



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

NEWSLETTER

January 2018

Welcome to 2018! I hope that all of you will enjoy a happy and healthy new year!

As we head into the coldest and darkest time of the year, I know that many of our members will be departing for warmer climes. For those of you who will be traveling, may you have safe and enjoyable journeys. Our January meeting will be very informative for travelers. Dr. Evangeline Thibodeau who is an internist at York Hospital's Immunization & Travel Medical Clinic will share helpful hints on how to stay healthy while you are traveling.

For those of us who are going to be wintering in place, we can look forward to our annual Bleak Mid-Winter Chili Fest on January 26th– it's always a warm, fun evening with great food and friends. So start getting out your favorite secret chili recipe (or salad or dessert).

One other note: we all know that the snowstorms we get often cause power outages. We've recently experienced a lengthy power outage in which some of our members lost power for up to a week. For those who have generators, a power outage can be a minor inconvenience. For those who do not have them, an outage can be a major problem. We would like to start a list of Newcomers members who have generators and who would be willing to welcome other members to their homes. If you would like to be on this list, please contact Kate Bauer Burke.

Your Elected Officers for 2017-18

President: Kate Bauer Burke

Vice President: Doug Butler

Treasurer: Doug Fraser

Secretary: Chris Deliee

NOTE

**If you know of a club member who is sick or hospitalized, please let
Donna Lombardi know so she can send a card.**

Club Calendar

January 2, 2018	TBD	Poker Knights
January 3, 2018	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
January 4, 2018	6:30 PM	Newcomers & Neighbors Monthly Meeting
January 6, 2018	6:30 PM	Partners Bridge
January 8, 2018	6:30 PM	Scrabble Group
January 9, 2018	1:30 PM	Knitting/Crochet/Craft Group
January 9, 2018	9:30 AM	Breakfast Group
January 10, 2018	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
January 10, 2018	7:00 PM	Trivia Group
January 12, 2018	5:00 PM	TGFun
January 17, 2018	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
January 17, 2018	10:00 AM	Walking/Outdoor Group
January 16, 2018	12:00 PM	Men's Lunch Bunch
January 20, 2018	6:00PM	Dine Around
January 23, 2018	1:30 PM	Knitting/Crochet/Craft Group
January 24, 2018	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
January 26, 2018	5:00 PM	Chili Fest
January 31, 2018	1:00 PM	Bridge Group

Some of these events require reservations

Details are on the following pages

Newcomers and Neighbors Directory

Have you moved, changed your address, or have a new cell phone number?
Please notify Bob Mills to update the group directory.

NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS MONTHLY MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018 – Refreshments begin at 6:30.

Our first speaker of 2018 will be Dr. Evangeline Thibodeau, internist with York Hospital's Immunization and Travel Medical Clinic, who will tell us how to remain healthy while traveling.

Announcing the Annual Bleak Midwinter Chili Fest!

Friday, January 26, 5:00 pm

Kennebunkport Conservation Trust

Gravelly Brook Road, Kennebunkport

Join us for a cozy evening of comfort food in front of a warm fire, followed by fun and games with Mexican Train. You don't have to leave Maine to enjoy some midwinter warmth in a South of the Border setting.

There is no charge, we just ask you to sign up to bring your favorite chili recipe, salad, or dessert. Beverages will be provided by the Club. Please contact Alice

Ferran to let us know you are coming.

Monthly Activities

Breakfast Group Tuesday, January 9th, 9:30
Cole Road Café, 1 Cole Road, Biddeford, ME

Please respond to Kathy Johnson by Sunday, January 7th if you plan to attend.

Bridge Group January 3th, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
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 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.

Dine Around January 20th
"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

**Knitting/ Crochet/
Craft Group** Our January get-togethers will be as follows:
Tuesday, January 9th, 1:30pm;
Host; Mary Giknis, Cape Porpoise Library
Tuesday, January 23rd, 1:30pm;
Host; Louise Sandmeyer's home
An e-mail reminder to those on list will be sent out 3-4 days prior to meeting. 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. *Thanks Annette, for all your help in forming this special group.*

**Men's Lunch
Bunch** January 16th
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** No January meeting
- Partners Bridge** January 6th
 Alice and Bert Ferran will host Partners Bridge at their home on Saturday January 6th at 6:30 pm. They are able to accommodate up to 4 tables. If you wish to play please contact Alice Ferran.
- If you wish to join our Partners Bridge Group please contact Maxine Thibodeau .
 We welcome all levels of players and usually meet the first weekend of the month on a Saturday evening at 6:30. Our members rotate hosting at their home. It's a fun evening with great card playing, good conversation and enjoying each other's company.
- Poker Knights** January 2nd
 Group meets the 1st Tuesday of the month
 Contact Herb Cohen
- Scrabble** January 8th
 Please join us for an evening of scrabble on January 8th at 6:30 pm. Bob Mills and Elaine Ugolini have agreed to host; however, they will need to keep the number at eleven, which means nine can join. If interested please contact Bob Mills. If you cannot attend but would like to sign up as a new scrabble member, please contact Shirley Sergent.
- Trivia** January 10th
 Trivia will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Litchfield's (Route 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** January 17th, 2018, 10 AM.
 We will walk, snowshoe or cross country ski the new Nature Trails at Hope Cemetery Kennebunk. Notice will be sent to all who are on the sign-up list.

TGFun

Friday, January 12th, 5:00 PM - Federal Jacks

Our monthly socializing and eating continues in January but please note the change in date. TGFun will be on the second Friday of the month, January 12, since the upcoming Chili Fest will be on our usual date.

For those of you who are new to Newcomers, TGFun is an easy and fun way to get to know other members in a casual setting. We meet at different area restaurants once a month on a Friday night. We gather at 5:00 to socialize during Happy Hour and many stay on for dinner. Most months there is no need to reserve - just show up and enjoy your fellow Newcomers. Hope to see you in January!

NEW ACTIVITIES OPPORTUNITIES

BOWLING ANYONE? The Garden Street Bowl is now open – the food is fabulous and the bowling looks like a lot of fun. The manager said that after the New Year they will be looking at forming bowling leagues and other activities. If anyone is interested in coordinating some Newcomers & Neighbors activity at the Garden Street Bowl, please just let Kate know.

BOOK CLUB – Beachside Bookenders has decided to close to new participants because the size of the group has reached the maximum feasible for a book discussion group. Therefore, Beachside Bookenders will no longer be a N&N-sponsored activity. This opens the door for a new N&N book group. If anyone is interested in starting a new book group, please let Kate Bauer Burke know. Elsa Van Bergen has generously offered to help mentor anyone wanting to start a new group.

LADIES GADABOUTS – Several people have shown an interest in having a ladies' activity. Ladies Gadabouts was discontinued this year because we didn't have a coordinator. In recent years the Gadabouts has combined a luncheon with an activity (eg. Visit a museum, historic site etc). In earlier times it was just a luncheon. Some people have said the combined lunch/activity took up too much of the day – others like having both. You can do it either way – make it whatever you want. If anyone (or any team) is interested in re-starting the Ladies Gadabouts, please contact Kate Bauer Burke (she'll be happy to mentor).

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