

NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS CLUB

Kennebunk - Kennebunkport - Arundel

NEWSLETTER

February 2017

Notable Dates and Events in February:

February 2nd
N & N Meeting

February 2nd



Groundhog Day

February 14th

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



February 20th



Presidents' Day

February 28th
Shrove Tuesday



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Winter Greetings!

January finds Newcomers and Neighbors gearing up for a busy winter. The annual Chili & Salad Night is coming right up on January 20th. On February 2nd, our regular monthly meeting will feature retired WCSH6 weatherman Kevin Mannix and his lovely wife Linda to talk about their book, "Weathering Shame." It is sure to be a fascinating presentation. Our annual fun and very delicious Pot Luck Supper (& Bingo) will be March 2nd. Come to a meeting or join an activity - a sure cure for the long winter ahead!

It is also time to think about how you might volunteer next year. The Nominating Committee will meet in February to fill the roster of officers and committee chairs for July 2017-June 2018. If you would like to help the Club by volunteering to chair an activity, please let one of the officers know. We will be thrilled to hear from you!

Chris Chamberlain
President

Meeting - February 2nd, 2017 - Meeting starts at 6:30pm with refreshments at the Kennebunkport Community House

Our February speakers are popular television weatherman, Kevin Mannix, and his social worker wife, Linda Rota, co-authors of "Weathering Shame." The autobiography shares their personal experiences with shame and stigma throughout their childhood and adult lives and their journey of healing. Through the book and personal appearances they work to encourage others to embark on their own journey of self-discovery and to encourage society to become more compassionate and less stigmatizing. Kevin and Linda will also make time to answer our questions and sign your book.

Newcomers & Neighbors Club Web Site: www.kptanewcomers.org

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

May Meeting

Attention all Crafters! Our first Textile Arts and Crafts Show will be in place of our speaker on May 4th. Sign up to display your work and share your passion with our Newcomers and Neighbors friends. Plan to bring up to six items to display and a short introduction to you and your craft.

Signup sheets are available at our monthly meetings or by emailing Donna Murphy at dmmurphy775@gmail.com.



Club Calendar

February 1st	- 2-4pm	Bridge Group
February 2nd	- 6:30pm	N & N Meeting
February 7th	- 1:30pm	Knitting/Crochet/Craft Group
February 7th	- TBD	Poker Knights
February 8th	- 9:30am	Breakfast Group
February 8th	- 2-4pm	Bridge Group
February 8th	- 7pm	Trivia Group
February 9th	- 4pm	Beachside Bookenders Group
February 11th	- TBD	Dine Around
February 15th	- 2-4pm	Bridge Group
February 16th	- 11:30am	Ladies Luncheon Gadabouts
February 19th	- TBD	Movie Group
February 20th	- 6:30pm	Scrabble Group
February 21st	- 12 noon	Men's Lunch Bunch
February 21st	- 1:30pm	Knitting/Crochet/Craft Group
February 22nd	- 2-4pm	Bridge Group
February 22nd	- 10am	Outdoor Group
February 24th	- 5pm	TGFuN
February TBD	- TBD	Partners Bridge Group

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

*MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!*

MONTHLY GET TOGETHERS



Ladies Luncheon Gadabouts - February 16th
No Gadding, just Lunching at The Wayfarer in Cape Porpoise at 11:30am.
Contact Kate Burke at kbauerburke@aol.com or 978-621-0220 or sign up at the February meeting.

Partners Bridge - February TBD



Beachside Bookenders Group - February 9th
The Beachside Bookenders book group will meet Thursday February 9th at 4pm at the home of Brenda Loucks to discuss the historical novel *The Accidental Empress* by Allison Pataki. If you are interested in joining us, or wish more information, kindly contact Elsa van Bergen ejvanbergen2@gmail.com

Knitting/Crochet/Craft Group - February 7th - February 21st

Group will meet at the following times and locations: February 7th, 1:30pm at Barbara Fuller's, 76 Plymouth Grove Dr., Kennebunk. 772-418-2522. February 21st, 1:30pm at Barbara Fleshman's, 77 Summer St., Kennebunk. 604-7813/571-242-1192. Contact Annette Bowler for any more info. Ambg6@yahoo.com



Trivia Group - February 8th

Trivia will be at Litchfield's on Wednesday, February 8th. 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. Trivia will continue to be at Litchfield's on the second Wednesday of the month until further notice. Please let Lynn Fraser lynnhfraser@hotmail.com know if you plan to attend.

Breakfast Group - February 8th

Breakfast Group will meet at Cole Road Cafe, 1 Cole Road, Biddeford on Wednesday, February 8th at 9:30am. Please respond to Kathy Johnson kjohnjazz@yahoo.com by Saturday, February 4th if you would like to attend.



Dine Around - Getting to Know People and Enjoying Home-cooked Food - February 11th
"Dine Around" is having dinners in each others' homes in the company of people we may not know very well yet. 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. The next Dine Around evening is set for Saturday February 11th. 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 lucillegen@gmail.com if you would like to "Dine Around" on February 11th.

MONTHLY GET TOGETHERS cont'd.



The Newcomer's Men's Lunch Bunch - February 21st

Group meets every third Tuesday of the month at 12 noon at Duffy's Tavern and Grill in downtown Kennebunk. Group meets September thru June. No reservations required. Please call George Acker, our interlocutor at: 967-1085 or ackerg@gwi.net with any questions.



BRIDGE GROUP

Meet every Wednesday for lunch at 1pm and play bridge 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

Movie Group - Bill Shubert at: 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 - February 7th

Contact Herb Cohen at: 967-8374 or hcohen@perfcon.com
Group meets the 1st Tuesday of the Month

Scrabble Group - February 20th

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



Outdoor Group - February 22nd

The latest information on our February walk is: Ferry Beach State Park, Saco, on Wednesday, February 22nd, starting at 10am. Further notice will be sent to all interested in February. Contact Linda Gaumont



TGFuN

Kennebunkport Inn

Dock Square

Friday, February 24th - 5PM

~ 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



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: donnae46@gmail.com or 985-9851

February Events



Generally held the first Saturday in February in and around downtown Kennebunk. Winter carnival activities, skating party with DJ, snow sculptures, soup tasting contest, and talent show. Hosted by the Festival Committee.

Valentine's Family Ice Skate Dance. Skaters and spectators are encouraged to dress in red, free ice skating, DJ taking requests, prizes and awards, plus a sweetheart's dance! Sponsored by the Kennebunk Downtown Committee and Waterhouse Center.

Get your skates ready because the Waterhouse Center's Ice Rink is open until March 31st 2017



♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥

Senior Summer Softball League?



*Stay ACTIVE,
Stay HEALTHY!*

Calling ALL Seniors!
We are seeking ALL interested participants to see if we have a large enough interest to run a league this summer. Assuming we get a large enough crowd we will begin the process of organizing league details. The league would be a slow pitch cood league, with games being played once a week.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
PLEASE SEND AN E-MAIL TO
DANIEL PEACOCK-

dpeacock@kennebunkmaine.us or

Call: 207-604-1335

to add your name to the list of interested participants.

Please include your:

Name, Age, and Contact Info

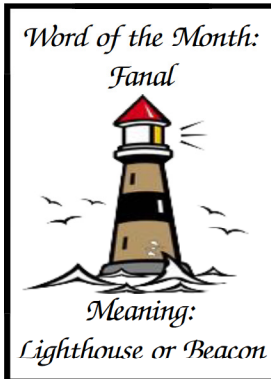
~ Something Extra ~



Did you know:
About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year. This makes it the second largest seasonal card sending time of the year



Birthday:
February 3rd - American artist and illustrator Norman Rockwell (1894-1978) was born in New York City. Best known for depicting ordinary scenes from small town American life for the covers of Saturday Evening Post magazine



Did you know:
Every Valentine's Day, the Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet

Did you know:

In Finland, where Valentine's Day is called Ystävänpäivä, which translates into "Friend's day". It's more about remembering your buddies than your loved ones

Birthday:

February 14, 1849 - Photographer Mathew Brady took the first photograph of a U.S. President in office, James Polk



Did you know:

King's cake (or three kings cake), is eaten throughout the world during carnival season. In the US, it is traditionally purple, green, and gold, with a trinket baby Jesus inside. Whoever gets the baby Jesus is said to have good luck all year!



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



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