

President's Message:

Hello and greetings from Earthquake Central! According to the US Geological Survey site, we had a 3.8 shake-up this Monday morning the 27th. The quake was centered just off the coast of Kittery Point and rattled my windows and teeth for just a bit longer than I would have preferred. However for you adrenalin fans in the club, the upcoming program on Zoom may just fill in the gaps for you, in between the regional plate tectonic events. And then, rumor has it we are also gearing up for a great mid-winter social event. So forget Poseidon's angry taunts, with the ground shaking and tile splitting rumbles, and keep your eyes peeled for dates and times of our own doings on Zoom and in person. Of course, let's thank all those in the club that do the Olympian work to provide us with activities and events to enjoy. And please, keep inviting your friends and neighbors to join in, participate, and add their own ideas to our mythical soup.

Thank you,
Steve

**February 6, 2025: ZOOM meeting 6:30 pm
"CALL ME AMERICAN"**

Author Abdi Nor Iftin was born in Mogadishu, Somalia to nomadic parents, survived famine, war and child soldering, learned American English by watching movies, repeating the language he heard and imitating the actors and earned himself the nickname, "Abdi American". He became a "guerrilla" journalist whose stories were short listed for Peabody Awards in 2016. Abdi earned a degree in political science from Boston College in 2022.

Currently, Abdi is an advocate for refugee and immigrant rights who is dedicated to bringing people together through his stories of survival and resilience. He is working on a documentary based on his memory, CALL ME AMERICAN. He is a regular newspaper columnist for the Portland Press Herald and works as a senior communication specialist at Church World Service.

Joyce Schnaars invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting on Feb 6 at 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) To join the meeting, click on the following link (for members only sent in email version of this newsletter.

The link will be sent again via email before the meeting – watch for it Tuesday or Wednesday.

From your Social Committee:

Save the date! Thursday, March 6th, 6 - 8 pm, Potluck Social at the Community House!

We will enjoy good food and fellowship as we break out of the winter doldrums together! Further details and sign-up information will follow. Hoping to see all of you there, in the frostbitten flesh!

Beachside Bookenders: For the month of February, we will be discussing *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. The book for March is *After Annie* by Anna Quindlan. We meet every month on the second Thursday at 3:30 pm. The individual leading the discussion hosts the group. New members are welcome.

If you are interested in joining the group, please email 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

Breakfast Group: We will meet on Tuesday, February 11 at Cole Road Café, 1 Cole Road in Biddeford.

If you plan to attend, please notify Kathy Johnson

Trivia Lunch! The once-per month trivia lunch at Duffy's is scheduled to reconvene at noon on Tuesday January 14. For those planning to participate, before noon on Monday, January 13, please respond to Charles Simmons so that Duffy's can arrange the proper number of place settings for us.

Ladies Luncheon: February 21 at noon
Duffy's Tavern, 4 Main Street Kennebunk
RSVP to Marilyn Smith or Rosa Kohler

Dine Around:

If anyone would like to host a Dine Around in either February or March, please contact Kate Bauer Burke. It's easy - just pick the date and the number of guests you can accommodate. Once guests have signed up, you select the entree you'd like to make and the guests bring the rest! Kate will be happy to help you coordinate.

Pop Up Virtual Event:

To participate, go online [HERE](#) and register prior to February 10. Joyce & Keith will attend.

The theme for shared readings is “At Home, At War, At Sea: Interpreting & Understanding Historic Experiences,” which will feature three different diaries and collections of letters that show diverse perspectives of lives in the 19th century, all written by Kennebunk inhabitants. This series lets participants dive into local history and its people through reading first-hand accounts of life 150 years ago, to discuss (like a book group!) with peers and react in real time.

Participants will be mailed printed copies of the archival documents and will also receive them digitally (via email). All those who register prior to February 10th will receive their printed packet in the mail prior to our first meeting. There are three sessions on February 27, March 13, and April 10, all from 6:00pm to 7:30pm (until 8:00pm on the final session). Participants should expect to attend all three sessions. This series is facilitated by Dr. Libby Bischof, Maine Humanities Council Facilitator, Executive Director of the Osher Map Library, and Professor of History at the University of Southern Maine.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all of you who donated to the holiday gift drive for Caring Unlimited. We collected more gifts than we had in any prior year!

We were told by the Director of Residential Services that our gifts brought great joy to the women served by Caring Unlimited and certainly helped to brighten their holidays. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

With thanks and best wishes to you and your families for joy, good health and peace in this new year,
Harriet Solomon



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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