

## NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS

HOPKINSVILLE - CHRISTIAN COUNTY

#### President's Message

Greetings members,

I am happy to announce that our Newcomers organization continues to grow! We now have over 40 members and we have added two new and exciting interest groups. Thanks to everyone who has invited a guest, liked our Facebook posts, or spread the word to let others know Newcomers & Neighbors is an exceptionally fun group!

We have activities for just about everyone: Book Club, Crafters, Lunch Bunch, and newly added Theater Group for thespian lovers and Cruisin' with Friends for classic car enthusiasts. See <a href="mailto:page 5">page 5</a> of this newsletter for all the details. I look forward to seeing you at these new outings.

Keep in mind, we have only two more regular luncheons until our summer break. Although we won't meet in June and July, we are planning some special summer get-togethers. In the meantime, you won't want to miss our April and May gatherings. Join us at Casey Jones on April 12th for our regular meeting and to hear from owner Peg Hayes about all upcoming events at the distillery (see <a href="mailto:page-3">page 3</a>). Also, mark your calendar for May 10th for our annual potluck and member appreciation luncheon.

See you soon,

#### Susan

PS The Board is always looking for a variety of activities and programs, and we value input from our members. Please participate in a short survey to help us as we plan for the 2023-2024 membership year. Click on the picture below to give us your feedback.



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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.



#### Serve on the Board

Positions available for June 2023 - May 2024

President

1st VP- Programs

#### OR Join a Committee

Thanks to those who have volunteered to serve on the following committees:

Community Outreach - Tricia J. and Pat W.
May Annual Meeting - Cindy H., Kelly B., and Lisa D.
August Kick-Off – Amy M., Cindy H., and Cindy R.

If you want to be part of the board or a committee, or want more information on either, please contact any board member



## Newcomers & Neighbors is collecting donations this month for

Kentucky Sheriff's Boys & Girls Ranch

The Kentucky Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranch is a free summer camp for children between the ages of 8 and 11. Taking place June through July, kids will spend one week at the Gilbertsville camp fishing, biking, and enjoying summer activities while building their self-esteem and moral character and learning to respect themselves, others, and law enforcement professionals.

#### Items needed:

Due to the long list of items and limited space, the list will be attached to the newsletter email. You can also see the entire list on our <u>Facebook page</u>. If you need more information, please contact our Outreach Coordinator, <u>Tricia Juneau</u>

### March Membership Luncheon

On March 8th, 24 members and 2 guests gathered at Jeffers Bend Environmental Center. As always, Charles Turner gave a great program about everything happening at Jeffers Bend. Many were amazed to find out that the center is entirely run by volunteers. The centerpieces, provided by the Board, were won by Mimi, Sayaka, Barbara Morris, Diane, and Pam S.

Many personal items were collected for Sanctuary Inc., and were delivered by Outreach Coordinator, Tricia, with the help of Mimi and Haruka. The director, Heather Lancaster, was excited and appreciative of the generosity of the group.

Be sure to join us in April, at Casey Jones Distillery (see page 3)



## April Membership Lungheon

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>

See page 2 for our April Community Outreach

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Casey Jones Distillery

2815 Witty Lane, Hopkinsville, KY

(Click on address for map)

Lunch: Box Lunch from Joelle's Bakery & Cafe
Chicken Salad/Fruit Salad/Dessert
\$10 per person

(Exact change is greatly appreciated)

**Program: Peg Hays and Staff** 

Optional tour at 12:30 – \$10 per person / \$5 for tasting

See below for more information about the tour and tasting

Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:leneavecathy@gmail.com">leneavecathy@gmail.com</a>
by Saturday, April 8 - Let her know if you plan to eat and if you have guests coming.

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

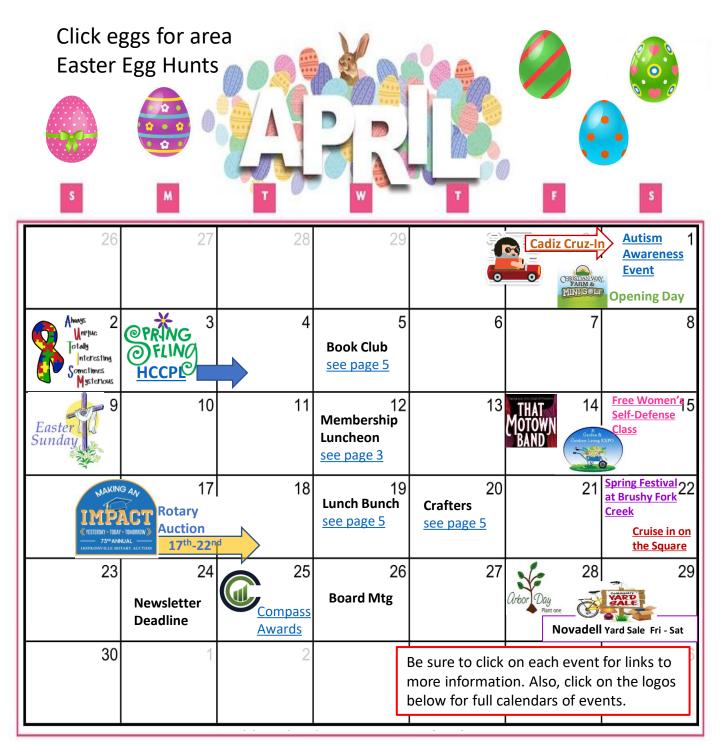
If you find you are unable to attend after you RSVP, please let Cathy know by end of day Monday,

April 10<sup>th</sup>, or you will be responsible for the cost of your meal.



The Casey Jones Distillery tour Includes a shot glass and passport for Stateline Whiskey Tour (Casey Jones- Hopkinsville, MB Roland Distillery – Pembroke, and Old Glory Distilling-Clarksville). With the passport, once you tour all three sites, you will receive a visitor reward (a barrel stave to put the 3 shot glasses you have gotten at each distillery). The tasting includes 10 (very small and legal) samples to give the opportunity to experience a variety of choices – bourbons, rye, fruit spirits, clear, and Moonaritas! Tour time is approximately 30 minutes – tasting is another 30 minutes

















# Interest Groups



Book Club meets monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday (unless otherwise noted \*). Location varies and will be sent in an email notification each month.

Book Club will meet at Campfire Roasters on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, to discuss "Meet Me in the Margins", by Melissa Ferguson. Please feel free to join us, even if you haven't read the book. If you want to be added to this list, or for help obtaining a copy of one of the books, contact <u>Lisa</u>.



Whether you own a classic car or just love looking at them, be on the lookout for fellow Newcomer & Neighbors members at the upcoming Cruise-In and Car Show events. Amy M., Susan B., Kelly B., Lisa D., and Cindy H., can often be found visiting in the shade next to their families' classic cars. There is always room for more friends! Watch our calendar or click the links below for a few of the upcoming events.

Dawson Springs Cars & Coffee Cadiz Cruz In Clarksville Gearhead Car Club Kentucky Cruizers



Crafters meet monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (unless otherwise noted \*), at the home of Kelly S.

Eight crafty people met in March to create some super cute greeting cards. Photos can be found on our webpage. Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, to make a Spring Watercolor Bird Painting. Watch your email for more information. Be sure to let Kelly know if you want to be added to this list. Space at each is limited, so be sure to reply to the emails to reserve your spot.

Starting in March, Lunch Bunch is going to be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday (unless otherwise noted\*)

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, eight Lunch Bunch members met at The Corner Coffee House to have a treat and learn about the community book club as well as the book nook located in the café. After stopping by J. Schreckers Jewelry and Starbird Gourmet Popcorn, they enjoyed lunch at Davo's Burgers and then bowling at Southern Lanes.

Watch your email for information about the April outing (which will be a week earlier than normal). Please let <u>Susan</u> know if you want to be added to the list.

If you want to join one of the groups, lead a group, or have an idea for a group, please contact Susan Becker.

Visit our <u>webpage</u> or <u>Facebook</u> page for more information, including photos and <u>upcoming events</u>

#### **Theater Group**

Cindy H. has agreed to lead this new group.
There will be a sign-up sheet at the April luncheon, or you can email her if you would like to be included in these notifications.

## Member News



## Getting to Know.... Cindy Hogan

My husband, Tim, and I moved to Cadiz in September of 2020 to be closer to our then 6-month-old grandson, Atlas, who lives in Mayfield, and of course his mom and dad, Anna and Aaron. We are from Murfreesboro, TN. The rest of our family is there, including our oldest daughter, Edith. This was the closest we could get to being halfway between our girls.

Tim is a service technician and works on commercial kitchen equipment, heating and air, and almost anything else. In his spare time, you will find him in his shop working on his '72 Cutlass or '72 Chevy truck.

I worked in childcare and we were foster parents for 10 years. Now in my free time, I enjoy reading, scrapbooking, woodworking, sewing, and just about any other craft.

I am very thankful for the warm welcome I have received from everyone in Newcomers and Neighbors. I have met some wonderful people, and am blessed to call them friends.



# Welcome New Members

We are thrilled to welcome two new members:

## Cornell Carpenter Pam Smith

Be sure to introduce yourself when you see them if you haven't already done so.





## Hopkinsville International Festival 2023

Hopefully, you had a chance to stop by the Hopkinsville International Festival on March 24th and 25th. If you did, you probably saw a few of our friends at the Japan booth. These ladies (and gents) have been a constant at the festival for many years and I am sure they were thrilled to finally be back in person after COVID-19 kept the festival from taking place the last few years.

## **Congratulations!**

Dan and his wife Heidi welcomed their first child on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.





Clara Grace 8lb 11oz 21 ¼" long

# Need help with your taxes? Let Barbara and friends help!



It's that time of the year again. The FREE tax site is open and our IRS-certified volunteers are ready to help with your tax needs. This is a VITA Site agreement with Pennyrile Allied Community Services (PACS) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). It is a drop-off service and your return will be prepared and quality reviewed before you are notified to pick it up.

While seniors have priority, all ages are welcome. IRS defines our scope and we are not allowed to do farms or rental property.

We are located at the Senior Citizens Center, 1402 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street. We are open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 8 am to 12 noon. Call 270-873-8733 to make an appointment or for further information. You are required to bring photo identification for taxpayer and spouse and Social Security cards for everyone claimed on your return, as well as other papers they will inform you of.

This service will be available until April 14, so don't let the last day slip up on you. Call and make your appointment today!

The following information is just to show our credibility: We are all volunteers and receive no pay for the many hours we put in. I have been doing this for 21 years, another has been doing it for 35 years, another is a retired 35-year KY State Revenue Manager, and one is a retired IRS employee. However, we are still required to undergo about 10 days of training each year and pass 4 exams. We also have direct access to IRS during the tax season if we have any questions.

- Barbara Morris

Please feel free to share this information with anyone you know who needs help.

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# 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 amymontgomery61@gmail.com.



White Flowers is an upscale children's resale store and boutique. They are in desperate need of help and would love to find volunteers to help each day with hanging and tagging. PLEASE call or text Megan Thompson for more information on volunteer opportunities at White Flowers Consignment Store. All proceeds go to Alpha Alternative Pregnancy Crisis Center. (859) 321-6737



Friendly Visitor Volunteers Needed | Pennyrile Area Development District (peadd.org)

# 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule Hopkinsville-Christian County Newcomers and Neighbors 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

11:00am-1:00pm (\*unless otherwise noted)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	Program/Speakers	<u>Meal</u>	Community Service	<u>Table</u> <u>Centerpieces</u>
August 10	Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library Community Room1101 Bethel St, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	Kickoff and Recruitment	Finger Foods	School Supplies	Door Prizes
September 14	Hopkinsville Community College 720 North Dr, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 ETB- Anderson Room	Literacy Council	Chicken Salad Chick	Items for Pathfinder Pantry (Cake/cookie mixes and frosting)	Susan Becker
*October 5	Planters Bank-Jennie Stuart Health Sportsplex Hopkinsville 155 Tilley Way	Hopkinsville - Christian County Convention & Visitor's Bureau	Pizza/Salad	Halloween Candy for Downtown Trick or Treat	Kelly Barnes
November 9	Hopkinsville Community College 720 North Dr, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 ETB- Anderson Room	HCC President Alissa Young	The Corner Coffee House	Cookies with Santa items for Literacy Council	Amy Montgomery and Lisa Dean
*December 7	Pennyrile Rural Electric Community Room 2000 Harrison Street	Christmas Luncheon	Four Seasons	PADD Forgotten Angel Project	Cindy Robinson
January 11	Christian County Extension Office 2850 Pembroke Rd, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	Kelly Jackson – Extension Agent Master Gardeners	BBQ Shack	Winter Items for Coffee Connection and Salvation Army	Cathy Leneave
February 8	Hopkinsville Golf & Country Club 303 Country Club Ln, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	Rotary Club	Country Club	The Micah Mission Center – Personal hygiene items	Cindy Hogan
March 8	Jeffers Bend Environmental Center 1170 Metcalfe Ln, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	Charles Turner – Volunteer Coordinator	Meal Prep Momma	Personal items for Sanctuary Inc.	Board Members
April 12	Casey Jones Distillery 2815 Witty Ln, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	Peg Hays	Joelle's Bakery & Cafe	Christian County Sheriff's Office – Boys & Girls Camp	Diane Warneke
May 10	Pennyrile Rural Electric Community Room 2000 Harrison Street		Potluck	Summer items for Joy Closet	