

The Newcomers Club of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Arundel

NEWSLETTER

February, 2012



Hello Newcomers!

I'm baaack! Thanks to everyone for the get well wishes. A special thank you to the "team" for everything that they have done to help while I've been recovering. Finally, thanks to Sean for filling in for me at the January meeting.



This is the time of year when we especially appreciate all of the Newcomer's activities. Having so many activities to choose from make these dark and cold days of winter fly by.

Here are highlights of just a few of the activities:

- February Hoe Down at River Tree Arts – February 11th. A great event for dancers and non-dancers. Come and take a lesson from our guest teacher or just come and have a good time socializing with friends. We'll bring appetizers, desserts and our beverages.
- January Theater Night – January 28th at the Portland Stage
- January Outdoor Group – January 21st – Hiking the Eastern Trail

Please see the details for these events in this Newsletter.

Finally, the Nominating Committee for next year is forming. Please contact me if you are interested in either being a member of the committee or would like to be nominated for a position next year. My contact information: email – newcomerskka@gmail.com phone- 207-321-1817.

Happy Valentines' Day!

Donna Murphy

President



NEXT MEETING

**February Meeting - February 2nd - 7PM
Community House**

What's In A Name?



Old Storer Mansion

Join Kennebunk's Town Historian Kathy Ostrander Roberts in her revealing presentation on local naming facts and folklore.

Ever wondered who put the "Cat" in "Cat Mousam", or why the "Wedding Cake House" has a myth associated with its name, or why does the town seal of Kennebunk have a tree and where in the world is "Blood Hill"?

Many of us will drive past streets or read references to locations which have names we recognize but we don't give much thought as to where those names came from. This presentation will give you the background to many of these names and reveal the history and in some cases, the comedy related to them.

Ostrander -Roberts, is a former columnist for the York County Coast Star, and author of two books on Kennebunk's History.

Please join her on Thursday, February 2nd, at the Community House in Kennebunkport.

Refreshments are served before and after the meeting!

FEBRUARY HOEDOWN - 2/11

Grab your partner and do-sa-do! You're invited to a **hoedown**; come join us for square dancing and line dancing.

When: Saturday, February 11, 2012

Time: 6:00

**Place: River Tree Arts
35 Western Avenue
Kennebunk**



Cost: \$10 per person plus BYOB

Please sign up to **bring an appetizer or dessert** or email Pat Prevet at prevepa@yahoo.com.



ANNUAL POT LUCK ***THURSDAY MARCH 1, 2012***

This event will be held at St Martha's Parish Hall on Route 1 in Kennebunk. Happy hour at 5:30 with dinner at 6PM.

This is a BYOB dinner. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided.

Please sign up to bring a Main dish/Entrée or a Side Dish/Salad or Dessert by emailing or calling Marie Ali Hassan at or nadseh@yahoo.com or 9670140.

Please note, all food must be ready to serve (cooked, sliced if necessary and with serving utensils and serving dishes) we have access to 2 ovens to keep the entrees warm if needed.

Appetizers, table settings and decorations will be provided. Volunteers to set up that afternoon as well as clean up that evening are always welcome

MONTHLY GET-TOGETHERS



Couple's Bridge – February 4th

The Couples Bridge group will meet on Saturday, February 4, 2012. Players of all levels of expertise are welcome. Please contact Carolyn Kershaw at cgkershaw@gmail.com or 967.3487 if you wish to reserve a spot.



The Breakfast Group – February 14th

The next meeting for the breakfast group will be Feb 14th, 9a @ Cole Rd Cafe, 1 Cole Rd, Biddeford. Please RSVP to Paula by **Feb 7th** @ 967-6197 or plf1@roadrunner.com



LADIES' LUNCH/ GadAbout, - February 16th

For those of us wintering over, please meet at Allison's in Dock Square at 11:45 am for some special care and feeding. In our house we protect the gardens and feed the birds against the cold of winter. Please consider this luncheon as a time to treat yourself to a warm meal among friends. If you plan to attend please e-mail susan@theboaks.com

 **DINE AROUND February, 18th**

The next Dine Around is coming right up on Saturday, February 18th. This is such a fun way to get to know your fellow Newcomers. The host prepares the main meal and the guests bring an assigned dish...app, salad, dessert or whatever. It is customary to bring a bottle of wine for the hosts to serve with dinner. The host will decide the time to meet and contact the guest with what to bring. Please consider being a host for Dine Around this time and let me know how many you can host in your home. Please send an email to me at donna@drlombardi.net or call me at 985-9851. Whether you want to be a guest or a host, the deadline for signing up is February 9th.

 **Outdoor Walking Group – February 18th**

Please contact Linda Gaumond (985-3973 or ronandlinda@roadrunner.com) if you are interested in joining the January outing on the Eastern Trail on the 21st or the next hike on February 18th."

 **Movie Group – February 19th**

Bill Schubert, usually 3rd Sunday evening, with option of going to dinner after. (967-2275 or wags2@roadrunner.com). Next Movie Night will be February 19th at Cinemagic in Saco

 **The Men's Lunch Bunch – February 21st**

The Newcomers' Men's Lunch Bunch will meet February 21st (always the third Tuesday), at 12:00 noon at Duffy's Tavern and Grill in downtown Kennebunk. No reservations required. Please call John Martin, our interlocutor @467-3105 or jmartin99@roadrunner.com with any questions.

 **TGFN, FEBRUARY 24TH -5 pm**

The location is "The Run of the Mill" in Saco. We were there about a year ago. It is at 100 Main Street, on the island, and just over the bridge from Biddeford. The turn is immediately after the bridge. There is very little parking at the door, but plenty in back. There are some stairs between the parking lot and the door.

This is a brew-pub with many of their own beers on tap. It is very popular so expect a good crowd. Last year quite a few stayed for dinner.



Bridge and Chess Group: Every Wednesday

Meet every Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm in the back room at Duffy's Irish Bar on route 1 in Kennebunk. Friendly games of bridge and chess for women and men seeking to improve their game by playing regularly. Contact Pat near the holidays in case of schedule changes.

Pat Briggs is the coordinator at 967- 3180 or pandamb@roadrunner.com.

SPECIAL NEWS FOR AND OF MEMBERS

NEWCOMERS SPECIAL

INTEREST GROUPS These are the ones in place at this time; we are always anxious to start new ones. With new ideas or for more info, contact Donna Murphy.

***New group coordinators are needed for some activities.*

***Sign-ups do not carry from year to year, and are open to all paid Club members.*

cgKershaw@gmail.com). The group, of varied skill levels, meets the first Saturday or Sunday of the month. New players are very welcome.



The Gourmet Group -

Shared meals are planned and prepared around a theme. Those interested should contact Donna Murphy at newcomerskka@gmail.com.

Signup sheets for these groups will only be at the first one or two meetings of each fall; thereafter contact the group leader to join. Since some groups continue to meet in the summer, we are listing all currently in place.



Habitat for Humanity—

"Our rehab project in Springvale is about complete. We now need to look toward our next venture - a build in Biddeford. Although we own the property, we still must find a family for the house and funding to start construction.

Our greatest need, at present, is for "behind the scenes" people. Habitat cannot build houses without a cadre of volunteers contributing various



Book Group: Those interested in joining should contact Marie Ali-Hassan at 967-0140 or nadseh@yahoo.com



Bridge:
Couples—Carolyn Kershaw
(967-3487 or

skills. We rely on people who are able to organize, run a meeting, create financial reports, work with volunteers, interview families, help with fund raising, write grants, etc.

If you feel you would like to contribute in any way, please contact me at ron@habitatyorkcounty.org for additional information."



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Outdoor Activities—hiking, kayaking, etc. FMI, contact Linda Gaumond (985-3973 or ronandlinda@roadrunner.com).



"Scott Sargent" Poker Knights—Herb Cohen (967-8374 or hcohen@perfcon.com); 1st Tues.



Scrabble— Nancy Geyerhahn (967-9185 or geyerhahn@roadrunner.com). New players of all levels are welcome. Group meets once a month on Mondays at 7 pm at members' homes.




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Theater Group: January - The  theatre group invites everyone to join them in their first theatre outing on **Saturday, January 28th at 4:00 (matinee) at The Portland Stage**. The play is entitled, *Trouble is my Business*, adapted by James Glossman. The 1930's atmosphere, and trademark narrative style of L.A.'s most famous detective come to life in this world premiere

adaption of two of Chandler's Philip Marlowe short stories. From seedy side streets to elegant Hollywood mansions, Marlowe must stay focused on solving the case through run-ins with sinister thugs, high rollers, crooked cops, and femme-fatales in this quintessential jazz-age thriller.

To attend you need to purchase tickets on-line, by phone (774-0465), or in person 25A Forest Ave.. Tickets are \$39.00 with a 3.00 discount for 65 or older. There are seats available now in both the left and right sections. Once you've purchased your ticket, please let the Branchinas know (nbranchina@roadrunner.com or 985-0368). Also let them know if you definitely plan on going to dinner with the group afterwards. There will be more on restaurants later.

April - The Theater Group's second outing will be on **Sunday, April 1st at 2 pm at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre in Portsmouth, NH** to see *Ain't Misbehavin'*. The outrageously prodigious comic and musical soul of the

1930s Harlem lives on in this rollicking, swinging, finger-snapping revue that is still considered one of Broadway's best. The inimitable Thomas "Fats" Waller rose to international fame during the Golden Age of the Cotton Club, honky tonk dives along Lenox Avenue, rent parties, stride piano players and the jumpin' new beat, Swing. Although not quite a biography, *Ain't Bisbehavin'* evokes the delightful humor and infectious energy of this American original as a versatile cast strut, strums and sings the songs he made famous in a career that ranged from uptown clubs to downtown Tin Pan Alley to Hollywood and concert stages in U.S., Canada and Europe.

All members are invited to purchase their own tickets separately. Ticket Prices \$20 to \$42 Available after January 1st at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow Street, Portsmouth, NH. Suggested restaurants in the area will follow after the first of the year.

The Newsletter looks for all announcements and news items by the 12th of each month, for distribution by the 17th of the month. Please think of sharing word of local outings you have enjoyed, travel tips, personal news of general interest, etc. We are a social club and do not publicize commercial or political news, however. And we can't supplant the local media coverage of events if there is no direct Member involvement.

If you have time-sensitive news for all Club members, contact me anytime as a special email could be possible. revjima@yahoo.com or 985-8823 This is your newsletter!

.NOTE: If you know of a club member sick or hospitalized, please let Elsa vanBergen know so she can send a card.

(evanbergen@maine.rr.com or 207-423-3781).

If you have any photos of Newcomers Club events, please send copies to Jim Anderson revjima@yahoo.com

CLUB CALENDAR

Jan. 28 th	4 PM	Theater Group*
Feb. 1 st	1PM	Bridge & Chess Group
Feb. 2 nd	7PM	Regular Club Meeting
Feb. 4 th	7 PM	Couples' Bridge *
Feb. 8 th	1 PM	Bridge & Chess Group
Feb. 11 th	6 PM	Hoedown*
Feb. 14 th	9 AM	Breakfast Group*
Feb. 15 th	1PM	Bridge & Chess Group
Feb. 16 th	11:45 AM	Ladies' Lunch/Gadabout*
Feb. 18 th	TBD	Dine Around*
Feb. 18 th	TBD	Outing Group*
Feb. 19 th	TBA	Movie Group
Feb 21 st	Noon	Men's Lunch Bunch
Feb 24 th	5 PM	TGFN
Feb. 22 nd	1 PM	Bridge & Chess Group
Feb 29 th	1 PM	Bridge & Chess Group
Mar. 1 st	5:30 PM	Annual Pot Luck *

* Reservation required

New Members not in the directory.

Please clip and tape in your directory. If you don't have a directory, please contact Susan Boak (571-8254) or Maureen Wren (467-3276) to arrange receipt.

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IN MEMORIAM

Dick Carr 1919 - 2011

Dick Becker 1921 - 2011

Al Moulton 1943 - 2012

PERSONAL NOTE:

I would like to thank the club and all the members who called and sent "Get Well!" cards after my recent surgery. I am mending well and will be back on my feet in a few weeks.

Jim Anderson