



The Newcomers Club of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Arundel

NEWSLETTER

December, 2011



Greetings to my fellow Newcomers and friends,

We have had a busy beginning months of our 2011-12 calendar. The Special Interest Groups are in full swing and I hope you are enjoying your time with all of the groups. In addition we have had great attendance at our monthly meetings and thank the Program Committee for choosing interesting speakers.



Our December meeting is replaced by our Holiday Party on December 8th. This year we have chosen a new venue, Pier 77 in Cape Porpoise. We are looking forward to experiencing Pier 77's beautiful facility and memorable food. Please contact Marie Ali-Hassan (nadseh@yahoo.com) if you have not already signed-up and prepaid. I look forward to seeing everyone on this special night.



Please be sure to check the calendar at the end of this Newsletter for the December events. Some groups suspend meetings during the busy holiday season but one special event will be the Ladies Luncheon at the Cape Arundel Inn on December 15th. Wonderful views and delicious food will greet the ladies as we meet for this special lunch.



Imagine all the people living life in peace. You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will be as one.

John Lennon

Peace,
Donna Murphy
President



NEXT MEETING

HOLIDAY PARTY – Dec 8th

Mark your calendar on December 8th for our Annual Holiday Party at Pier 77.
See the end of this newsletter for details.

MONTHLY GET-TOGETHERS

Couple's Bridge, December 11th

Helen Sargent and Dick Lindholm will host the Sunday, December 11th, **couples bridge group**. Please email Helen hjs775@att.net or call (985.8733) if you wish to attend. The January meeting will be held on Saturday, the 7th, at the Geyerhahns.

If there is more interest than space available (as happened last month), we will seek at second host home.

☪| The Breakfast Group

Our Breakfast Club holiday event at the Waldo Emerson Inn was a big success. Once again our hosts delivered a delicious homemade breakfast. There will be **no** breakfasts scheduled in Dec or Jan. We will resume breakfast again in February. The location will be in your January newsletter.

Happy Holidays

☪| The Men's Lunch Bunch – December 20th

The Newcomers' Men's Lunch Bunch will meet December 20th (always the third Tuesday), at 12:00 noon at Duffy's Tavern and Grill in downtown Kennebunk. No reservations required. Please call John Martin, our interlocutor @467-3105 or jmartin99@roadrunner.com with any questions.

☪| LADIES' LUNCH/ GadAbout, - December 15th

This year's Ladies Holiday Luncheon is Thursday, December 15th at noon and will take place at the beautiful Cape Arundel Inn on Ocean Avenue in Kennebunkport. We will have private use of this venue. If you are thinking of coming, please respond early as we are limited to 40 participants. The deadline is **December 8** as the final numbers need to be provided to the Inn on the 9th.

The menu is

- cup of soup de jour
- Cape Arundel Caesar Salad with grilled marinated chicken tenderloins, or
- Chilled Asian style chicken salad with aromatic vegetables and baby lettuce on multi-grain croissant

Please indicate that you plan to come by e-mailing susan@theboaks.com with meal preference and then sending a check, made out to The Newcomers Club, for **\$25** to

Susan Boak
26 Fox Run
Kennebunkport, ME 04046



TGFN, TBD

A separate announcement will be issued.



Outdoor Walking Group

There will be **no** December Outing event. The next Outing will be on January 21st. Details in the January 2012 Newsletter.



Bridge and Chess Group: Every Wednesday

Meet every Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm in the back room at Duffy's Irish Bar on route 1 in Kennebunk. Friendly games of bridge and chess for women and men seeking to improve their game by playing regularly. Contact Pat near the holidays in case of schedule changes.

Pat Briggs is the coordinator at 967- 3180 or pandamb@roadrunner.com.

SPECIAL NEWS FOR AND OF MEMBERS

NEWCOMERS SPECIAL INTEREST

GROUPS These are the ones in place at this time; we are always anxious to start new ones. With new ideas or for more info, contact Donna Murphy.

***New group coordinators are needed for some activities.*

***Sign-ups do not carry from year to year, and are open to all paid Club members.*

Signup sheets for these groups will only be at the first one or two meetings of each fall; thereafter contact the group leader to join. Since some groups continue to meet in the summer, we are listing all currently in place.



Book Group: Those interested in joining should contact Marie Ali-Hassan at 967-0140 or

nadseh@yahoo.com



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Bridge: Ladies Day—

This group is looking for a coordinator to get ladies together, If you would be willing, please contact Dona Murphy
Couples—Carolyn Kershaw (967-3487 or cgKershaw@gmail.com). The group, of varied skill levels, meets the first Saturday or Sunday of the month. New players are very welcome.



The Gourmet Group - Shared meals are planned and prepared around a theme. Those interested should contact Donna

Murphy at newcomerskka@gmail.com.

Habitat for Humanity—Ron Gaumont is now the coordinator. Contact him at 985-3973 or ronandlinda@roadrunner.com. Both laborers and behind-the-scenes help needed! You are also welcome to monthly Board meetings, fourth Wednesday of month, 6:30, Dane Street church, near the Kennebunk Town Hall.



Movies—Bill Schubert, usually 3rd Sunday evening, with option of going to dinner after. (967-2275 or wags2@roadrunner.com). Next Movie Night will be January, 15th (no December event) at Cinemagic in Saco."



Outdoor Activities—hiking, kayaking, etc. FMI, contact Linda Gaumont (985-3973 or ronandlinda@roadrunner.com).



"Scott Sargent" Poker Knights—Herb Cohen (967-8374 or hcohen@perfcon.com);

1st Tues.

Scrabble— Nancy Geyerhahn (967-9185 or geyerhahn@roadrunner.com). New players of all levels are welcome. Group meets once a month on Mondays at 7 pm at members' homes.



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Dine Around -
On November 12th, three

groups enjoyed a lovely meal and conversation in their host's home. A good time was had by all. We will be holding this again on **February 18th**. Mark it on your 2012 calendar and plan to join in the fun!



Theater Group: January - The theatre group invites everyone to join them in their first theatre outing on **Saturday, January 28th at 4:00 (matinee) at The Portland Stage**. The play is entitled, *Trouble is my Business*, adapted by James Glossman. The 1930's atmosphere, and trademark narrative style of L.A.'s most famous detective come to life in this world premiere adaptation of two of Chandler's Philip Marlowe short stories. From seedy side streets to elegant Hollywood mansions, Marlowe must stay focused on solving the case through run-ins with sinister thugs, high rollers, crooked cops, and femme-fatales in this quintessential jazz-age thriller.

To attend you need to purchase tickets on-line, by phone (774-0465), or in person 25A Forest Ave.. Tickets are \$39.00 with a 3.00 discount for 65 or older. There are seats available now in both the left and right sections. Once you've purchased your ticket, please let the Branchinas know (nbranchina@roadrunner.com or 985-0368). Also let them know if you definitely plan on going to dinner with the group afterwards. There will be more on restaurants later.

April - The Theater Group's second outing will be on **Sunday, April 1st at 2 pm at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre in Portsmouth, NH** to see *Ain't Misbehavin'*. The outrageously prodigious comic and musical soul of the 1930s Harlem lives on in this rollicking, swinging, finger-snapping revue that is still considered one of Broadway's best.

The inimitable Thomas "Fats" Waller rose to international fame during the Golden Age of the Cotton Club, honky tonk dives along Lenox Avenue, rent parties, stride piano players and the jumpin' new beat, Swing. Although not quite a biography, *Ain't Bisbehavin'* evokes the delightful humor and infectious energy of this American original as a versatile cast strut, strums and sings the songs he made famous in a career that ranged from uptown clubs to

downtown Tin Pan Alley to Hollywood and concert stages in U.S., Canada and Europe.

All members are invited to purchase their own tickets separately. Ticket Prices \$20 to \$42 Available after January 1st at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow Street, Portsmouth, NH. Suggested restaurants in the area will follow after the first of the year.

The Newsletter looks for all announcements and news items by the 12th of each month, for distribution by the 17th of the month. Please think of sharing word of local outings you have enjoyed, travel tips, personal news of general interest, etc. We are a social club and do not publicize commercial or political news, however. And we can't supplant the local media coverage of events if there is no direct Member involvement.

If you have time-sensitive news for all Club members, contact me anytime as a special email could be possible. revjima@yahoo.com or 985-8823 This is your newsletter!

.NOTE: If you know of a club member sick or hospitalized, please let Elsa vanBergen know so she can send a card.

(evanbergen@maine.rr.com or 207-423-3781).

If you have any photos of Newcomers Club event, please send copies to Jim Anderson.



CLUB CALENDAR

Dec. 7 th	1 PM	Bridge & Chess Group
Dec. 8 th	5:30 PM	Holiday Dinner Mtg.*
Dec. 11 th	7 PM	Couples' Bridge*
Dec.14 th	1PM	Bridge & Chess Group
Dec.15 th	11 AM	Ladies' Lunch/Gadabout*
Dec. 18 th	TBA	Movie Group
Dec. 20 th	Noon	Men's Lunch Bunch
Dec. 21 st	1 PM	Bridge & Chess Group
Dec.25 th		Christmas
Dec. 28 th	1 PM	Bridge & Chess Group
Jan. 21 st	TBD	Outing Group*
Jan. 28 th	4 PM	Theater Group*

* Reservation required

Newcomers Holiday Dinner Meeting

Date: Thursday, 8 December 2011

Place: Pier 77 Restaurant

Cape Porpoise Harbor

Time: Cocktails @ 5:30 cash bar

Dinner @ 6:30

Cost: \$35 for members

\$40 for non members

Hors d'oeuvres will be served during the cocktail hour.

Starter

Field greens, cucumber, onion, tomato, feta cheese
and calamata olives

Entrees

- ☉|Roasted Half Chicken, Yukon mashed potatoes with
oven roasted veggies
- ☉|Grilled Salmon, Yukon mashed potatoes with oven
roasted veggies
- ☉|Hanger Steak, Yukon mashed potatoes, oven roasted
veggies, port wine mushroom demi

Dessert

Blueberry Crumble - coffee or tea

Checks must be received BEFORE Friday the 2TH of
December. At that time reservations are final and refund
are no longer allowed

Send check to address below.

Payable to: **“Newcomers Club”**

Enclose this portion with your payment

Members name(s) (\$35 per)

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Guest(s) name(s) (\$40per)

Total amount of check payable to NEWCOMERS CLUB : \$ -----

Send to:

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