried fruit, and hard candy, to board games like dominoes, checkers, UNO, Phase 10, and Skip-Bo. Spiral notebooks, adult coloring books, pens and pencils, and word searches along with socks, gloves, scarves, pillows, and throws also serve as great options. Please bring unwrapped items on the 13<sup>th</sup> or contact a board member to arrange for pick up.

**PLEASE, NO RAZORS, MOUTHWASH, OR GLASS**

If you cannot make it to the meeting and want to donate items, please contact [Tricia J.](#)

**We will be having a gift exchange activity. Participation is optional. If you choose to participate, please bring a wrapped gift (\$10-\$15 value)**

**There will also be a craft activity available before lunch. Kelly S. will have supplies set up for anyone who would like to create gift tags. Cost for the craft is \$3.**



# DECEMBER

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26	27	28	29	30	1	2
					 <a href="#">The Nutcracker</a>	 <b>Christmas at the Bend</b>
3	 <a href="#">Free Family Event</a>	 PENNYRILE AREA COMMUNITY BAND (PACB) <b>CHRISTMAS CONCERT</b> Pennyrile Area Community Band	5 <b>Book Club</b> <a href="#">see page 4</a>	 <b>Eye Opener Breakfast</b>	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			<b>Membership Luncheon</b> <a href="#">see page 2</a>			 <b>WREATHS AMERICA</b> BE AN AMERICAN WORTH FIGHTING FOR
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31	1	2	3	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p>Be sure to check out the <a href="#">Chamber</a> and <a href="#">Visitor's Bureau</a> links below for local events.</p> </div>		



# Interest Groups

Visit our [webpage](#) or [Facebook](#) page for more information, including photos and [upcoming events](#)

**Book Club** will meet at Charter Senior Living, 1595 Marie Drive, on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss “The Christmas Box” by Richard Paul Evans. Let Lisa D. know if you wish to be added to this email list. [Click](#) to see a list of upcoming book discussions.

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**Bunco** Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas! We will next meet to play on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the home of Linda F. Watch for an email with more details. Contact Dance B. for more information.

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**Chamber Events** Join us as we participate in Eye Opener Breakfasts, area ribbon cuttings, Business After-Hours, and many more programs hosted by the Christian County Chamber of Commerce. [Click](#) to see upcoming events.

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**Crafters** will not meet in December. However, Kelly has a project planned for those who wish to participate before lunch on the 13<sup>th</sup> (Cost is \$3). Let [Kelly S.](#) know if you want to be added to the email list for future crafting sessions. Space at each is limited, so be sure to reply to the emails to reserve your spot. [Click](#) to see the schedule of 2023-2024 projects.

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**CRUISIN’ WITH FRIENDS** -Whether you own a classic car or just love looking at them, be on the lookout for fellow Newcomer & Neighbors members at Cruise-In and Car Show events. [Click](#) for more information and a list of upcoming events.

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**Lunch Bunch** will not meet in December. Watch for an email with information on our first outing of 2024. Please let Amy know if you wish to be added to the email list. Please also let her know if you have suggestions for an outing.

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**Theatergoers** The Alhambra theater is offering 5 Christmas movies in December:  
**9th**, 2 PM, Polar Express, free;                      **17th**, 6 PM, Home Alone, \$5;  
**18th**, 6 PM, Elf, \$5;                                      **19th**, 6 PM, How The Grinch Stole Christmas, \$5;  
**20th**, 6 PM, It’s A Wonderful Life, \$5  
Also, Christmas In Killarney will be performed on the **21st**, 7 PM, \$60 for premium seats, and \$50 for standard seats. Be watching for emails with more information coming soon.

Feel free to email [Cindy H.](#) if you would like to be included in email notifications or if you have any questions.

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*If you want to join one of the groups, lead a group, or have an idea for a group, please contact the group leader or a board member*



# Member News

## FRIDAY NIGHT PIZZA

Shared by Kelly B.

The tradition started when my husband Mike was a boy and he'd go out for pizza with his folks on Friday nights. It was a time to share what was going on in each other's lives, talk through misunderstandings, and laugh together.

We continued this tradition as our sons Shane and Josh grew up, still including Grammy Char and Papa Vic.

Since we moved to Kentucky, Shane and Sammy Jo have continued the tradition of Friday night pizza at their home. Sammy would make the dough for pizza crust, and Shane would load them up with cheese and toppings and cook them in his smoker. So, with the 4 generations, Grammy and Papa are continuing the tradition of Friday night pizza.



Please continue to keep Kelly Barnes and her family in your prayers. The obituary for her son Shane can be found on our Facebook group page and also at [hoptownchronicle.org](http://hoptownchronicle.org)



Betty L.

12<sup>th</sup>

James W.

17<sup>th</sup>

## WELCOME

We are thrilled to welcome  
a new member:

**Mari-Alice Jasper**

We look forward to getting to know  
you better!

**Shichi-go-san** (standing for the ages of seven, five, and three) is a traditional Japanese ceremony celebrating the growth of children and wishing for their continued good health. Girls celebrate when they're three and seven years old, and boys celebrate at three and five years old.

Families all dress in kimonos for the **Shichi-go-san ceremony** at the local shrine. **Shichi-go-san** traditionally falls on November 15, but celebrating in accordance with the family's schedule, on a weekend or holiday in November is also common.



Haruka's daughter Akiho had Shichigosan in Nashville!

Be sure to check out [page 3](#)  
for lots of exciting events

**OUR PURPOSE:** Hopkinsville-Christian County Newcomers and Neighbors is an organization that connects new people in our community together with long-time residents in order to learn about the area and to develop new friendships while supporting local charities.

# THANKS

On behalf of our Challenge House neighbors, friends and family we would like to send a great big 'Thank you' for your support and generosity. We have over 40 children and youth who come to the CH daily. Your donation of snacks and drinks is so appreciated. They loved the yummy fruit. Please come by to visit anytime at 517 N Elm St.

Hope to see you soon.

Mike and Gina Condella

## Volunteer Opportunities

### HOLIDAZE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

We need your help!

Helpers are needed with the cookie station as well as in other areas at the Holidayze Festival at the Bruce Convention Center. If you can help, please contact Amy or Tricia. [Click](#) for information about this event.

## Member Services

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If you provide a product or a service that would be beneficial to our members, please let Amy know at 719-688-0147 or

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**HELP US DECK THE HALLS**

CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY. **CASA**

So that CASA children may enjoy some holiday cheer this season!

Accepting Donations Until December 18th, 2023

<b>TOY DRIVE</b>	<b>DECOR</b>
DROP OFF NEW TOYS & GIFTS FOR YOUTH AGES 2-17.	Accepting gently used holiday decor such as: Garland, Lights, Wreaths, ornaments, etc.
WE HAVE 9 FAMILIES IN NEED, CALL FOR SPONSORSHIP INFO.	

For more information contact Kira at 270-962-7088



**2023-2024 Meeting Schedule**  
**Hopkinsville-Christian County Newcomers and Neighbors**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month**  
**11:00 am-12:30 pm (\*unless otherwise noted)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speakers</u>	<u>Meal</u>	<u>Community Service</u>	<u>Table Centerpieces</u>
<b>August 23*</b>	St John Methodist Church 2808 S Virginia Strett Hopkinsville, KY	Kickoff and Recruitment	Finger Foods	School Supplies	Door Prizes
<b>September 13</b>	The Rustic Event Center <b>2060 Woodburn-Hay Road</b> Hopkinsville, KY	The United Way of the Pennyrile – Betsy Bond	The Woodshed BBQ	Personal donations to United Way	Susan Becker
<b>October 18*</b>	CC Sheriff's Department 701 W 7 <sup>th</sup> Street Hopkinsville, KY	CASA - Kira Bailey, Executive Director	The Corner Coffee House	Halloween Candy for Downtown Trick or Treat	Tricia Juneau
<b>November 8</b>	Pennyroyal Area Museum 217 E. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Hopkinsville, KY	Museum Director – Alissa Keller	<b>Baked</b>	Food/Snack Drive for Challenge House	Rhonda Thomason and Kelly Selfe
<b>December 13</b>	Pennyrile Rural Electric Community Room 2000 Harrison Street Hopkinsville, KY	Christmas Luncheon Gift Exchange Craft	Fajita Bar		Cindy Robinson
<b>January 10</b>	Alhambra Theatre 507 S. Main Street Hopkinsville, KY	Alhambra	TBD	TBD	Cathy Leneave
<b>February 14</b>	Jennie Stuart Medical Center 320 W. 18 <sup>th</sup> Street Hopkinsville, KY	Tracy Clark – JSMC Foundation	JSMC	TBD	Cindy Hogan
<b>March 13</b>	Hampton Inn & Suites 210 Richard Mills Drive Hopkinsville, KY	Haven 12:10 Animal Sanctuary	TBD	Haven 12:10 Animal Sanctuary	TBD
<b>April 10</b>	H-CC Public Library 1101 Bethel Street Hopkinsville, KY	Japanese 101	TBD	TBD	
<b>May 8</b>	Pennyrile Rural Electric Community Room 2000 Harrison Street Hopkinsville, KY		Potluck		