

Newcomers Club

Happy Valentine's Day,

Champagne Brunch was a wonderful event. We had a delicious array of food. The Yankee Swap was quite lively this year. Kay was a great sport as she had to give up her gift about five times. We enjoyed meeting some of our newest members for the first time. A huge "Thank you" to Diana Ager for planning a successful brunch!

There will not be a general event for February. Our next one will be March 13, Tuesday. More information will be announced soon.

Our February coffee will be on the 20th, Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. We are meeting at Café on the Oval, Milford, NH. Come enjoy some warm coffee or tea with friends.

It's not too late to join an interest group or start a new one. If you're interested in a group, please contact the chair. **Skating group still needs a chair.** If you would like to start a new group, contact Stacie Kiczuk.

The successful interest groups are those where all members participate with the planning. "Many hands make light work". Please step into the planning rotation so that the interest chair doesn't have to carry the load.

Hope to see you all at some interest group events.

Stacie Kiczuk, President



Events at a Glance

Feb. 2: Date Night 2

Feb. 5: Bible study, 7:00 p.m. @ Diana's.

Feb. 7: Knitting 1:00 p.m.
Bunco 1; Out to Lunch, Noon @ Canoe restaurant, Bedford

Feb 9: Pub night, 5:30-8:00; J's Tavern
MJ @ 11:00

Feb. 14: Knitting, 1:00 p.m.

Feb. 15: Nighttime book group, 7:00 p.m. "News of the World", by Paulette Jiles

Feb. 16: MJ @ 11:00 a.m.

Feb. 19: Movie night TBD this week
MakeNTake, 7:00 p.m. @ Diana's.

Feb. 20: Coffee @ Café on the Oval,
10:00 a.m.
Bunco 2 @ 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 21: Mom/Grandma @ me, 9-10:30
Knitting, 1:00 p.m.

Feb. 23: MJ @ 11:00 a.m.
Poker, 7:15 p.m.

Feb. 26: Daytime book group, "Tulip Fever". 10:30 a.m. @ Amherst Library

Feb. 28: Knitting, 1:00 p.m.
Daytime movie & Date 1: TBD

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Newcomers monthly events for 2017-2018 are:

September 14: Fall kick-off

October 11: Beading at Beadles store

December 4: Wreath making

January 20: Champagne brunch & Yankee Swap

March 13: Making Appetizers

April 12: Painting birdhouses

May 9: TBD

June 5: End of the Year Dinner

Our February coffee will be on the 20th, Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at Café on the Oval, Milford. If you're free, come join us!

Interest Groups

Bible Study: This group meets the first Monday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting is February 5. If you're interested, contact Deb Denoncourt, debdenon@comcast.net

Bunco 1: Our next game is scheduled for February 7. It's never too late to be put on the sub list. Please contact Kay May at, kayjmay@gmail.com, to be placed on the list.

Bunco 2: Our game is scheduled for February 20. To be placed on the sub list, please contact Kathie. Kathie Nunley, Chair. kathie@brains.org

Book Group (Daytime): The Daytime Book Group will meet on February 26, at 10:30 a.m. Location at Amherst Library, Archives room. The February book is "Tulip Fever", by Deborah Moggach. "The Help" is the book picked for March. Books are available at the library. Ask at the desk for the AANG daytime book group selection. For more info., contact Donni Hodgkins, donni_hodgkins@hotmail.com

Book Group (Nighttime): The Nighttime Book Group meets the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting is February 15. The February book is "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. If interested in joining, contact Deb Denoncourt, chair, debdenon@comcast.net

Cookbook Group: This group meets on a Sunday evening, at 6:00 p.m. The hostess for the following month will bring a cookbook, she chooses, to the monthly gathering. Members select a recipe from that cookbook & make a copy of the recipe (snapshot with phone). Members will sign up for their dish so recipes aren't duplicated. The dishes will be shared at the meeting with leftovers being sent home for the spouses. (No extra cooking for the family!) The next meeting will be on after the holidays. If interested, contact Kristen Moore, chair, at KristenMoore2@yahoo.com

Date Night 1: Last month we were entertained with a South African Wine Tasting evening at Chris & Diana's home. It was lovely. This month's activity is TBA. Please contact Deb Denoncourt, chair, debdenon@comcast.net

Date Night 2: The first date night will be in February 2. Co-chairs are Jessica Bortolotto, jessicajbortolotto@gmail.com & Tiffany Szymanski, tiffanyszymanski@gmail.com. If you're interested in joining this group, contact one of the chairs.

Golf: We are hoping for an early spring. If interested, contact Deb Denoncourt, debdenon@comcast.net

Hiking: The hiking group will turn to snowshoeing for the winter season. Future snowshoe hikes will be advertised on facebook & by emails. Come join us on the trails! Karen Osborn, Chair. khopkinso@gmail.com

Knitting: We have started up again on Wednesdays, at 1:00 p.m. Contact Lorie Ruland for more details. lfr174@gmail.com

Mah Jongg: MJ is a fascinating, rummy-like game played with tiles. Newcomers play American Mah Jongg which uses Jokers & a standard set of hands that are updated annually in April. Our group started in 2014 after the golf season ended & we wanted to continue to get together for fun. We have 10 regular players. We play on Fridays at various player's homes. We bring our lunch & winter play begins at 10:00 a.m. We are happy to teach MJ to those who can make it on Fridays. Tracie Adams, Chair. tnkadams95@gmail.com

MakeNTake: This is our craft group with a new name. Each member will take a month to plan an EASY craft (look on Pinterest-search Make & Take) that can be completed that night & has simple, low cost materials. The organizer will send out a reminder with her address & a link or pic of the craft along with what materials are needed. The next meeting will be February 19, 7:00 p.m. The craft will be rug mug making. If you're interested, contact Diana Ager, Chair. dianaja@aol.com

Mom/Grandma & Me: This is a new group which is still recruiting members. Our next playdate will be February 21, 9:00-10:30 a.m. We will meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Village Bible Church in the Amherst Village. We are looking forward to meeting as a group so children can play & adults can socialize a bit. If interested, please contact Joanna Perron, Chair. jmdva@aol.com

Movie Group (Daytime): This group meets once a month. Each member takes a month to plan our movie outing. The monthly organizer picks the movie, location, & date for the group. The February movie is TBA. If you want to join, contact Stacie Kiczuk, Chair. texaninnh@gmail.com

Movie Group (Nighttime): This group meets once a month. Each member takes a month to plan our movie outing. The monthly organizer picks the movie, location, & date for the group. The group will go to the movies the week of February 19. Exact day & movie TBD. If you're interested in joining, contact Maggie McCabe at maggie.mccabe7@gmail.com

Out & About: This group plans monthly excursions in & around the Amherst area. The excursions could be anything such as spending the day in Boston, or a day at the beach, or attending a local concert or event, or ...? The member will plan & coordinate the activity for her month; send out information regarding all pertinent details for the event, & correspond with Out & About members who will be able to attend. This group had a great time at Key to Escape on December 1. This is an escape room. Come join the fun! All Newcomers are welcome. If you're interested in this group, contact Laurie Picinich at laurie@jpicinich.com.

Out to Lunch: The Out to Lunch bunch meets once a month at a local restaurant. Each member takes a month to plan the lunch & notifies the other members as to the location, & date. We will meet for lunch on February 7, at noon. We are meeting at Canoe Restaurant in Bedford. If you're interested in joining this group, please contact Joanne Draghetti, Chair. dragonberry@comcast.net

Poker: The type of poker played is dealer calls. Poker plays the last Friday of the month. The game rotates among the members' homes. There is a poker kit that is used and each member brings a snack & byob. The group could use 2 more regular members bringing us to our total of 12. The group also utilizes subs. Next game is February 23. This game is great for beginners. Contact Kathie Nunley, chair, if interested. Kathie@brains.org

Pub Night: Every month we meet at J's Tavern, Milford. This month we will meet on February 9, 5:30-8:00 pm. This group will meet on the 2nd Friday of each month for happy hour. If you're interested in joining this group, please contact Jessica Bortolotto at jessicajbortolotto@gmail.com

Skiing: See you on the slopes! **This group needs a chair.**

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