

President's Message:

We all are approaching another holiday season. Some of us will be facing the bare trees and cold winds of November in Maine while others, perhaps those a bit wiser, have headed to warmer, sunnier climes. For a few days, the maples in my backyard surpassed the beauty of the Colorado aspens I saw on my October trip to the Southwest. All that remains now are the bright red of the burning bush (invasive species though it be) and the chestnut brown of the oak trees. But Al from Kelly Orchards has amazingly good apple cider at the Kennebunk Farmers' Market, the Macintosh apples this year are particularly good, and the Scarborough Costco has reasonably priced pumpkins—and gargantuan pies.

Several new activities have been added to the club's Web page, so you may want to check out what is now available: kptanewcomers.org Additional pictures in the new directory, thanks to the efforts of Judy Burgess, provide us all with a way to help figure out just who we were talking to at that recent meeting. There is a newly designed brochure placed in the town halls, DMV, and the Chamber of Commerce to inform our neighbors and newcomers of the benefits of joining our club. Finally, in November the Board will be meeting to review the proposed amendments to our current Bylaws.

All of us can look forward to the field trip to Pudgy Boats followed by a celebration on December 11 in honor of our club's 25th anniversary. The days may be getting dark earlier, but the lights still shine at the Community Center on a Thursday night.

Here's to the changing of the seasons,
Ann Boyce

**November 6 Meeting
6:30 pm social - 7:00 pm Program
Portland Pudgy factory**

Let's take a field trip up Route 1 to the Portland Pudgy factory just over the Arundel line in Biddeford to find out! In short, a Pudgy is a row boat, motor boat, sail boat and survival craft all in one. It's unsinkable and a really cute boat! Come to hear the history of how this craft came about and see how they are manufactured right here in Maine. Seats will be provided for the lecture before we tour the facility.

2025 – 2026 N&N Directory: Our annual Directory is now available. If you haven't received your copy yet, it will be ready for pickup at the November 6 field trip meeting (see above). Hoping to see you there!

Judy Burgess

Beachside Bookenders: This book club group will meet on November 13 at 3:30 pm at the home of Ann Boyce, please let her know 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.

Donna Gomez, coordinator

Breakfast Group: Wednesday, November 5 at 9:30 am
Mike's American Diner, 1132 Portland Rd., Arundel

Please respond to Kathy Johnson if you will join us.

Ladies Luncheon: November 12 at 12:00 noon, York River Landing Restaurant,
50 US Rt 1 in York, (207)351-8430

The restaurant is about 25 miles from Kennebunk, a 30-minute drive. It may be an opportunity to share the ride and explore shopping opportunities in the area such as Stonewall Kitchen and the Kittery Outlets.

Please RSVP by November 9 to Marilyn Smith or Rosa Kohler

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 three books and established a monthly meeting on the 3rd Friday of the month. The next meeting is November 21 at 11:00 am at Cathy Duffy's home.

Zoom will be available for the snowbirds!

Wildfire Loose: The Week Maine Burned by Joyce Butler on Nov 21

Arundel by Kenneth Roberts on Jan 16

Fire Exit by Morgan Talty on Feb 20

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

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.

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.

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.

New Member Profile:

Matthew (Matt) Fadiman was born in Boston, raised in Concord, MA and summered at Kennebunk Beach. He has three siblings, an older brother, older sister and younger sister. He moved to Kennebunk 36 years ago in 1989. That might change in the next year as Matt and his wife Jenn, decide if they want to sell their big family house, buy a condo in ME and another one in the mid-Atlantic or possibly in the Virgin Islands.

After Matt's mom passed, his dad, Jon, came to live with him. Jon joined N&N in 2019 and loved it. When Jon passed, Matthew joined in May 2025 to keep his dad's memory and traditions alive.

Matt went to Bentley University in Waltham, MA and studied finance. He worked in the finance area for 30 years, consulting for KPMG. Then he worked in banking and operations management. The last 10 years he has specialized in bank risk consulting. Matt lived in NYC for two years and a year in Europe for work.

Matt and Jenn have been married 26 years. Their daughter, Kayla, 24, travels around the world working in marketing and Communications. When she is home, she lives with Matt and Jenn. Their son, Turner, 19, is a sophomore at Duke studying engineering and minoring in economics.

Matt enjoys walking. Right now, though, he has a torn Achilles tendon and had to put walking on hold for a while. Matt told me his tendon got torn when he fell off a 20-foot ladder. When I expressed my horror at this, he enlightened me further by telling me he fell off the third step of this ladder! He also enjoys skiing, tennis, sailing, poker and N&N. He is a member of St David's Episcopal Church in Kennebunk.

Matt and Jenn have travelled the Caribbean recently, as well as Turks and Caicos, Virgin Islands, Florida and North Carolina. Matt is going to be a great asset to N&N!

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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