

October 2011

 **SIMSBURY** 
NEWCOMERS CLUB

President's Corner

Dear Simsbury Newcomers,

Well, our 'season' has officially begun and a sincere thank you to our board members who put a very well organized and fun sign-up event and to all of you who came to renew your membership in SNC and sign up for one or more of our many activities. It's going to be an exciting year as we work to provide fun offerings for you, our members, while providing a friendly and welcoming way for those new to our community to begin feeling at home.

The next date to mark on your calendars is our Fall Potluck Luncheon which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, at the Apple Barn. More details and an invitation will follow. As always you'll be able to see friends, have a very tasty luncheon and enjoy a presentation.

Finally, Simsbury's own Historical Society will be holding a Centennial Celebration and Chili-Cook-Off on Saturday, October 15th and they're in need of volunteers. The festivities will start at 11 a.m. with the firing of a 400-pound cannon, followed by musket and tomahawk demonstrations. Also included will be historical re-enactments, children's games and activities, a crafts fair, demonstrations by artisans, visits from the Simsbury witch, a bake-off competition, jazz groups, fife and drum corps performances, classic cars and fire trucks, a silent auction, Prizes-in-the-Haypile, Land Trust and Ensign-Bickford talks.

Dates to Remember

Fall Potluck: Wednesday, October 19th at the Apple Barn.

Announcements!

The Simsbury Historical Society is holding a fabulous FREE public party for its 100th birthday and everyone's invited!

On October 15, the Centennial Celebration and Chili Cook-off will kick off at 11 a.m. with the firing of a 400-pound cannon, followed by musket and tomahawk demonstrations. The huge family-friendly day will include fascinating (and funny!) historical re-enactments, children's games and activities, a crafts fair, demonstrations by artisans, visits from the Simsbury witch, a bake-off competition, jazz groups, fife and drum corps performances, classic cars and fire trucks, a silent auction, Prizes-in-the-Haypile, Land Trust and Ensign-Bickford talks, and much, much more! With the purchase of a \$5 spoon, visitors can buy chili from Simsbury's best restaurants and then vote to determine the best. Vendors will also provide other food for sale, local bakeries are donating birthday cakes for everyone to sample and Tulmeadow Farms will provide free ice cream!

This is an event that's got something for everyone and is not to be missed - it's the largest event the Historical

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Have a wonderful and healthy fall,

Monique

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.

Girlfriend's Corner

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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.

Happy Birthday Wishes to the following members:

Ida Coulter
Elayne Cree
Tuyet Dinh
Tricia Hazelwood
Maria Hilhorst
Patti Lorenzen
Trish Lueders
Bea Mango
Janet Marcum

Laurie Payne
Candise Petersen
Rekha Shertukde
Pamela Spaulding
Liesje Tummers
Kay Yazvac

Membership & Directory

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Have you met someone new to town? Or do you have a friend or neighbor that you would like to spend more time with? Invite them 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? With more than 20 diverse activity groups there's something for everyone!

- 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. Additional copies of the directory may be purchased (while available) for \$2.00.

Newsletter

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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.

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

Book Discussion – Days

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Welcome to Daytime Book Group! We meet either the third or fourth Thursday morning of each month and enjoy lively but informal discussion about our book selections. Our meetings last about 1 ½ 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 are in the process of selecting our books for 2011 - 2012. Please submit 2 or 3 titles you recommend to Patrice or Camilla by e-mail. We will then forward the combined list to the group. Each reader can then review the proposed titles and vote on their choices. Final selections will be done at the September meeting. Please R.S.V.P. to Patrice Sala or Camilla Thompson if you have any questions.

Book Discussion – Evenings

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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.

For October, we're reading *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. We'll meet on October 4 at 7PM. To receive monthly updates with meeting dates, reading selections and locations, contact Cindy.

Couples' Bridge

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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.

Ladies' Bridge

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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.

Bunko

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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.

Evening Bunko

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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!

Contact Randi Stamboulis for more information.

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

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Enjoyed meeting new members and catching up with old at sign-ups.
If you have not signed up for Lunch Bunch it is not too late, just send me an email. Thank you for the many wonderful restaurant suggestions made for LUNCH BUNCH.

Here's our schedule so far:

Thursday, September 29 @ 11:30 Attilio's at Simsbury Farms

Please RSVP to Eileen via EVITE no later than Monday, September 26

Thursday, October 27 @ 11:30 Grant's, West Hartford

Look for your EVITE in October

Wednesday, November 30 @11:30 Tapas, Bloomfield

Look for your EVITE in November

For December we are looking into planning a holiday luncheon-stay tuned!

Needlework

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The Needlework group meets on Monday mornings between 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. You are welcome to come any time during that period. Everyone brings their own project or just visits. This group is very willing and able to provide help if you need it. Here is the schedule for October.

October 3: Sarah Schafer
October 10: Ilse Rosskothén
October 17: Patrice Sala
October 24: Camille Gentile
October 31: Sheila Scott

If you want to be included on the Needlework e-mail list, contact Charlotte. You will receive a weekly message with details about the upcoming Monday gathering.

Couples' Paddle Tennis

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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!

Men's Paddle Tennis

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Men's Paddle Tennis starts at the beginning of November and continues through March. We

play Saturday mornings at Simsbury Farms, usually at 8:00-9:30. We're always looking for new players. Cost should be around \$40 for the season.

If you are interested in playing, please look for Men's Paddle sheet at the Sign-Up. The schedule will be set by mid-Oct.

If you have any questions, please contact Dick Clark at 860-408-1566, cell 860-424-6697.

Ladies' Paddle Tennis

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The Paddle Tennis season is almost here! The game is similar to tennis, but played outdoors, during the colder months, on special raised courts. In snowy conditions, the courts are heated to melt the wintry mix. We play mornings at Simsbury Farms, usually on Mondays from 9:30-11 and Thursdays from 8-9:30. Players are rotated each week, with each scheduled to play about twice a month. The cost is usually around \$45 for the season. It's a great way to socialize with new & old friends, and to stay active through those long winter months. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn at 860-408-1566. If you are interested in playing, please stop by at the Sign-Up table. The roster tends to fill up by early Oct. Hope to see you on the courts.

Newcomer's Playgroup

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Calling all Moms & Tots! We will be starting a new playgroup for children from 6 months or older. Teo Pellegrino & Wendy Sue Kissa will be at the sign-ups where we will gather names of moms interested, and we will start the playgroup on Thursday September 29th from 3:30 - 5pm at Wendy Sue's home. If you have further questions, please call Teo 217-1511 or Wendy Sue 651-6971.

Men's Night Out

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An organized group for guys to get together and to have some fun. Activities include card playing, movies, beer tasting – essentially whatever the group would like to do. Hosted at a member's home on a monthly (or so) rotating basis. The main goal is for guys to get out, to meet others, and to have some laughs. If the group becomes big enough we'll hold an annual Beer and Men party, to which you will be able to invite your significant other. To sign up or with

questions, please contact Brian Tomasino at kisa4u2@yahoo.com or 860-844-0089.

Pinochle

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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.

Potluck Dinner

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Potluck has already begun the SNC calendar year with an Hawaiian themed dinner at the home of Patty and Mark Howland. 38 of us spent Sat evening, Sept. 10th enjoying the wonderful food and renewing friendships. Thanks to Patty and Mark for their gracious hospitality.

Our October potluck will be held on Sat, Oct. 1st at the home of Kristen and Larry Wilder.

More information will be sent out to members of the potluck group. If you would like to join the group and were not able to attend sign-ups, please email one of us to be on the list.

Anyone who has not participated or signed up in the past year, will be dropped from the potluck roster. You are asked to host or co-host once every other year, as needed. The size of the group you host is determined by you. To sign up or for more information, send emails to:

janjerm@yahoo.com or mwiezzi@sbcglobal.net.

Our first potluck of the year will take place on September 10. The theme will be Hawaii. We will be sending the information out to those on the list by the end of August.

If you care to become a new member of potluck before the sign-up please contact us by e-mail. To be included in the dinners you must e-mail us before the cut-off date. Most months the number of people attending will be limited. It is by first come first serve on our potluck list.

Walking-Ramble Group

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Welcome to the new and ongoing members of the Walking group! Our regular schedule is to meet each weekday morning at 9 AM and walk on the Farmington Valley walking/bike trail by Iron Horse Boulevard. We meet in the Park & Ride lot on the lower level behind CVS. You are welcome to walk with us on any morning that suits your schedule. What could be better for you than good exercise and conversation in the morning!

We also try to schedule a few walks at different venues during the year. One popular event is the hike up to the Heublein Tower in October to see the fall foliage. We will probably do this during the week of October 10th. If you have a preference for certain day(s) of that week, please e-mail Charlotte to let her know. When a date has been chosen, an e-mail message will be sent to everyone who has expressed an interest in the hike.

Wine & Women

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Wine & Women is a fun and casual group that meets once a month, usually at a member's home on the third Thursday night of each month. We welcome members to join the group at any time during the year. And, of course, you don't have to drink wine to enjoy an evening out with this lively crowd!

If you were not able to make it to the Sign Up last week at the library, but would like to be on the Wine & Women email list, please contact either Joanne or Cheryl with your current email address and phone number. We will not be carrying over the list from last year.

The October gathering will be held on Thursday, October 20th at 7 pm, at the home of Cheryl Sojkowski on 6 Brighton Lane – located between Great Pond Road and Firetown Road. Please bring a bottle of wine, along with an appetizer or dessert.

Please RSVP to Cheryl Sojkowski by October 18th – email csojkowski@comcast.net, or call 860-658-2199.