



Kennebunk - Kennebunkport - Arundel NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

April 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March certainly came in like a lion but it's showing no sign of leaving like a lamb! I hope all of you were safe through all this month's nor'easters. And many thanks to our towns' police and firefighters for keeping us safe and to the public works folks who did an amazing job cleaning up all the havoc wreaked by the storms.

We have a busy April coming up. Our monthly meeting on April 5th will feature Dana Packard and Jennifer Porter of the Saco River Theater. They will share their experience of running a family owned theater in Buxton as well as perform a scene from their upcoming show, *Educating Rita*.

Also, at the April meeting we will present for your consideration a proposed amendment to our Club's By-Laws which would allow members who move out of our towns to continue as members. Please see the proposed amendment and explanation in this Newsletter. We'll talk about it at our April meeting and vote on the proposal at our May monthly meeting.

The May monthly meeting ("Collections") will focus on you, our members, and the special interests you may have. Please bring some samples of items you have been collecting (models, sports memorabilia, antiques - anything that will fit through the door is welcome!) and tell us about them. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the April meeting or email me

Last but perhaps most importantly, as we draw closer to the end of the Club's 2017-2018 year, our Nominating Committee has been hard at work trying to line up a slate of candidates for Club positions for the next year. We still have some key positions open, such as Vice President. Please think about helping out by volunteering your time and talent!

HAPPY EASTER, HAPPY PASSOVER, and HAPPY SPRING (It will show up sooner or later!

Your Elected Officers for 2017-18

President: Kate Bauer Burke
Vice President: Doug Butler
Treasurer: Doug Fraser
Secretary: Chris Deliee

Newcomers and Neighbors Website: www.kptanewcomers.org

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If you have moved, changed your email, or gotten a new phone number, please notify:
Bob Mills _____

Note:
If you know of a club member who is sick or hospitalized, please notify Donna Lombard so she can send a card.



Save the Date!

Thursday, May 31st is the date of the annual end-of-the year picnic supper at The Colony in Kennebunkport. Hopefully you can join us for a delicious BBQ style supper in a lovely setting overlooking the ocean! Watch for more details coming soon!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Save the Date!

We are planning a 3 day, 2-night trip on June 19 until June 21, 2018, for the Newcomers & Neighbors Club. We have been searching for a new and interesting venue. We have made arrangements with the Quechee Inn at Marshland Farm, Quechee, Vermont. Their web site address is: www.quecheeinn.com Phone # [802-295-3133](tel:802-295-3133). When you get a chance, look up their web site and see what we think will be an interesting and beautiful area to explore.

On Tuesday, June 19, we can meet for lunch between 12 and 1 PM at the Simone Pierce Glassblowers Restaurant in Quechee. After lunch, they provide a tour of their glass blowing facility and a visit to their unique gift shop.

Check in at the Inn will follow. A welcome reception in the Common Room at 6:00 PM with beverages will be followed by dinner at the Inn.

Wednesday, June 20, breakfast will be served at the Inn which is included in the price of our accommodations. When possible after breakfast, we can drive to Woodstock, VT to the Rockefeller National Park to explore the area. Lunch will be on your own with many good choices to choose from. During the afternoon, there are many places to keep us entertained. For example: climb Mt. Tom, explore the local and nationally acclaimed artist galleries and antique dealers in Vermont's quintessential village or tour the Vermont Spirits Distilling facility in Quechee. Dinner will be at the Woodstock Inn.

Thursday, June 21, after breakfast at the Quechee Inn we can leave for home or stay to enjoy the wilderness trails, kayaking, canoeing or other activities at the Inn.

Hope to hear from you soon if you would like to join us. Reservations for the Inn will be made on your own. Mention you are with the Newcomers & Neighbors Club for group rates. When making your accommodations, inquire about their cancellation policy.

Linda and Marie

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLUB BY-LAWS

You'll recall we went through a By-Laws revision last year. One of the key issues was the definition of "member". The revision made it clear that to become a member you had to reside for at least part of the year in Kennebunk, Arundel or Kennebunkport. One could also interpret the definition to mean that if you subsequently move outside of one of the three towns, you can no longer be a member.

We totally agree with the concept that membership is contingent (at least initially) on being a resident of one of the three towns the Club was created to serve. But once you have lived in one of the towns for a while and formed friendships and become a part of those communities, we don't see a downside to allowing such a member to stay on as a member if they move out of the towns. There can be many reasons why someone has to move - death of a spouse, financial reasons, needing to move from a single family home to a smaller residence such as an apartment (which there are fewer of in our three towns than in some other towns in the area). Moving can be stressful enough without having to be cut off from friends and familiar social activities. And while they can still come to monthly meetings, which are open to all, as newly-made non-members they would not be able to receive the Newsletter or other notices of events or come to our various activities (such as Knitting, Bridge, etc.) except as a guest of a member. The Club would still benefit by continuing to receive dues from such a non-resident member. And we don't think that any of our monthly meetings or other activities are so over-subscribed that a few more members couldn't be accommodated.

Newcomers prides itself on trying to be a welcoming and inclusive organization. We don't see any negative impact on the Club by letting members continue as members if they move out of town. We don't think this will apply to very many people, but it will help the few who do move and would like to continue to participate in the Club.

Below is a proposed revision to the Membership section of the By-Laws. We've included a limitation that in order to take advantage of the non-resident member status, you have to have been a member of Newcomers for at least one year. There is also a good argument to be made not to have any time measurement at all (it's not likely that people are going to move to Kennebunk just to become members of Newcomers and then skip out!).

EXISTING MEMBERSHIP SECTION:

ARTICLE IX. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership is open to any person who is a resident of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, or Arundel. A resident is defined as a person who lives in one of these towns for at least part of the year.
- B. There is no time limitation on membership, as long as the member meets the residency requirement and pays annual dues.
- C. The Board has the authority to change the time policies stated in Section B at its discretion, with the approval of the membership.
- D. Non-members may attend Club monthly meetings and other events, provided however they may be expected to pay an additional guest fee to attend any event that charges a fee.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

ADD A NEW SECTION C:

“C. If a person has been a member as defined in Section A for at least one year and thereafter moves out of the towns, that person may remain a member so long as he or she pays annual dues. This provision may be applied retroactively.”

RE-NUMBER FOLLOWING SECTIONS AS D AND E.

AMEND SECTION D (formerly C) TO STATE THAT THE BOARD HAS THE AUTHORITY TO CHANGE THE TIME POLICIES IN SECTIONS B OR C, SO IT WOULD READ:

“D. The Board has the authority to change the time policies stated in Sections B or C at its discretion, with the approval of the membership.”

Club Calendar

Date	Time	Group
April 3	TBD	Poker Knights
April 3	1:30 PM	Knitting/Crochet/Craft
April 4	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
April 5	6:00 PM	Monthly Meeting
April 9	6:30 PM	Scrabble Group
April 10	9:30 AM	Breakfast Group
April 14	6:30 PM	Partners Bridge
April 11	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
April 11	7:30 PM	Trivia Group
April 12	4:00 PM	Beachside Bookenders
April 12	1:00 PM	Bowling
April 15	TBD	Movie Group
April 17	12 noon	Men's Lunch Bunch
April 17	1:30 PM	Knitting/Crochet/Craft
April 18	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
April 21	6:30 PM	Dine Around
April 25	5:00 PM	TGFun
April 25	TBD	Outdoor/Walking Group
April 25	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
April 26	1:00 PM	Bowling

**Some of these events require reservations
Details are on the following pages**

Monthly Activities

<p>Beachside Bookenders</p>	<p>April 12th</p> <p>The Beachside Bookenders, the Club's book group, again has openings for any member wishing to join us on the second Thursday of the month, at 4; we meet all year round, in members' homes. The book selected for April 8 is <u>The Hidden Life of Trees</u>. For more information please contact Elsa van Bergen _____</p>
<p>Bowling</p>	<p>April 12th – 26th</p> <p>Garden Street Bowl – 11 Garden Street, Kennebunk Casual, fun bowling, usually held on the 2nd and 4th Friday afternoon at 1 PM. Cost is \$3 for shoe rental (or bring your own) plus \$20 lane fee shared among the bowlers (usually no more than five bowlers per lane). Plan on arriving earlier so we can start at 1:00pm. If interested, please contact Bill Skulski _____</p>
<p>Breakfast Group</p>	<p>April 10th</p> <p>Surf Point 360 Restaurant, 125 Shore Road Ogunquit The restaurant is located in the building nearest to the ocean at the Anchorage By the Sea Hotel on Shore Road in Ogunquit</p> <p>If you wish to attend, please e mail Esther Rohrs by <u>Thursday April 5th</u></p>
<p>Bridge Group</p>	<p>April 4th – 11th —18th -- 25th</p> <p>Group meets for lunch every Wednesday at 1 PM and plays bridge from 2 PM to 4 PM in the back room at Duffy’s Irish Bar on Rte 1 in Kennebunk. Friendly games of bridge for women and men seeking to improve their game by playing regularly. Pat Briggs is the coordinator</p> <p>_____</p>

<p>Dine Around</p>	<p>April 21st</p> <p>“Dine Around” is having dinners in each other’s homes in the company of people we may not know very well yet. For each dine around there are hosts and guests. The host cooks the main dish (ham, chicken, burgers, spaghetti, etc.), and calls the guests to discuss which side dish, appetizer, beverage or dessert to bring. This is NOT confined to couples. Singles can either host or be a guest. Several dinners will take place in several homes on the same evening. You can sign up as either a host or a guest. Hosts must specify how many guests they would like – as few as 3 or up to 6 or more.</p> <p>Sign up at the monthly meeting or contact Lucille Gentsch <u>if you would like to participate.</u></p>
<p>Knitting/ Crochet/ Craft</p>	<p>April 3rd – 17th</p> <p>Tuesday, April 3, 1:30pm; Host; Linda Gaumont</p> <p>Tuesday, April 17th 1:30pm; Host; Vivian Buraczynski</p> <p>For more details please sign up for the group email reminders.</p> <p>This reminder, to those on list, will be sent out 4 days prior to our group get-together with details. RSVP to host directly after e-mail.</p> <p>If anyone would like to join our group, please email Jeanne Butler at <u>and she will be happy _____</u> to add you to our list.</p>
<p>Men's Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>April 17th</p> <p>Group meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12 PM at Duffy’s Irish Tavern in downtown Kennebunk. No reservations required. Please contact George Acker, our interlocutor.</p>

Movie Group	<p>April 15th</p> <p>Group meets from October to April on the 3rd Sunday of the month to go to a movie and dinner. Contact Bill Schubert</p> <p>_____</p>
Partners Bridge	<p>April 14th</p> <p>Many thanks to Jim and Pat Prevet for hosting bridge in March. Gordon and Carolyn Kershaw will host Partners Bridge at their home. If you would like to play, please email Carolyn _____</p>
Poker Knights	<p>April 6th</p> <p>Group meets the 1st Tuesday of the month</p> <p>Contact Herb Cohen _____</p>
Scrabble	<p>April 9th</p> <p>Please join us for an evening of scrabble on April 9th at 6:30 pm. Louise Hays has agreed to host. If interested, please contact Louise. <u>If you cannot _____</u> attend but would like to sign up for future scrabble dates, please contact Shirley Sergent. _____</p>
TGFun	<p>April 27th</p> <p>Boathouse Bar (former David's)</p> <p>TGFun will be held on Friday, April 27 at the Boathouse Bar (former David's). For those of you who are new to Newcomers, TGFun is an informal gathering of both singles and couples on the last Friday of each month. We gather at 5:00 at the bar for a social time, then many stay on for dinner. We usually do not take reservations for this, but because the Boathouse Bar is new, they would appreciate knowing how many will be staying on for dinner so that they can be sure to be adequately staffed. We will be among the first to sample their new menu. Please email Bill and Pat Dugan by <u>Monday April 23.</u> _____</p>

<p>Trivia</p>	<p>April 11th</p> <p>Group meets at Litchfield's (Rte 1, Wells) Plan to arrive by 7 PM to arrange teams, get a table, and place your food and drink orders. Trivia starts at 7:30 PM. Please let Lynn Fraser know if _____ you plan to attend.</p>
<p>Walking/Outdoor Group</p>	<p>April 25th</p> <p>Location and Time to be determined based on weather conditions. For more information, contact: Linda Gaumont or _____ Marie Jeane Ali-Hassen _____</p>

Special Interest

Older Employment Alliance Initiative

The 2018 tourist season (April 1- end of Prelude) begins soon. During the 2017 season, area businesses (Hotels, Inns, Restaurants, and Retail Stores to name a few) were extremely understaffed. The result was businesses having to limit business hours due to lack of staff and/or owners and employees having to consistently work many extra hours per week all season long. The endless overtime takes a toll on owners and staff and customer service is impacted.

The Kennebunk's are filled with an untapped resource of recently retired residents. The tourist industry needs experienced workers who enjoy sharing their love and knowledge of this area with the many US and international guests who visit each season.

Seasonal jobs offer older residents an opportunity to stay mentally and physically active, socialization with co-workers and visitors, flexibility of hours, full computer training, and additional income for life's extras.

Area employers value and respect what older employees bring to the workplace. Older employees understand customer service, work responsibility, and conduct themselves professionally.

April 12th Job Fair: <http://gokennebunks.com/pages/events/job-fair>
Towns of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Chamber of Commerce, Kennebunkport Business Association will hold a Job Fair exclusively for older residents and employees.

Location: Senior Center in Kennebunk Lower Village.

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



Summer Rec Softball

Our own Newcomer & Neighbor Jim Thompson has been instrumental in helping organize the town Coed Senior Softball League for men over 50 and women over 21. They play “casual and fun” softball on Mondays at 5:30 in West Kennebunk during the summer.

Early Bird Registration Deadline is March 30th. Final Registration Deadline is June 10th.

For more information, contact Jim or Dan Peacock of the Rec Dept at 207-604-1335.

To register online, go to: www.kennebunkrec.com