

## **President's Message**

Hi all – By the time you are reading this Newsletter, we will officially be in Spring – but we all know the reality of Spring in Maine! Maybe we'll actually see it around about May. But meanwhile it is nice to see sunset happening later and later each day!

We have a very busy April coming up – many things to enjoy over the month and some very important things to talk about at the April meeting.

First, a reminder that the April meeting will take place on the second Thursday of the month. That is because the first Thursday is an important part of Easter week (Holy Thursday) and the Congregational Church has other plans for the Community House that day. So see you on Thursday, April 13 at 6:30 pm for our speaker, Captain Balomenos. (details follow this message)

We have a lot to discuss about the future of the Club. Based on feedback we've gotten from Board members, it appears that it is time to re-evaluate how the Club is operating and whether the time has come for some changes. There are some possibilities that we would like to discuss:

1. Continue to operate the Club as it has been for years – monthly meetings centered around speakers on interesting topics plus time to socialize – plus a few major social events off-site.
2. Modify operations to reduce the number of speaker meetings and increase the time for social events primarily at the Community House, such as the March Mixer. Also allow and encourage more impromptu or “pop-up” events, such as beach walks, concerts, or other events based on member interests.
3. Suspend operations of the Club. This would mean no formal meetings, no Community House, no dues, no insurance coverage for events. Perhaps some of the special interest groups (e.g., Book Group, Knitting & Crafts, Bridge, etc.) would choose to continue.

Thus far the Nominating Committee, despite their best efforts, has not found any volunteers to serve as either President or Vice President next year. We think either of the first two options are dependent on having at least a President to lead the Club. So, if you would like to see the Club continue as is or in a modified way, please consider volunteering to serve as President or maybe as Co-President with a friend.

I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting and hearing your thoughts on the issue of how the Club should proceed into next year.

Kate

## Monthly Meeting Community House Thursday April 13, 6:30 pm

Hear **Captain Costas Balomenos** speak of his 40-year career working at sea. From oil tankers to bulk carriers Costas will tell stories including surviving an oil tanker explosion in the mid-Atlantic!



**6:30 Social**  
**7:00 Speaker**  
**7:30 Discussion**

**2 North Street**  
**Kennebunkport**  
**Across from the Post Office**

**Refreshments needed for April and May meetings:** If you can bring some sweet or savory snack for the upcoming meetings, please tell Pat Georges.

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**Knitting and Crafts group** will meet on Tuesday April 18 from 1:30 to 3:30 at the home of Linda Gaumond.

If interested in attending, please tell Linda.

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The book club for N&N is called the Beachside Bookenders. We meet monthly on the second Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Upcoming books include *Pearl of China* by Anchee Min (April 13) and *Gilded Mountain* by Kate Manning (May 11).

If you are interested in joining us, contact Susan Gilbey

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**Bridge at Duffy's:** We have a great group of players every week, of all skill levels. Even if you haven't played in many years, you will remember and have fun. Lunch at 12:30 and then bridge from 1:30 to 3:30. Please join us.

Leader: Tom Boak

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**Men's Trivia Lunch:** The once-per month trivia lunch at Duffy's is scheduled to reconvene at noon on Tuesday, April 11. Additional categories of questions continue to evolve.

For those planning to participate, please respond before noon on Monday April 10 so Duffy's can arrange the proper number of place settings for us.

There is still plenty of time to prepare! Leader: Larry Simmons

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## TGFun!

Please join friends old and new for TGFun! at Happy Hour from 4-5 pm on Sunday, April 23 at the Kennebunkport Inn, Burleigh Bar

(A special welcome back to our “snow birds!”)

See you soon—Kris and John Salo

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## Happy Hour

Wed-Sun, 4-5pm

*½ Price Appetizers | \$5 Draft Beer, House  
Wine, House Spirits |*

*Burger & Beer \$15*



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**Directory update:** If you have moved, changed your e-mail or gotten a new cell phone number, please notify Bob Mills.

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

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Check our website for calendar and activities or to refer potential new members  
<http://www.kptanewcomers.org/>