

### **President's Message**

As the weather cools and we enter into Autumn, I am encouraged that we had quite a few new members attending our first meeting of the year.

It being the first meeting of my presidency, I was impressed to see what a group effort it all is and many thanks to all who helped.

Whether or not we are able to meet in person after October is a matter of science and fortune. Remember that we are looking for people interested in joining our special interest groups and any ideas you have for new groups and activities.

Please all stay well,

Jeff

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### **Monthly Meeting Thursday October 7, 4:00 pm Lafayette Park**

Speaker: Bill Evans

Bill Evans is a Boston native and a long-time summer resident at Goose Rocks Beach. Bill spent 38 years with the Boston Police Force, ending his career as Boston's Police Commissioner. He is looking forward to sharing with us his thoughts on the many challenges police officers face today.

Date: Thursday, Oct 7th. (Rain date, TBA)

Time: 4:00 pm (speaker followed by our business meeting)

Location: Lafayette Park (bring your own chair)

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### **Public Relations opening filled!**

Thanks to new member, Joyce Schnaars, who accepted the position. Although she is still teaching in Boston and trekking to Kennebunk most weekends, Joyce is keeping our club's activities in the local news.



## Newcomers and Neighbors Bocce Tournament

In the fall of 2014, Newcomers hosted a Bocce Tournament at the Consolidated School on School St. in Kennebunkport. And it was a smashing success! The Social Committee is planning to do it again, taking advantage of Indian Summer weather and the new Parks and Recreation building. The plan is to get together at 2:00-4:00 pm on Sunday, October 10 for an afternoon of bocce and/or visiting. A backup rain date of Sunday, October 17 is planned.

The club has use of the Carol Cook Park & Rec building and its restrooms. There will be light refreshment in the hall, and people can sit and visit while watching the tournament. To cap off the day, real Italian cannoli will be served to members. This event is free of charge, so bring your lawn chairs and please come.

Do you have a bocce set the club might borrow? So far, two have been located. We also need a few folks to arrive early to help set up the boundaries of the courts.

So please respond to Tom Boak if you are

- a) interested in coming,
- b) willing to help setup, and
- c) can loan a bocce set.

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## Scheduled N&N activities

**Partner's Bridge:** We are planning to resume partners' bridge on a monthly basis and are kicking off the season with bridge at Susan and Tom Boaks, on Tuesday, October 5, at 3:00 pm. Although this has been traditionally played in the evening on a weekend, Susan and Tom would like to have it in the afternoon so people can play on the porch and have windows and doors open for ventilation.

The initial gathering will be limited to two tables, which will be filled in the order people sign up. So, if you want to play and have been fully vaccinated against Covid, be sure to respond quickly by emailing Alice. People are asked to sign up in pairs, but if you are a single player let us know and we will try to make a match.

Once we have a list of interested bridge players, we will send out future notices of meetings to all of you. Leader: Alice Ferran

**Beachside Bookenders** is the book group for N&N. Our next meeting is Oct. 14 to discuss *The Journey Home* by Olaf Olafsson. After that, we will meet on the first Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm via Zoom. The November 4 book is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. For Dec. 2, the book is *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. We have space for new members and welcome inquiries. Leader: Susan Gilbey

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**Bridge at Duffy's** – on Wednesdays, Lunch at 12:30 pm, Bridge 1:30-3:30 pm.  
Leader: Tom Boak

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**Knitting and Crafts group:** meets monthly on the second Tuesday from 1:00-3:00 pm. The October 12 meeting will be held at Linda Gaumont's. All new and past members are welcome. Please call Linda if you plan on joining us. Leaders: Linda Gaumont and Marie Ali-Hassan

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**TGFun:** We will continue meeting at the Colony on Sunday nights at 5:00 pm until they close in mid-October. Please join us on the patio for drinks or dinner to be with old friends and meet new ones. No reservations needed for drinks or dinner, just show up.

Going forward is uncertain after that. For those of you who are new to the club, TGFun usually meets at a different restaurant each month from September to May. We have drinks in the bar area to mix and mingle, then some people stay on for dinner

We tried to get an outside venue for October, however we were told the restaurant did not have the staff to handle our group at this time. With a number of places having staff shortages and covid numbers rising right now, large indoor restaurant gatherings do not seem like a possibility for the near future. We will see how the numbers go and meanwhile are thinking about a few options. We will keep you posted.

Leaders: Pat & Bill Dugan and Lucille Gentsch & Jeff Gaulin

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**Outdoor group:** We are planning our first newcomers and neighbors outdoor group hike/walk. Anyone interested in being a part of this group is welcome. Our first walk will be on September 30th at 9:30 am. We'll be meeting at the local hidden gem, the Franciscan monastery on Beach Street in Kennebunk. After walking the trails here we will continue to Kennebunk beach, and then finish up the walk at the Arundel Wharf restaurant for lunch.

If you want to receive future emails from the hiking/ walking group-you must respond to the Zarrellas.

Looking forward to getting out together,  
John and Wendy Zarrella

And from those participating in the recent White Mountain Inn escape to New Hampshire, our thanks to the Zarellas for the spectacular views, delightful hikes, and delicious dinners while staying at a comfortable and welcoming resort.



**John and Wendy Zarrella** at Diana's Baths in White Mountain National Forest on September 2.

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Other activities/interest groups can be formed if someone wants to establish and chair them. Suggestions include mah-jongg and pinochle.



## Opportunities for member volunteers:

### The Hospitality Committee needs a leader!

Otherwise known as the keeper of the key/hospitality/facilities Committee, this is the group that opens and closes the Community Hall and coordinates the refreshments. The Board has decided to eliminate the coffee/tea service at the monthly meetings, but refreshments (by members) can only continue if there is a Chair and small committee to do the following.

- *Beginning of a meeting:* open the doors; turn on the lights; and set up the tables
- *End of meeting:* gather the trash, turn off the lights and lock the doors.

Everyone loves having refreshments during our social time at the beginning of meetings. And it's a key position if our meetings return indoors! Please consider taking this on and pulling in a couple of members to share.

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### Social Committee needs a chairperson!

There is an experienced team willing to help but the team needs a leader. Most of the social events (including the December holiday dinner, the March potluck and the year-end event at The Colony) have taken place for years. As Chair, you will not need to reinvent the wheel! The leader coordinates and finalizes the details.

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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 Lombardi know so she can send a card..

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A fall sail with end of summer happy apple at the helm (courtesy of Sandra Regan)