

APRIL 2011



The logo for the Simsbury Newcomers Club features the word "SIMSBURY" in a large, serif font, with "NEWCOMERS CLUB" in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. The text is flanked by decorative flourishes consisting of interlocking loops.

GIRLFRIEND'S CORNER

Welcome to Girlfriend's Corner, where we wish our Newcomer friends happy birthday, and send them get-well wishes as needed. If you think there is a Newcomer who would appreciate a get-well card, new baby, or condolence card, please contact Charlotte Ray by phone or by email.

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Happy Birthday Wishes to the following members:

Joanne Alfieri, Cathie Leonard, Lori Lubetkin, Cheryl Sojkowski, Randi Stamboulis, Kristen Wilder, Carol Fine, Arlene Zappile

MEMBERSHIP & DIRECTORY

Please invite your friends and neighbors to join the fun and become members of Simsbury Newcomers Club. Encourage them to come to one of our many events as your guest. Do they know they do not have to be new to the area or live in Simsbury to become a member?

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Dues are now reduced to \$12 (beginning April 1st) for the remainder of the 2010-2011 membership year.

Checks should be made payable to "Simsbury Newcomers Club" and sent to Katherine Estell at 11 Laurel Lane, Simsbury, CT 06070 along with the completed membership form.

Membership entitles you to:

- A copy of the monthly Newsletter via email. One copy of the Directory and periodic updates.
- Access to the many activity groups, and Childcare for daytime program meetings for a small fee.

Please note that the Directory is for the exclusive use of Club members, cannot be used for solicitation, and will NOT be included on the website.

NEWSLETTER

Anyone selling, renting or providing a non-club service can advertise in our newsletter. We issue 10 newsletters throughout the year, starting in September and running through June. We now offer a 1/4page (or business card-sized) ad to run in our newsletter for the duration of the year for a flat fee of \$90. (We also offer a single-issue ad for a flat rate of \$20.) The ad will also be visible in the Newsletter section of our website.

Shelly Cole
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If you are interested in placing an advertisement in the newsletter, please contact Shelly Cole by the 9th to be placed in next month's newsletter.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Board Meeting: Thursday, April 7.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Do you have a daughter/son who would like to baby-sit? Send Patty information of members' children who are interested to baby-sit. Do you have a service provider you would like to recommend? Patty maintains a "List of Services Recommended by Newcomers". This is available at the Coffees or can be emailed to members upon request. If you have a recommended service provider, or if you have feedback (good or bad) on anyone on a previous version of this list, please contact Patty Howland at 860-408-9485.

BOOK DISCUSSION – DAYS

Welcome to Daytime Book Group! We meet either the third or fourth Friday morning of each month and enjoy lively but informal discussion about our book selections. Our meetings last about 1 1/2 hours while a volunteer reviewer provides background information on the author and introduces discussion questions. Rotating hostesses supply coffee, snacks and the venue. Both new and seasoned members are welcome. We look forward to seeing you! Please R.S.V.P. to Patrice Sala or Camilla Thompson if you have any questions.

Here are the selections for 2010-2011:

April 21: "The Postmistress", by Sarah Blake
Host: Patrice Sala - (860) 523-9031
Reviewer: P. Sala

May 19: "The Ape House", by Sara Gruen
Host: Jane Porterfield - (860) 658-4227
Reviewer: R. Schofield

June TBD: "The Gathering", by Ann Enright
Host: Attilios

July TBD: "Homer and Langley", by E.L. Doctorow
Host: Attilios

BOOK DISCUSSION – EVENINGS

A good book is even better when you can talk about it with friends! Join us for lively discussions one evening a month – generally the first Tuesday, at 7PM. We meet in member's homes and convivial local taverns and restaurants. To receive monthly updates with meeting dates, reading selections and locations, contact Cindy.

April 5, 2011 - "Daughter of Fortune" by Isabel Allende
May 3, 2011 - "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson
June 7, 2011 - "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brook
July 5, 2011 - "The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid" by Bill Bryson

COUPLES' BRIDGE

Couple's Bridge meets on the third Saturday of the month. We usually meet in couples' homes and begin at 7:30 PM. We have a variety of bridge levels, so please don't be intimidated. Also, a commitment to one month does not commit you for the whole year. We sign up month to month according to our social schedules. I need a call in advance just to be sure we will have even tables.

Mary Verbeke
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LADIES' BRIDGE

Ladies' Bridge meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month between 7:00-7:30 PM at the host house. We are a fun group of 2 or 3 tables of party bridge. Come join us by signing up early. Call Ida after 6 PM or call the hostess to see if there's a cancellation. Please contact Ida for this month's schedule.

Ida Coulter
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BUNKO

Are you looking for something fun to fill one morning a month? Do you love the thrill of competition? If so, why not sign up to play Bunko. This is an easy dice game you can learn in a few minutes. Join us as a regular or a sub. If you are interested, call Arlene Zappile at 408-9044.

Arlene Zappile
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EVENING BUNKO

Come join our lively group and let's get the dice rolling! We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Not to worry if you have never played before, not hard and doesn't require any special skills....just roll the dice and have fun!

Randi Stamboulis
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Contact Randi Stamboulis for more information.

LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH

Divina Marcktell
860-658-5911

With Spring around the corner, I thought of choosing a restaurant with the added bonus of outdoor seating, in case it really warms up. Two restaurants in town came to mind – Plan B and Meadow Restaurant. I could go for either one, but thought I'd leave that for you to vote on for a change. Plan B is known for its jazzed up burgers and Meadow Restaurant for its Asian fusion cuisine. So together with your “yay, I'm coming” please indicate your restaurant of choice. We are going to have the Ladies Lunch Bunch on Friday, April 15 at 11:30 am. Please let me know your response by April 11 so I could let everyone know the final destination. Activity group members, look out for the Evite in your inbox.

divina_marcktell@yahoo.com

Also, with the Spring Luncheon & Auction coming up next month, I encourage everyone to donate to help raise funds for donation to local charitable organizations. As an activity group, it would be wonderful if we could donate one as well. Think lunch out or home, so I thought we could put together a few items such as gift certificate, cookbook, Zagat, kitchen utensils, reusable lunch bag, etc. for a basket. Please either bring it to the upcoming lunch or call me to arrange for a drop off/pick-up.

Last but not the least, I am stepping down as the Activity Chair for this group. If you would like to take over the reigns for next year, please let me or Jennifer Halbert know. It's fun to chair and easy enough to organize!

MOVIE NIGHT!

Please join us for Movie Night!. Movie Night is usually the 4th Friday of the month, although we sometimes select a Saturday evening or Sunday matinee. “Good eats” afterward is always an option. Please email Marylou if you would like to get on the Movie Night Mailing List. Husbands, boyfriends, families are all welcome!

Marylou Lavoie
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NEEDLEWORK

Come and join us every Monday of the week (except Holidays) from 10:30 am to 1:30pm. We meet at members' homes, so call or email for locations. If you don't have a project you are working on right now, feel free to come and just join in on the conversation!

Sheila Scott
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Please contact Sheila Scott for more information.

COUPLES' PADDLE TENNIS

The Couple's Paddle Tennis Group plays at Simsbury Farms every Sunday afternoon from 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. throughout the winter. This is an informal, noncompetitive league combining social activity with good outdoor winter exercise. Each session follows a round-robin format so members experience playing with different partners. We start in November and end in March. Please contact Camilla Thompson if you are interested in participating. See you on the courts!

Camilla Thompson
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LADIES' PADDLE TENNIS

Platform Tennis is played outdoors, on raised courts, during the colder months. In snowy conditions, the courts are heated to melt the wintry mix. We play mornings at Simsbury Farms on Mondays from 9:30-11, and on Thursdays from 8-9:30. It's a great way to socialize with new & old friends, and to stay active through those long winter months. The roster is full, but if you would like to be added to the sub list, or if you have any questions or need more information, please contact Carolyn Brand at 860-408-1566. Hope to see you on the courts.

Carolyn Brand
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PINOCHLE

This group meets once a month at a different member's home for an evening of fun and cards. New players are welcome. Don't worry if you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. We generally play on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, but call Judy to confirm the location. There is also a Couple's Pinochle Group outside of Newcomers. Judy can get you connected to this group.

Judy Rabinowitz
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POTLUCK DINNER

The potluck group meets for first Saturday of the month. It is a group of people who enjoy getting together for a casual dinner, conversation and a few laughs. In March the pot luck group met at Jean Summers for a Mardi Gras Celebration. Jean did a wonderful job especially since she offered to step in for our other hostess who was sick. Thanks Jean. We will be meeting on April 2. Our theme for this month will be foods from California.

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Marilyn Iezzi
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Please RSVP to Janet Marcum as soon as possible if you plan to attend. As you know, it is on a first reply basis by email only.

WALKING-RAMBLE GROUP

During February when the Greenway walking path was too icy and unsafe, we have walked several times at the International Skating Center in the morning. That has been a very different venue for us. Often we have had music to keep us moving quickly. We sometimes had the opportunity to watch people ice skating on the Olympic rink. Possibly we saw some future Olympic hopefuls! It was nice to wear walking shoes instead of boots too. Our regular routine is to walk along the Greenway trail by Iron Horse Boulevard. We meet each weekday at 9 AM in the Park & Ride lot on the lower level behind CVS. We are determined to have our walking exercise in the morning, so come join us!

Charlotte Ray
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WINE & WOMEN

A big thanks goes to Katherine Estell who hosted our event last month on St. Patrick's Day!! Our next event will be on Thursday, April 28th, 7-9 pm, at Holly Beum's home. Her address is 11 Hallview Drive which is off of Terry's Plain Rd. Please bring a bottle of wine, and an appetizer or dessert. Think Spring! Please RSVP to Cheryl Sojkowski (860-658-2199) by April 25th.

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Also, in May is our club's annual Spring Luncheon and Silent Auction. Each activity group is encouraged to donate an item to the auction. Our group usually collects wine related items (napkins, wine charms, bottle stoppers, wine openers, coasters, glasses, gift bags, etc) and creates a few gift baskets. If you have something you'd like to donate, please bring it to our April event.

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

					1 <u>Walking</u>	2 <u>Potluck Dinner</u>
3	4 <u>Walking</u> <u>Needlework</u> <u>Ladies' Bridge</u>	5 <u>Walking</u> <u>Book Discussion -</u> <u>Evenings</u>	6 <u>Walking</u>	7 <u>Walking</u> <u>Board Meeting</u>	8 <u>Walking</u>	9
10	11 <u>Walking</u> <u>Needlework</u>	12 <u>Walking</u>	13 <u>Walking</u> <u>Pinochle</u> <u>Evening Bunko</u>	14 <u>Walking</u>	15 <u>Walking</u> <u>Ladies' Lunch</u> <u>Bunch</u>	16 <u>Couple's Bridge</u>
17	18 <u>Walking</u> <u>Needlework</u> <u>Ladies' Bridge</u>	19 <u>Walking</u>	20 <u>Walking</u> <u>Bunko</u>	21 <u>Walking</u> <u>Book Discussion</u> <u>- Days</u> <u>Wine & Women</u>	22 <u>Movie Night!</u> <u>Walking</u>	23
24	25 <u>Walking</u> <u>Needlework</u>	26 <u>Walking</u>	27 <u>Walking</u>	28 <u>Walking</u>	29 <u>Walking</u>	30



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