

President's Message:

Hello all and welcome to December!

Please respond ASAP to Alice and let her know if you are attending our Holiday Party. Hope to see you all there.

Steve

**N&N Annual Holiday Party
Thursday December 12, 6 - 8 pm**

Where: Community House

What: Potluck Hors D'Oeuvres, Finger Foods, Beverages and Dessert

Club Provides: Beverages and Desserts

You Provide: Your favorite savory snacks and canapés

There is no charge to attend, but we will need a head count, so please RSVP to [Alice Feran](#) no later than December 5.

This is a fun, casual event, and a good chance to get to know each other better, so please plan to attend.

Your Social Committee

Beachside Bookenders: book group will meet next on December 12. We'll be discussing *Address Unknown* by Kathrine Kressman Taylor. This powerful little book created a stir when it was first published in 1932 and has a message of importance today. For January, we are reading *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood.

If you are interested in joining the group, please email me.

Susan Gilbey

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. On Wednesdays, lunch at 12:30 and then bridge from 1:30 to 3:30. Please join us. Leader: Tom Boak

HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE REMINDER

Just a reminder that we are collecting holiday gifts for the women at Caring Unlimited. [For details, see the 11/9/24 KPTA email.]

Caring Unlimited is York County's only resource center for anyone impacted by domestic abuse. <https://www.caring-unlimited.org>

While many of us associate this time of year with joy and family gatherings, there are women who are escaping abuse and who are seeking safety at Caring Unlimited's emergency shelter and transitional housing program. Please help brighten their holidays by providing them with a gift in this holiday giving season.

To those of you who have already delivered packages, THANK YOU for your generosity! One member of Newcomers & Neighbors who is currently in Florida suggested that members who want to participate but are currently living outside of the KPTA area can send gifts via Amazon to my address and I will package them and deliver them along with the rest.

WHAT SHOULD I INCLUDE IN MY GIFT BAG?

Always appreciated are cozy throw blankets, winter scarf and glove sets, body wash or shampoo sets, chocolates with a gift card for Target, Walmart, Dunkin Donuts or Aroma Joe's--and any type of decorative holiday item that will help brighten up their living spaces. In the past we've asked that the value of each gift bag be about \$20-25.

WHERE SHOULD I DELIVER MY GIFT BAG?

Please drop it off at my house (see address below) anytime between now and **December 15th**. You can leave it on the bench next to our front door.

Thank you for anything you can do to help brighten the lives of women seeking safety and freedom from abuse.

Sincerely,
Harriet Solomon

Trivia Lunch! The once-per month trivia lunch at Duffy's is scheduled to reconvene at noon on Tuesday December 10. For those planning to participate, before noon on Monday, December 9, please respond to Larry Simmons so that Duffy's can arrange the proper number of place settings for us.

Remembering: Herb Cohen

Joyce Schnaars wrote: “Herb Cohen has passed. While a long-time member, Herb had a Newcomer spirit in connecting with new friends. He was smart, fun, and engaging. With a great smile and connection to a group. He will be missed.” Here is additional information from the family:

Herb is survived by his wife of 65 years, Judith, also a member of N&N. In lieu of flowers, memorial funds in Herb’s name have been set up at: A Place to Start, Kennebunkport Conservation Trust and Graves Library.

Directory: The 2024-2025 Directory has been distributed to all members. Should you have any updates to your printed listing, please forward to Judy Burgess. This would include change of name, contact information and/or photo – member photographs are being accepted for the next issue of the directory!!

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.

Check our website for calendar and activities or to refer potential new members
kptanewcomers.org

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Thanks to Cindy Shaughnessy for this reprinted seasonal greeting!