Kennebunk - Kennebunkport - Arundel Newcomers and Neighbors Newsletter

March 2024

Co-Presidents' Message:

Dear Newcomers and Neighbors,

Writing this note to all while watching Maine Cabin Masters ties some things together that seem share-worthy. The show is about renewal, teamwork, friendships, enjoying all the lovely, fun things Maine has to offer, but also heritage and legacy. Our Newcomers and Neighbors club shares these qualities quite closely. I wonder if the show is a success because maybe human nature searches out these things. I think it's possible and so to fulfill our own such needs and provide that legacy element, please keep participating. Reach out to fellow members and enjoy all Maine has to offer together. Connect with new and old acquaintances and invite them to join in the fun. Happy Spring.

Steve and Joyce

SPECIAL MARCH MIX & MINGLE POTLUCK!!

March 14, 2024, 6 - 8 pm

Community House, Kennebunkport

Bring your favorite savory appetizer to share, and get to know other members in this relaxed, informal event. Beverages, coffee, and dessert will be provided by the Club.

There is no charge, but we ask that you RSVP so we can be sure to have enough food and wine.

April meeting includes a Book Swap

Dear Members,

It's time to clean out your home library and gather up to 6 of your favorite tomes for the upcoming Newcomers and Neighbors BOOK SWAP. On Thursday, April 4 we will have our second annual book swap before we listen to our speaker, Maine author and retired police detective sergeant, Bruce Robert Coffin.

So please start collecting the books you want to "swap" with your fellow club members. The swap will begin at 6:30 pm when we set our books out on tables. Please bring *no more than 6 books*. You will be responsible for taking any of your books that weren't "swapped" home with you, or they will be donated to local libraries.

Thanks,

Cindy Sayers

Breakfast group: Tuesday, March 12th, 9:30 am

Cole Road Café in Bideford

Please respond to Marie Ali-Hassan if you would like to attend.

Knitting and Crafts Group: Tuesday, March 12^{th,} 1:30-3:30 at? Host wanted this month.

Please let Marie know if you want to join.

Linda Gaumond and Marie Ali-Hassan

The **Beachside Bookenders** will meet next on March 14 at 3:30. We'll be reading *Wildfire Loose - The Week Maine Burned* by Joyce Butler. Our April selection is *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. The selection for May is *Mad Honey* by Jennifer Finney Boyland and Jodi Picoult. If you are interested in joining the book group, contact Susan Gilbey

Dine Around: The good news is we have two Dine-Arounds happening in March. The sad news is that they are both full-up! Huge thanks to the Ali-Hassans (March 2d) and the Schnaars (March 16th) for hosting.

We would like to schedule some fun Dine-Arounds in April - but we need some hosts. It's easy - pick a date that works for you, let Kate know how many people you can comfortably accommodate to your table, make the main component of the main course (a casserole, a pasta, whatever you like) - and ask the guests to bring the rest of the dinner. And then enjoy an evening of fun conversation!

Newcomers, participating in a D-A either as a host or a guest is a great way to get to know people and find out lots of things you've wanted to ask about your new hometown!

Contact Kate Bauer Burke with questions of if you'd like to host.

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

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

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.

Heads up: On April 8, a total solar eclipse will cross North America according to NASA. Some 31 million residents in 15 U.S. states will experience this event, which will cut across a good portion of the country, including New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine. Lancaster, New Hampshire is among places in New England that is on NASA's list of exact viewing times. According to NASA, partial viewing in this location begins at 2:16 p.m. EDT, with totality beginning at 3:27.

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