

**President's Message:**

What a beautiful snow storm that was! Maine at her most lovely. And now it's drizzle, and my driveway could rival the Waterhouse Center as an ice-skating rink. I'm dusting off my "walk like a penguin" skills.

I'm still enjoying the holiday lights and decorations. In my house, tradition and superstition combined say everything has to be down by Twelfth Night. Then I'll turn my attention to trying to master my new phone, one my Gen X son assures me I'll love once I figure it out.

No monthly face-to-face gatherings this month or next, but the Program Committee has created two excellent programs to be enjoyed from the comfort of home via Zoom. Stay tuned for details (could not avoid the pun) on where and when to watch.

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**January 8, 2026 ZOOM meeting  
Monica and Bill Grabin creators of the Just History Project  
6:30 pm Social and Business  
7:00 pm speakers**

The Just History Project is an initiative idea developed with the Brick Store Museum, aimed at uncovering and documenting the often-overlooked histories of Black, Indigenous and People of Color in Kennebunk, Wells, Kennebunkport and Arundel. They will tell the stories of individuals who lived in our region before European colonization and through periods of enslavement and oppression.

**06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Zoom link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86797368332?pwd=MzxuBZS078spOdmB2MhgZTzt95bEj8.1>

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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

**Breakfast Group:** Mike all day breakfast in Arundel on Wednesday January 14 at 9:30 am. if you plan to come, please contact Marie Ali Hassan.

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**Beachside Bookenders:** This book club group will meet January 15 at 1:30 pm. 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. Please contact Donna Gomez if you plan to attend .

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**Knitting, Crocheting, Crafts and Kibbitzing:** Will meet January 19th from 1:30-3:30 pm at the home of Nancy Flynn in Kennebunk. Come join in the fun. Please RSVP to Kate Burke.

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**Mainly Readers:** The Mainly Readers book group will be discussing *Arundel* by Kenneth Roberts on Friday, January 16th at 11:00am. We will be meeting at Audrey Lakin's home (please note change in venue) and Zoom details will be sent a few days prior to the meeting for those attending remotely. Please contact Ann or Cathy Duffy with any questions.

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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 January 13 lunch.

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**Photos from our 25 Anniversary Gala Holiday Party (taken by Judy Burgess)**



December 11, 2025



Our Bartender Marie



Buffet



Cocktails



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Members munching



Festive Gents



25th Anniversary Cake

**New Member Profile:**

Susan Jean Keith (Sue) joined Newcomers and Neighbors in September 2025. Sue, accompanied by her partner, Ken Rowe, was playing Bridge with the N&N group. They liked the people they met, learned about a fuel-saving group and thought the club would be a good match for them and a way to meet new people.

Sue was born in Grosse Ile, Michigan. The name means “Big Island” in French and is located on the Detroit River. Sue also lived in Richmond, Va, Port Charlotte, Fl and Goose Rocks, ME. Sue moved to Maine in 2022 and lived in Ken’s cottage in Goose Rocks. She is a part-time resident of Maine and splits her time between Maine and Florida.

Sue got her B.A. in education and her M.A. in library science from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Sue has worked as a school librarian in Richmond, and a public librarian in Richmond and Williamsburg. She also was involved in technology and worked at Digital Equip in MA, Oracle and SAP. She sold software to state and local governments to help them run their programs. She retired from SAP.

Sue has a younger brother, Jeffrey, who lives nearby her in Port Charlotte. She has 2 children: her son Christopher lives in Green Lane, PA and her daughter Jennifer lives in Phoenix, AZ. Sue is enjoying retirement. She spends her time playing bridge in several groups in FL and ME. She plays Bridge in Biddeford Pool and in Duffy’s with N&N. She likes to read and travel, runs fitness classes and belongs to an aerobics fitness club. She recently cruised the Adriatic Coast and went to Bethlehem and Lancaster PA with friends. Sue plans on visiting New Orleans in March. She will also do a Small State tour in September to see MD, RI and Cape May, NJ.

She certainly is an asset to N&N and we are glad to have her!

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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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