



**Kennebunk - Kennebunkport -  
Arundel  
NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS CLUB**

# **NEWSLETTER**

**February 2018**

## **FEBRUARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I hope you are enjoying this quiet time of year. We've successfully weathered several snowstorms, including a genuine blizzard. Hope you had a chance to see the video of someone literally ice-skating on the beach here in southern Maine!

We are actually more than half-way through the 2017-18 Newcomers & Neighbors year. Our speaker this month, naturalist and bird expert Josh Fecteau, hopefully will make us start thinking Spring!

Also, as we did last May when we featured Crafts that our members were involved in, our May meeting this year, entitled "Collections", will again focus on our own members rather than having a guest speaker. We would love to learn about various types of collections that people have. Please think about bringing some samples of whatever you love to collect and sharing your knowledge with your fellow members.

It's also time to start thinking about how the Club will operate next year. Newcomers & Neighbors is totally the result of the time and talents of its members. There will be many opportunities to become more actively involved in various committees or activities. Many hands make light (and fun) work – we'll have more details next month but please start thinking about how you would like to help.

Meanwhile, stay warm and stay well.

**Kate Bauer Burke  
President**

### **Your Elected Officers for 2017-18**

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

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Have you moved, changed your e-mail or gotten a new cell phone  
number please notify

**Bob Mills**

**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 Donna

## February Meeting

Are you inspired by the nature around us? Can you identify the birds in your yard?

Our February speaker, naturalist Josh Fecteau, will introduce our group to the birds of winter. Josh Fecteau is a naturalist, avid birder, and wild food enthusiast.

Born in Biddeford, ME, Josh maintains a website and natural history blog ([JoshFecteau.com](http://JoshFecteau.com)).

He takes pleasure in sharing his love of the wild with others by leading walks and workshops and presenting to audiences large and small.

In 2016, Josh saw 305 species of birds in Maine!

**Potluck Supper  
and  
Welcome to the Newest Newcomers and Neighbors!**

Thursday, March 1, 2018 at the Community House

5:30 for appetizers and mingling

6:00 for pot luck supper

Please join our annual delicious Pot Luck Supper! Instead of bingo this year, we want to focus on welcoming our newest members.

Did you know we have gained 28 new members since August?

Please join us for delicious food, with time to meet new members, and time to visit with current friends.

Ovens are not available, but we have plenty of outlets for plug-ins.

Look for a sign-up sheet at the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting  
or email Maureen Summers

You can choose to bring an appetizer, a salad, a main course, or a dessert.  
We also need a set-up crew and a clean-up crew. Many hands make light work!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Club Calendar

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Group</b>
February1	6:30 PM	Monthly Meeting
February 3	6:30 PM	Partners Bridge
February 6	TBD	Poker Knights
February 6	1:30 PM	Knitting/Crochet/Craft
February 7	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
February 7	9:30 AM	Breakfast Group
February 8	4:00 PM	Beachside Bookenders
February12	6:30 PM	Scrabble Group
February14	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
February14	7:30 PM	Trivia Group
February17	6:30 PM	Dine Around
February19	TBD	Movie Group
February20	12 noon	Men's Lunch Bunch
February20	1:30 PM	Knitting/Crochet/Craft
February21	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
February28	1:00 PM	Bridge Group

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

## Monthly Activities

### **Beachside Bookenders**

February 8<sup>th</sup>

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 February 8 is the novel *The One-in-A-Million Boy* by Monica Wood. For more information please contact Elsa van Bergen.

### **Breakfast Group**

February 7<sup>th</sup> (Please note this is a Wednesday!)

9:30

Three Sisters Family Restaurant

641 Elm St. (Rte 1)

Biddeford

Please respond to Kathy Johnson by Saturday, Feb 3<sup>d</sup>

### **Bridge Group**

February 7 – 14 – 21 - 28

Group meets for lunch every Wednesday at 1 PM and play 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.

### **Knitting/ Crochet/ Craft**

Our February get-togethers will be as follows:

Tuesday, February 6th, 1:30pm;

Host; Barb Branchina's home

Tuesday, February 20th, 1:30pm;

Host; Kate Bauer Burke's home

For more details please sign up for the group email reminders.

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.

If anyone would like to join our group, please email Jeanne Butler and she will be happy to add you to our list.

### **Dine Around**

February 17<sup>th</sup>

"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. Sign up at the monthly meeting or contact Lucille Gentsch if you would like to participate.

- Men's Lunch Bunch** February 20<sup>th</sup>  
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.
- Movie Group** Group meets from October to April on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month to go to a movie and dinner. Contact Bill Schubert.
- Partners Bridge** February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Our next gathering of partners bridge will be at the home of Lee and Jim Anderson on Saturday February 3 at 6:30 pm. They are able to accommodate 2 tables.  
If you would like to play please call or text Lee on her cell phone..
- Poker Knights** Group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Contact Herb Cohen.
- Scrabble** February 12<sup>th</sup>  
Please join us for an evening of scrabble on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Donna Ricci and Dave Kelley have agreed to host. If interested, please contact Donna and/or Dave directly. If you cannot attend but would like to sign up for future scrabble dates, please contact Shirley Sergent.
- Trivia** February 14<sup>th</sup>  
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.
- Walking/Outdoor Group** Coordinators:  
MarieJeanne Ali-Hassan and Linda Gaumont