



Kennebunk - Kennebunkport - Arundel NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

March 2018

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To be perfectly honest, March is my least favorite month of the year. It's the month when winter starts to feel like it's overstaying its welcome – and if we're not dealing with “still winter”, we're starting to get into mud season! But we do have some bright things to look forward to this month.

First, our monthly meeting on March 1st will be our annual Pot Luck Supper. This meeting we would like to take the opportunity to welcome the many new members who have joined since last August (promise not to make you stand up and talk!). Hope many of you, both old and new members, will be able to come for this fun evening of good food and good company.

Secondly, Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday March 11th – YAY more daylight at the end of the day!!

There are two new items that might be of interest to you in this Newsletter. Bowling has joined our list of Club activities, thanks to Bill Skulski's efforts to organize a casual, fun bowling group at the new Garden Street Bowl. I had not bowled in at least twenty years but found that it's easy to pick up again and lots of fun. So come give it a try.

We've recently learned that an Older Employment Alliance Initiative has been formed by the Towns of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport, the Chambers of Commerce of both towns and other members of the business communities. Local businesses value the work ethic, experience and professionalism of older workers and are seeking to hire more of them. Please see the information at the end of the Newsletter. We'll try to keep you updated as this Initiative progresses.

Your Elected Officers for 2017-18

President: Kate Bauer Burke

Vice President: Doug Butler

Treasurer: Doug Fraser

Secretary: Chris Deliee

Newcomers and Neighbors Website: www.kptanewcomers.org

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If you have moved, changed your email, or gotten an new phone number, please notify:

Bob Mills _____

Note:

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

Contact Donna _____

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**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.

If you plan to attend, email [Maureen Summers](mailto:Maureen.Summers@communityhouse.org)

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

Date	Time	Group
March 1	6:00 PM	Monthly Meeting
March 3	6:30 PM	Partners Bridge
March 6	TBD	Poker Knights
March 6	9:30 AM	Breakfast Group
March 6	1:30 PM	Knitting/Crochet/Craft
March 7	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
March 8	4:00 PM	Beachside Bookenders
March 12	6:30 PM	Scrabble Group
March 14	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
March 14	7:30 PM	Trivia Group
March 14	10:00 AM	Outdoor/Walking Group
March 18	TBD	Movie Group
March 20	12 noon	Men's Lunch Bunch
March 20	1:30 PM	Knitting/Crochet/Craft
March 21	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
March 23	5:00 PM	TGFun
March 28	1:00 PM	Bridge Group

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

Monthly Activities

<p>Beachside Bookenders</p>	<p>March 8th 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 March 8 is the novel <i>The One-in-A-Million Boy</i> by Monica Wood. For more information please contact Elsa van Bergen _____</p>
<p>Breakfast Group</p>	<p>March 6th 9:30 Raspberri's at the Gorges Grant Hotel 449 Main Street. - Route 1 Ogunquit Please respond to Kathy Johnson _____ by Sunday, March 4th if you plan to attend.</p>
<p>Bridge Group</p>	<p>March 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 _____</p>
<p>Knitting/ Crochet/ Craft</p>	<p>March 6 – 20 NOTE: CHANGE FROM PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED SCHEDULE Tuesday, March 6th, 1:30pm; Host; Jeanne Butler's home Tuesday, March 20th, 1:30pm; Host; Liz Walsh's home For more details please sign up for the group email reminders. Another reminder, to those on list, will be sent out 4 days prior to our 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.</p>

<p>Dine Around</p>	<p>No Dine around in March because the third Saturday is St Patrick's Day. Next one April 21st</p> <p>“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.</p>
<p>Men's Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>March 20th</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Movie Group</p>	<p>March 18th</p> <p>Group meets from October to April on the 3rd Sunday of the month to go to a movie and dinner. Contact Bill Schubert _____</p>
<p>Partners Bridge</p>	<p>March 3rd</p> <p>Partners bridge will meet on Saturday at 6:30 pm at the home of Jim and Pat Prevet. If you would like to play please contact Pat. _____</p>
<p>Poker Knights</p>	<p>March 6th</p> <p>Group meets the 1st Tuesday of the month Contact Herb Cohen _____</p>
<p>Scrabble</p>	<p>March 12th</p> <p>Please join us for an evening of scrabble on March 12th at 6:30 pm. Bob Mills and Elaine Ugolini have agreed to host. If interested, please contact Bob. If you cannot attend but would like</p>

	to sign up for future scrabble dates, please contact Shirley Sargent. Thank you!
Trivia	March 14 th 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	March 14 th The walking group will walk around the Back Cove in Portland. Coordinators: MarieJeanne Ali-Hassan or Linda Gaumond _____
TGFun	March 23rd Table of Seven, 102 York St. (Route 1) Kennebunk
Bowling	TBD Garden Street Bowl – 11 Garden Street, Kennebunk Casual, fun bowling, usually held on Friday afternoon at 1 PM. Cost is \$3 for shoe rental (or bring your own) plus \$20 lane fee shared among the bowlers (usually no more than five bowlers per lane). Interested members should contact Bill Skulski for further information.

Special Interest

Older Employment Alliance Initiative

The 2018 tourist season (April 1- end of Prelude) begins soon. During the 2017 season, area businesses (Hotels, Inns, Restaurants, and Retail Stores to name a few) were extremely understaffed. The result was businesses having to limit business hours due to lack of staff and/or owners and employees having to consistently work many extra hours per week all season long. The endless overtime takes a toll on owners and staff and customer service is impacted.

The Kennebunk's are filled with an untapped resource of recently retired residents. The tourist industry needs experienced workers who enjoy sharing their love and knowledge of this area with the many US and international guests who visit each season.

Seasonal jobs offer older residents an opportunity to stay mentally and physically active, socialization with co-workers and visitors, flexibility of hours, full computer training, and additional income for life's extras.

Area employers value and respect what older employees bring to the workplace. Older employees understand customer service, work responsibility, and conduct themselves professionally.

March 12th Job Fair: <http://gokennebunks.com/pages/events/job-fair>

Towns of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Chamber of Commerce, Kennebunkport Business Association hold an annual Job Fair.

The job fair provides an opportunity for interested residents to learn what jobs are available and to meet area employers.

In April (date not determined) there will be a second job fair exclusively for Older Residents/ Employees.