

NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS CLUB

Kennebunk - Kennebunkport - Arundel

NEWSLETTER

March 2017

Notable Dates and Events in March:

March 2nd
Newcomers
Potluck Supper
& Bingo

March 3rd
World Wildlife Day



March 12th



Daylight Saving
Time Begins

March 17th



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Hello Everyone,

March will soon be upon us, with the promise of spring soon thereafter. Some would hope winter is nearly done by now, but I think Mother Nature has more to say on the matter for us here in Maine!

Despite the weather, our monthly meetings are always warm and friendly, especially on these cold winter evenings. Be sure to mark March 2nd on your calendar for the annual Pot Luck Supper, followed by bingo, called by our own John Martin. The food is always delicious and the games are always entertaining.

Hope to see you there!

Christine Chamberlain
President



Potluck Supper and Bingo Night
Thursday, March 2nd - 5:30pm
Community House, Kennebunkport

Come one, come all, and bring your crockpot, casserole, bowl or plate and share at our annual Potluck Supper. Choose to bring an appetizer, salad, main course, or dessert. It's BYOB, so bring your own wine, beer, or soft drink too. Bingo follows supper and our own John Martin is the caller, so it's bound to be a fun night.

If you have not already signed up, contact Chris Deliee at cddeliee@gmail.com to tell her what kind of dish you'd like to bring. Don't forget to volunteer for setting up and taking down the chairs and tables, because many hands make light work.

For those bringing crockpots: we'll have power cords to keep things warm.

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

March 1st	- 2-4pm	Bridge Group
March 2nd	- 5:30pm	Annual Pot Luck Supper & Bingo
March 4th	- 6:30pm	Partners Bridge Group
March 7th	- 1:30pm	Knitting/Crafts Group
March 7th	- TBD	Poker Knights
March 8th	- 9:30am	Breakfast Group
March 8th	- 2-4pm	Bridge Group
March 8th	- 7pm	Trivia Group
March 11th	- TBD	Dine Around
March 15th	- 2-4pm	Bridge Group
March TBD	- 5pm	TGFuN
March 19th	- TBD	Movie Group
March 20th	- 6:30pm	Scrabble Group
March 21st	- 1:30pm	Knitting/Crafts Group
March 21st	- 12 noon	Men's Lunch Bunch
March 22nd	- 2-4pm	Bridge Group
March 22nd	- TBD	Outdoor Group
March 29th	- 2-4pm	Bridge Group
March 30th	- 10am	Ladies Luncheon Gadabouts

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

*MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!*

MONTHLY GET TOGETHERS

Ladies Luncheon Gadabouts



March 30th

THINK SPRING!!! We're going to the Maine Flower Show at Thompson's Point in Portland. The flower show opens at 10am. Then we'll enjoy lunch at De Millo's restaurant on the Portland waterfront, Commercial Street. If you would like to carpool, let Kate know and meet at the back corner of the Quest Fitness parking lot in Kennebunk at 9:15am. You can purchase your tickets online, \$15 adult or \$8 senior (65+) - go to www.maineflowershow.com and follow the link to purchase tickets - or you can purchase tickets at the show but you might be standing in line for a while. **PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, MARCH 27th** to Kate kbauerburke@aol.com or 978-621-0220

March 4th

PARTNERS BRIDGE

A big thank you to Brenda Loucks and Kathy Johnson for hosting February Partners Bridge a few weeks ago at Brenda's home. We will meet in March at the home of Lee and Jim Anderson on Saturday March 4th, at 6:30pm. If you wish to play please contact Lee on her cell 207-467-5630 or email her at hleeanderson@yahoo.com Their home is located at 11 Moncton CT, Kennebunk

March 7th - March 21st

Knitting Crafts

March 7th Kate Burke's, at 7 Summer Breeze Lane, Kennebunkport. RSVP to kbauerburke@aol.com, 978-621-0220

March 21st Linda Gaumond's, 35 Stratford Place, Kennebunk. RSVP to l.gaumond22@roadrunner.com, 207-251-9527 cell, or 985-3973
Please e-mail me at ambg6@yahoo.com for more info.

March 11th - Getting to Know People and Enjoying Home-cooked Food

DINE AROUND

"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 March 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 at: lucillegen@gmail.com if you would like to "Dine Around" on March 11th.

Breakfast Group

March 8th

Group will meet Wednesday, March 8th at 9:30am at Cole Road Cafe, Biddeford
Please respond to Kathy Johnson at kjohnjazz@Yahoo.com by Saturday, March 4th if you plan to attend.

Outdoor Group

March 22nd

Our March walk will be on Wednesday, March 22nd. Destination to be announced soon. Hope all will keep that date available. For more information contact Linda Gaumond at: l.gaumond22@roadrunner.com

MONTHLY GET TOGETHERS cont'd.

men's lunch Bunch

March 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.

Trivia

March 8th

Trivia will be at Litchfield's on Wednesday, March 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.

BRIDGE GROUP

March 1st - 8th - 15th - 22nd - 29th

Group meets 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

March 19th

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

Poker Knights

March 7th

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

Scrabble

March 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



~ 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 or 985-9851

Local Events in March



March 1st through 12th

Check out the website: mainerestaurantweek.com for more info.

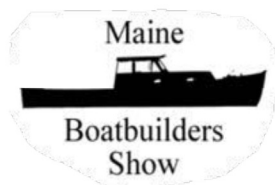
Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to dine out as often as possible during March 1st to 12th and enjoy some of the best restaurants and best dishes around. For 2017 MRW multi-course dinners cost \$25 (\$), \$35 (\$\$), \$45 (\$\$\$) and \$55 (\$\$\$\$). Some restaurants serve MRW lunches starting at \$15. This list of participating restaurants grows every day so check back often and please support the restaurant community by sharing this with friends. Cheers!



March 29th through April 2nd

The Maine Flower Show is northern New England's largest flower show. Owned and produced by the horticultural professionals of the non-profit Maine Landscape and Nursery Association. The 2017 Maine Flower Show will be held March 29th through April 2nd at Thompson's Point, right at Exit 5A of I-295 in Portland. For further information, go to www.maineflowershow.com

Waterhouse Center's Ice Rink is open 'til March 31st
Waterhouse Center, 51 Main Street, Downtown Kennebunk



Maine Boatbuilders Show

Friday March 24, 10-6pm - Saturday March 25, 10-6pm - Sunday March 26, 10-4pm
NEW location: 512 Warren Avenue, Portland, ME 04103 (Portland Sports Complex).
A gathering of the finest fiberglass and wooden custom boat builders on the East Coast. Also exhibiting numerous manufacturers of boating equipment. Sailboats, powerboats, canoes, kayaks, and rowing boats with the builders there to discuss and sell their work.



March 26, 2017 – Maine Maple Sunday – The Maine Maple Producers Association welcomes you to join Maine's Maple Syrup Producers, statewide, as they celebrate Maine Maple Sunday. Most sugarhouses offer free maple syrup samples and demonstrations on how pure Maine maple syrup is made. Many farms offer games, activities, treats, sugarbush tours, music, and so much more. Go to: mainemapleproducers.com FMI. Maine Maple Sunday is always the fourth Sunday in March although some sugarhouses are offering events for both Saturday and Sunday.

Newcomers and Neighbors Club Positions available for 2017-2018

Please consider volunteering for one!
The Nominating Committee is hoping to hear from you.
Please contact Kate Bauer Burke at kbauerburke@aol.com or 978-621-0220

Membership Committee tasks:

Greet people at monthly meetings.

Make nametags for new members each month and maintain the nametag board.

Maintain and distribute Welcome Packets to new and prospective members.

Receive completed new member forms and send new member contact information to all the chairs of activities/committees in which the new member wants to participate.

Directory Editor is part of the Membership Committee.

Need two people for 2017-18.

Program Committee tasks:

Usually meets 2 or 3 times in the summer to think of monthly meeting speakers for the upcoming year, contacts them, and schedules each speaker.

Provides and sets up equipment requested by the speaker.

The Program Brochure Editor is part of the Program Committee.

Need a chair and at least three committee members. Some of the committee members from last year might continue this year, so please consider joining them!

Social Committee tasks:

Plans, prepares, and hosts the special social gatherings of the Club. In years past, there have been 5 special social events planned by the Social Committee; a fall event, a holiday event in December, a Chili Fest in January, a Pot Luck Supper with Bingo in March, and the end of year "picnic" held in late May or early June. Need a chair and several members. This tends to be one of our larger committees as subgroups often form to each handle one social event. If you served on it before, please join the fun and sign up again!

Hospitality Committee tasks:

Provide and serve refreshments at the monthly meetings.

Book the hall for monthly meetings.

Unlock the meeting hall door and set up for the monthly meetings.

Clean up refreshments and dispose of trash at monthly meetings.

Need three or four people.

Vice President tasks:

Performs the duties of President in his/her absence.

Serves on at least one committee during her/his year as Vice President.

Serves as President the following year.

Need one person.

Ladies Lunch and Gadabout:

Some years, this activity has been monthly while during other years, this activity has been several times a year. The volunteers who agree to organize it can determine the frequency of the luncheons. In the past, this group visited a place of interest, followed by lunch in a restaurant near the place of interest. It can also be just lunch.

Need a chair or co-chairs.

Newcomers and Neighbors Club Positions available for 2017-2018 cont'd

Newsletter:

Compiles and publishes the Club's monthly newsletter.
Distributes membership-wide informational broadcasts related to social events.
Maintains an email list of all members.
Need one person.

Webmaster:

Maintains the Club's website in order to provide prospective and existing members with contact information and general information regarding the Club.
Provides specific details of current activities on the website.
Notifies President, Treasurer, Membership Committee, Directory Editor, and Newsletter Editor of on-line applications for membership.
Need one or two people.

Audio-Visual Assistants:

Set up the projector and audio system for speakers at the monthly meetings.
Need 3 people.

Breakfast Group:

Organizes and is the contact person for a monthly breakfast at a local restaurant. Informs the Newsletter Editor of the date for inclusion in each monthly newsletter.
Need one or two people to co-chair with Kathy Johnson.

Confirmed Chairs for 2017-18:

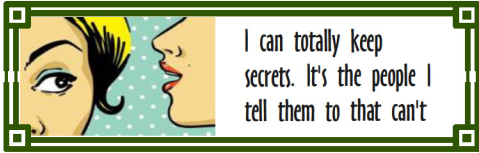
Directory Editor: Bob Mills
Publicity: Donna Murphy
Scrabble: Shirley Sergent
Trivia: Lynn Fraser

The following chairpersons are not yet confirmed but many will probably be willing to continue in their current roles. The Nominating Committee will need to check with each to confirm.

Sunshine: Donna Lombardi
TGFun: Jeff Gaulin, Pat & Bill Dugan
Dine Around: Lucille Gentsch
Men's Lunch: George Acker
Book Group: Elsa Van Bergen
Knitting/Crafts: Annette Bowler
Weekly Wednesday Bridge: Pat Briggs
Partners Bridge: Maxine Thibodeau
Movie Group: Bill Schubert
Walking Group: Linda Gaumond and Marie Ali-Hassan



Something Extra



I can totally keep secrets. It's the people I tell them to that can't

Word of th Month:
CLAGARNACH ("CLOY-GER-NACH")



Literally meaning "clattering", clagamach is the sound of heavy rain on a rooftop

Did you know:
St. Patrick was not Irish.
He was from Wales!

Did you know:
Almost 12 percent of Americans claim Irish ancestry

This Month in History:
March 12, 1609 - The island of Bermuda was colonized by the British after a ship on its way to Virginia was wrecked on the reefs



Birthday - March 24th - Harry Houdini (1874-1926) was born (as Erik Weisz) in Budapest, Hungary. He came to the U.S. with his family as an infant and lived in New York City. He began as a Coney Island magician, then became a world famous escape artist, known for escaping from chains, handcuffs, straightjackets, locked boxes and milk cans filled with water. He died on Halloween 1926 from a burst appendix and was buried in Queens, NY.



The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in New York in the 1760s

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



From the Editor
Kay Simmons



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