

**President's Message:**

As I write this, predictions are for Maine's first significant snowfall of the season. So no more talk of foliage and fruit—and no gloating for those of you in warmer climes!

As we head into the holiday season and our gala on December 11 to celebrate the past 25 years of Newcomers and Neighbors and the presidents who've served us, my wish for us all is a healthy and joyous time with those you love.

I'm looking forward to seeing us all dolled up in our holiday finery for another mighty fine social event organized so well by our Social Committee.

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**GALA HOLIDAY PARTY  
Thursday, December 11, 6 – 8 pm  
Community House  
Kennebunkport**

Join us for a festive holiday gathering as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Newcomers & Neighbors! We will enjoy food, beverages, and great company as we honor past presidents and welcome our many new members!

The Club will provide beverages and desserts, we ask you to bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre to share.

**Please RSVP by December 5** and let us know you are coming. There is no charge to attend, but we need a head count to know how much wine to buy!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Your Social Committee

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**Beachside Bookenders:** This book club group will meet December 29 at 1:30 pm at the home of Jackie Tridente, 128 Sycamore Lane, Kennebunk. Please contact Donna Gomez if you plan to attend.

We will discuss the novel *Water Finds a Way* by Meghan Perry. This is a gripping tale of forgiveness and redemption set on the coast of Down East Maine.

## **Knitting, Crocheting, Crafts and Kibbitzing:**

No gathering in December - enjoy finishing up all your holiday projects! We'll meet again in January - stay tuned for more info on our January gathering!

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**Ladies Luncheon:** December 15, Monday, 12:15 pm  
Batson River Restaurant on the lower level of The Lincoln Hotel  
17 Lincoln Street in Biddeford

There is a nearby parking garage on Pearl Street \$2/hour.

Please RSVP by Friday, December 12 to Marilyn Smith: or Rosa Kohler

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## **Mainely Readers:**

The new Mainely Readers book group, which focuses on fiction and nonfiction books about Maine and by Maine authors, has selected its first books and established a monthly meeting on the 3rd Friday of the month. There will be no meeting in December.

Zoom will be available for the snowbirds!

*Arundel* by Kenneth Roberts on January 16

*Fire Exit* by Morgan Talty on February 20

Please contact Ann Boyce or Cathy Duffy if you are interested in joining the group.

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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. On Wednesdays, lunch at 12:30 pm 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 at noon on the second Tuesday of each month. Please let John Ware know if you plan to attend so that Duffy's can arrange the seating for the lunch.

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**Walking Group:** Matt Fadiman is the current contact for the Walking Group which will meet according to the level of interest. If interested, please let him know.

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## **Caring Unlimited gift bags:**

As the holiday season is approaching, some of you have asked whether we are planning to provide holiday gift bags to the women of Caring Unlimited as we have in recent years.

## WHO IS CARING UNLIMITED?

For those of you who are new to Newcomers & Neighbors, Caring Unlimited is York County's only domestic violence resource agency. Domestic violence is prevalent across Maine, accounting for almost half of our state's homicides each year. CU operates a 24/7 confidential helpline and responds to thousands of requests each year for help with safety planning, emergency shelter, transitional housing and legal assistance. They also offer community education—including training in schools to present information to students about dating abuse, how to help a friend etc. Here is a link to CU's website: <https://www.caring-unlimited.org/caring-unlimited>

## WHAT SHOULD I INCLUDE IN MY GIFT BAG?

Always appreciated are cozy throws/blankets, winter scarf and glove sets, warm socks, body lotion, lip balm sets, makeup bags, gift cards for Target, Walmart, Dunkin Donuts and Aroma Joe's--and fun things like chocolates, Christmas candy and decorative holiday items that will help brighten up their living spaces. In the past we've asked that the value of each gift bag be about \$25.

## WHERE SHOULD I DELIVER MY GIFT BAG?

Please drop it off at my house (see address below) anytime between **December 3rd and December 10th**. No need to schedule a drop-off time. You can safely leave it on our front porch—on the bench next to the front door. If for some reason you are unable to drop off your bag, let me know and I will come to pick it up at your home.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.  
Thank you in advance!

With sincere appreciation,

Harriet Solomon

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## 2025 – 2026 N&N Directory:

If you haven't received your copy of this member year's Directory containing our 117 members, it will be available at the December meeting and gala on December 11 (one copy per member). And we have received two new members since its publication. Come out to celebrate this festive season, N&N, and the forecasted snow! Hoping to see you there!!

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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.

## New Member Profile:

Let me introduce you to one of our newest members, Lynn Eaton. She joined the club in September 2025. She joined to make new friends and community. I believe she came to the right place!

Lynn was born and raised in Needham, MA. She has lived in Miami, Tampa, Clifton Park NY, Londonderry NH, Pembroke NH and Kennebunk. Her favorite place that she has lived in is Kennebunk where she moved in March of 2021.

Lynn went to Needham High School and Lasell College where she got her associate's degree in medical secretarial work. Lynn has worked as a teller in Kennebunk Savings, as executive assistant to the Episcopal bishop of the diocese of NH, as an office manager in an accounting firm and now she works one day a week at Quest, checking people in.

One of four children, Lynn has an older brother, older sister and a younger sister. Lynn has four married children: Jamie, the oldest, lives in Prince Edward Island; Abby in Kennebunkport and twin sons: Robbie in Vassalboro, ME and Scott in Prospect Park, NY.

Lynn belongs to a few book clubs and to *Party of One*, a group for single women who get together and go out to different restaurants. The goal is to form new friendships. That is how Lynn met Ann Boyce and Peg Nelson, who convinced her to come and give Newcomers a try. I'm glad she did! Please give her a nice, warm welcome.

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## Photos from Pudgy Boat factory field trip November 6, 2025





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