

# NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS CLUB

Kennebunk - Kennebunkport - Arundel

## NEWSLETTER

December 2016

### Notable Dates and Events in December:

December 6th  
Annual Holiday  
Cocktail Party



December 21st  
WINTER SOLSTICE

December 25th



December 31st  
New Year's Eve



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### Thinking Thoughts of Thankfulness....

For all the members of Newcomers and Neighbors Club.  
For the many volunteers who keep this club running smoothly.  
For our lovely communities.  
For our families and friends.  
For this time of our lives.

I hope you plan to join old friends and meet new friends at the annual Newcomers and Neighbors Christmas Cocktail Party on Tuesday, December 6th from 5:00-7:00 at The Nonantum. It is a beautiful venue, especially as it is decorated in a traditional holiday style. Come enjoy time away from the hubbub of the season by mingling with friends, munching on delicious hors d'oeuvres, and sampling refreshing drinks.

Save your space by contacting Maureen Harding at:  
[maureenharding2013@gmail.com](mailto:maureenharding2013@gmail.com)

Christine Chamberlain  
President



### Annual Christmas Holiday Cocktail Party Nonantum Resort

Tuesday, December 6th, 2016  
5-7pm

**- RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED BY NOVEMBER 28TH -**

(more information on page 6)

Newcomers & Neighbors Club Web Site: [www.kptanewcomers.org](http://www.kptanewcomers.org)

Have you moved, changed your e-mail or gotten a new cell phone? Please notify Susan Boak at: [susan@theboaks.com](mailto:susan@theboaks.com)

## Save the Date

THIRD ANNUAL BLEAK MID-WINTER PARTY  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH  
AT THE  
KENNEBUNKPORT CONSERVATION TRUST

IF INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE COMMITTEE, PLEASE CONTACT:

ALICE FERRAN @ [ALICE.FERRAN@YAHOO.COM](mailto:ALICE.FERRAN@YAHOO.COM) OR  
SUSAN BOAK @ [SUSAN@THEBOAKS.COM](mailto:SUSAN@THEBOAKS.COM)

### Club Calendar

December 6th	-	TBD	Poker Knights
December 7th	-	2-4pm	Bridge Group
December 8th	-	4pm	Beachside Bookenders Group
December 14th	-	11:30am	Ladies Holiday Luncheon Gadabouts
December 14th	-	2-4pm	Bridge Group
December 14th	-	7pm	Trivia Goup
December 16th	-	5pm	TGFN
December 18th	-	TBD	Movie Group
December 19th	-	6:30pm	Scrabble Group
December 20th	-	1pm	Men's Lunch Bunch
December 21st	-	2-4pm	Bridge Group
December 28th	-	2-4pm	Bridge Group
December ---	-	---	Outdoor Activities Group
December ---	-	---	Knitting/Crochet/Craft Group
December ---	-	---	N & N Meeting
December ---	-	---	Partners Bridge Group
December ---	-	---	Breakfast Group

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





## MONTHLY GET TOGETHERS

### Ladies Holiday Luncheon Gadabouts - December 14th

Gadabouts will meet Wednesday, December 14th at 11:30am at Pier 77 in Cape Porpoise  
Fixed menu - \$20 (includes tax & tip - extra charge for beverages except water)

We're bringing back the famous Yankee Swap!! Please bring a wrapped fun gift (homemade or purchased, value about \$15) and let's help others - please bring an unwrapped gift for the women helped by Caring Unlimited (suggestions: shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, soap, hand sanitizer, lotion, toothbrush/toothpaste, tissues OR for the homeless animals at Animal Welfare Society (suggestions: rawhides/bullysticks, hard rubber dog toys, soft training treats, Greenies pill pockets, cat toys, catnip)

RSVP: Sign up at December meeting or email [kbauerburke@aol.com](mailto:kbauerburke@aol.com) by Saturday, December 10th  
(This is such a busy time of year - so please check your calendar carefully before RSVP!!)

Give me a call (978-621-0220) if you have any questions. Thanks! Kate



### Ladies Lunch and Gadabout Volunteer Needed!

We need another co-chair for this popular activity! Do you have some time to help organize this fun monthly event? Two additional co-chairs would make it even easier! Many hands make light work! If you enjoy these lunches, and would like to help out for the rest of the year, please contact Kate Bauer Burke at [kbauerburke@aol.com](mailto:kbauerburke@aol.com) or give her a call to chat about it at 978-621-0220. Thanks!

### Partners' Bridge - TBD



### Beachside Bookenders Group - December 8th

Beachside Bookenders will meet Thursday, December 8th at 4pm at the home of Elsa van Bergen to discuss the memoir *The Bridge Ladies* by Betsy Lerner. Let Elsa know if you wish to join the group: [eivanbergen2@gmail.com](mailto:eivanbergen2@gmail.com)

### Knitting/Crochet/Craft Group - TBD

### Breakfast Group

The Breakfast Group will not meet in December - See you in January!



### Outdoors Activities Group - TBD



### Trivia Group - December 14th

Trivia will be at Litchfield's on Wednesday, December 14th. Plan to arrive by 7pm to arrange teams (if you haven't beforehand), get a table, and place your food and drink orders. Trivia starts at 7:30pm. Please let Lynn Fraser ([lynnhfraser@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnhfraser@hotmail.com)) know if you plan to attend.

## MONTHLY GET TOGETHERS cont'd.

### The Newcomer's Men's Lunch Bunch - December 20th

Group meets every third Tuesday of the month at 1pm at Duffy's Tavern and Grill in downtown Kennebunk. No reservations required. Please call George Acker, our interlocutor at: 967-1085 or [ackerg@zwi.net](mailto:ackerg@zwi.net) with any questions



### ♣ ♦ BRIDGE GROUP ♥ ♠

Meet every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm in the back room at Duffy's Irish Bar on route 1 in Kennebunk. Friendly games of bridge for women and men seeking to improve their game by playing regularly. Pat Briggs is the coordinator at: 967-3180 or [pandamb@roadrunner.com](mailto:pandamb@roadrunner.com)

### Movie Group

Bill Shubert at: [wags2@roadrunner.com](mailto:wags2@roadrunner.com) or 967-2275. Group meets from October to April, on the third Sunday of the Month to go to a movie and dinner



### "Scott Sargent" Poker Knights - December 6th

Contact Herb Cohen at: 967-8374 or [hcohen@perfcon.com](mailto:hcohen@perfcon.com) Group meets the 1st Tuesday of the month.

### Scrabble Group - December 19th

Contact Ginny Hammar at: [ghammar@roadrunner.com](mailto:ghammar@roadrunner.com) or 985-9189. New Scrabble players of all levels are welcome. Group meets once a month on 3rd Monday at 6:30 PM at members' homes





**TGFN - Friday, December 16th**  
**5PM**  
**Oak Street Bistro**  
**3 Oak St., Alfred**

### ~ SPECIAL INTEREST/VOLUNTEERS ~

Habitat cannot build houses without a cadre of volunteers contributing various skills. We rely on people who are able to organize, run a meeting, create financial reports, work with volunteers, interview families, help with fundraising, write grants, etc. If you feel you would like to contribute in any way, please contact Doug Fraser for additional information, or just visit the Habitat ReStore in Kennebunk



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We are always anxious to start new groups. If you have new ideas or for more information contact Christine Chamberlain, President

- New group coordinators are needed for some activities
- Sign-up sheets for individual groups do not carry from year to year, and are open to all paid Club members

**NOTE:**

If you know of a club member who is sick or hospitalized, please let Donna Lombardi know so she can send a card. Contact information for Donna: [donnarae46@gmail.com](mailto:donnarae46@gmail.com) or 985-9851

### December Events

**Golden Chariot Ride & Cocktail Party** - December 2nd and 9th - 5pm-7pm - Fee: \$25 pp for ride and two drinks More Info: <http://www.trolleyuseum.org/events/goldenchariot> Ride in Seashore Trolley's most beautiful open car, followed by a cocktail party in the visitor center. Sip a "Streetcar Named Desire" or a "Montreal Madress", wine or beer. Seashore Trolley Museum, 195 Log Cabin Rd, Kennebunkport. Contact information: [director@neerhs.org](mailto:director@neerhs.org) or 207-967-2800 ext 101

**Fire + Ice!** - The Nonantum Resort - December 9th & 10th - 5pm-10pm - Fee: \$30 pp  
Website: <http://www.fireandicekport.com> It's the hottest ticket in town and the perfect ending to Kennebunkport's Christmas Prelude celebrations! The Nonantum Resort's 7th Annual Fire + Ice features blazing bonfires, cool ice bars and sculptures, local bites and beverages, and dancing to chase the chills away! (Adults only, 21+) Tel: 207-967-4050

#### **Downtown Tree Lightings throughout Kennebunk**

First Saturday after Thanksgiving at 5:30pm at the Plaza on Main Street. Caroling, entertainment, refreshments and Santa! Many businesses are open for your holiday shopping. Hosted by the Downtown Committee.

#### **Lower Village Tree Lighting**

First Saturday in December at 5:30pm at the corner of Christensen Lane and Route 35 for the Tree Lighting & Christmas Stroll at Lower Village. Join us for carols by the Kennebunk High School Chamber Choir. Following the lighting, enjoy the traditional stroll to the Franciscan Monastery.

#### **West Kennebunk Tree Lighting**

First Saturday in December at 6pm at the Dorothy Stevens Community Center, 80 Thompson Road. Caroling, entertainment, refreshments and Santa! Hosted by the West Kennebunk Village Committee.

#### **Watch the Wild Blueberry Drop - New Year's Eve Celebration - Downtown Kennebunk**

Next Dine Around, Saturday, January 14th  
Getting to Know People and Enjoying Home-cooked Food

"Dine Around" is having dinners in each others' 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, vegetarian lasagne, etc), and calls the guests to discuss which side dish, appetizer 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.

The next Dine Around evening is set for Saturday, Jan. 14th. 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.

Contact Lucille Gentsch [lwillegen@gmail.com](mailto:lwillegen@gmail.com) if you would like to "Dine Around" on January 14th.



## NEWCOMERS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY COCKTAIL PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH 2016  
5-7PM  
AT THE NONANTUM RESORT

~ HOT AND COLD HORS D'OEUVRES ~  
~ CASH BAR ~  
~ SOME SEATING AVAILABLE ~  
~ COST: \$20 PER PERSON ~

PLEASE RSVP AND SEND YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:  
"NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS CLUB"  
WITH THE NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING TO:

MAUREEN HARDING  
205 BEACHWOOD AVE.  
KENNEBUNKPORT, 04046

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QUESTIONS:

EMAIL MAUREEN AT: [MAUREENHARDING2013@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MAUREENHARDING2013@GMAIL.COM)



Kennebunkport's 35th Annual

## Christmas Prelude

December 1st - 11th, 2016

Check out the list of events at the following website:  
[www.christmasprelude.com](http://www.christmasprelude.com)



A small Ad Hoc Committee of the Board is meeting this fall to review the By-Laws. They can be found on our website at <http://www.kptanewcomers.org>  
If you have any input on potential edits, please send your suggestions to Kate Bauer Burke, Jeannine Roy, or Chris Chamberlain. Thank you!



# Merry Christmas

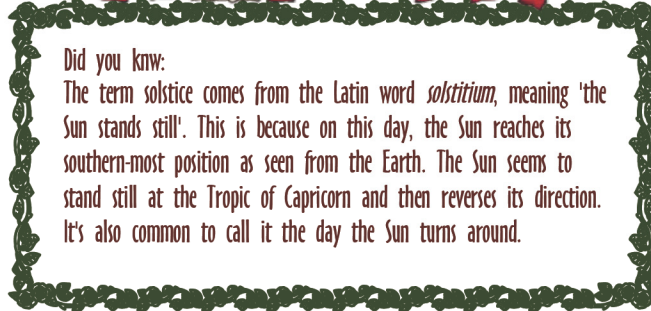
~ Something Extra ~

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# Happy Holidays!



The world's largest Christmas stocking measured 106 feet 9 inches long by 49 feet 1 inch wide. It weighed as much as five reindeer and held almost 1,000 presents. It was made by the Children's Society in London on December 14th, 2007.



Did you know:  
The term solstice comes from the Latin word *solstitium*, meaning 'the Sun stands still'. This is because on this day, the Sun reaches its southern-most position as seen from the Earth. The Sun seems to stand still at the Tropic of Capricorn and then reverses its direction. It's also common to call it the day the Sun turns around.

All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would equal 364 gifts



More vehicles are stolen on New Year's Day than any other holiday. Statistics from the National Insurance Crime Bureau.



Black eyed peas, ham, and cabbage are considered good luck if you eat them on New Year's Eve or Day because it is believed they will bring you

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This is your Newsletter!

If you have time-sensitive news for all Club members, contact Kay Simmons at the email address below. As the Newsletter Editor I welcome any input or comments from the members

email: [kay1mac2@mac.com](mailto:kay1mac2@mac.com)



From the Editor  
*Kay Simmons*



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