

**President's Message:**

Welcome to 2025 Newcomers & Neighbors! I hope you all enjoyed your Holiday celebrations and you're ready to meet the new year ahead. Our Program Committee has prepared good material for us. These next two programs will be enjoyed from the comfort of home, wherever that may be, using Zoom facilities you can connect to over the internet. Instructions to follow will be repeated, so please keep an eye out in your email for our Zoom Meeting reminder. Thanks to everyone on the crews that make this all work for our enjoyment, and a special thanks to Joyce for nailing down the Zoom facilities.

Happy New Year to all,

Steve

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**January 2, 2025: ZOOM meeting with  
Co-authors of *Poppy! A Tale of Leading with Love*  
6:30 Social and business  
7:00 pm speakers**

Our first Newcomers and Neighbors meeting of the new year is coming up soon on Thursday, January 2 at 6:30 pm. The speakers will start at 7pm. Please note it will be a Zoom meeting featuring Nancy Sosa and Judi Marchand, co-authors of the illustrated children's book, *Poppy! A Tale of Leading with Love*. While it is a children's book, it is inspired by real life stories of President George H.W. Bush. Nancy and Judi live currently in Virginia and California but also summered in this area for several decades, so don't be surprised if you recognize them!

Joyce Schnaars is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting on Time: Jan 2, 2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**Beachside Bookenders:** The next meeting of the N&N book group will be January 9 at 3:30. *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood is the book for discussion. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. The individual leading the discussion hosts the group.

Future meetings and the books chosen:

Feb. 13 *The Berry Pickers*, by Amanda Peters

Mar. 13 *After Annie*, by Anna Quindlen

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Susan Gilbey

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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 and then bridge from 1:30 to 3:30. Please join us. Leader: Tom Boak

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**Breakfast Group:** We will meet on Tuesday, January 14 at Valerie's Scratch Kitchen in Biddeford.

If you plan to attend, please notify Marie Ali-Hassan by Monday, January 13.

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**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 so that Duffy's can arrange the proper number of place settings for us.

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**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!!

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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.

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