

President's Message:

Welcome to the start of another year with Newcomers & Neighbors of the Kennebunks. It's been a busy summer of visitors enjoying Maine during one of her most beautiful seasons. This year's fall's foliage will unlikely be at its best given the drought, but I believe we can all still look forward to a more low-key autumn of crisp apples, cool nights, and less traffic.

Hope to see everyone at 6 p.m. on September 4th for our first meeting of the new season. We're starting a bit earlier this time because of a packed agenda including welcoming a number of new members. Here's to the beginning of another interesting, joyful year.

Ann Boyce

**September 4 Meeting
6:00 pm social - 6:30 pm meeting - 7:00 pm Program**

Kick off our first meeting of the season watching an original play written by Diane Lent. She will tell us about how she wrote this play based on source letters from the Brick Store Museum collection. Diane and Michael Mahler will perform *Waves of Betrayal*, the story of the turbulent life of a sea captain's wife whose forbidden affair unfolds against the backdrop of the open ocean, challenging the boundaries of fidelity and desire. Scandalous... come see why!

Contributions for the refreshment table are welcome!

Breakfast Group: Tuesday, September 9th 9:30 am
All Day Breakfast, 55 Western Ave Kennebunk

Please respond to Kathy Johnson by Sunday, September 7th if you plan to join us.

Beachside Bookenders: (the book club group) meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month usually at the home of a member. Our reading materials include both fiction and non-fiction. We have chosen two books by Ann Burrows: *The Gurnsey Potato Peel Society* and *All About Us*.

The next meeting will be at my home on September 11 at 3:30. Please contact me (Donna Gomez) directly if interested.

**Pop Up Event: Guided Tour at the Wells Reserve for Kennebunk Newcomer's Group
Laudholm's Farming Past: Wednesday, September 24th @ 10am - 11:30am**

On a hill overlooking where the Little River and the Gulf of Maine meet and mix, sits one of 30 National Estuarine Research Reserves. Today, the Wells Reserve at Laudholm is a place of coastal research, stewardship, and ecological learning. This site on Wabanaki land holds much history. The Laudholm's Farming Past tour will focus on the stories of this place starting in the 1640s, from saltwater family farm to present day Reserve. We will explore barns and other historic structures around campus, many of which are not open to the public

Pre-registration Required by Monday September 15

Email or call to reserve your spot: caryn@wellsnerr.org, (207) 646-1555 x110.

Caryn Beiter, Coordinator, School and Docent Programs,

Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve <https://www.wellsreserve.org>

Coming Soon -- N&N 2025-2026 Directory

For all of you aspiring artists – perhaps you'd like to see your work 'published'? We are looking for photo contributions of original artwork to grace the cover of the 2025-2026 N&N Directory, with acknowledgement. Please email to Judy, address below. All entries will be considered.

Individual member photos are welcomed for the directory, from new members, from renewing members who have yet to submit one, as well as from any member wishing to replace their photo on file. The best format is a full-face photograph against a light background (as for a passport). Each photo will be sized appropriately and placed with your name in the directory. If you need a photo taken, look for Judy at the Thursday, September 4 Club meeting – she will gladly oblige!

Send your photo to Judy Burgess by Friday, September 19; please include any updates to your existing directory listing, as change of name and/or contact information. Thank you!

Ladies Luncheon: September 25th, Thursday, noon, at the Kennebunk Inn, 45 Main Street.

RSVP by September 23 to Marilyn Smith or Rosa Kohler

Walking Group: Please contact Eileen Portner if you'd like to join, including your email and/or text if you are comfortable doing.

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

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.

Social Committee:

Save the Date!! Our gala Holiday Party will be held Thursday, December 11th at the Community House. We will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of our club and honoring past presidents, so we're hoping for a really good turnout. You will hear more details as the date draws closer. In the meantime, we are looking for suggestions for pop-up events that will offer more opportunities to socialize and get to know other members, so if you have any ideas, please speak to any member of the Committee.

Alice Ferran
Marie Ali Hassan
Rosa Kohler
Jane Ross
Lynn Fraser
Robin Ruggiero
Donna Warner
Mary Beth Bavaqua

New Member Profile:

Allan Evelyn joined Newcomers and Neighbors in July 2025. He subbed occasionally at Trivia and Men's bridge. Tim Pattison invited Allan to join us, and so he did. Allan was born and raised in Baltimore, MD. He was the youngest of 5 boys. He moved to Maine in the first grade. He attended Consolidated School and then Kennebunk High School. Allan attended Jacksonville University in FL and earned a BA cum laude in English. He lived in MA in the 70's, then in FL while he was in the navy, both northern and southern California, back to MA in the 90's and then to Kennebunkport in 2017. He is a full-time resident in ME.

Allan was in the navy on active duty from 1967 until 1969 and then in the Reserve until 1973. He was a petty officer 2nd class and had a high security clearance because he worked in communications. In 1982 Allan worked at Androbot, a personal robot company, as director of worldwide sales. Androbot was founded by Nolan Bushnell of Atari fame. Allan moved on to BOSE in MA where he was the general manager for North and South America. He retired in 2001 and went to Boston Acoustics where he was the president and retired in 2004. He then co-founded Clearview Audio and was there until 2016.

Allan and his wife of 56 years, Jane, have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. They all live in MA. His daughter Kate is an internet executive and daughter Kelsey is an endodontist and yes, he has used her services. They enjoy travelling to Mexico and usually travel to both Cabo and Nuevo Vallarta during the colder months. Allan enjoys trivia, bridge and golfing.

Allan is a member of the Cape Arundel Golf Club. He also belongs to the American Legion, and he has been on the board of a global medical non-profit organization, Eagleson Institute for 30 years. He's also on the Kennebunkport Budget Board, Kennebunkport Zoning Board of Appeals and Kennebunkport Town Hall Committee. This is a very busy man!

Allan also is a member of AFIO (association of former intelligence officers). For 9 months a year, AFIO provides speakers who are former generals and ambassadors at KHS. They present on what is happening in the intelligence community worldwide.

We are so glad to have Allan join our group!

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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