

## September 2017 SNC Newsletter



### President's Corner

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[Shari Cassutt](#) 860-988-0021 505 670-4982

Welcome Back!!!! or if you're new to our wonderful organization welcome for the first time. First let's thank all of those who are chairing our activity groups. Take a good look at the descriptions that they've written. There have been some changes. We've also added a new group. We're calling it PopUps. Read about it, and the other activity groups, below.

Another big thank you goes out to our Events Committee chaired by Camilla Thompson and Eileen Higham. They are planning our fall event – mark your calendars for the evening of Oct 28<sup>th</sup> for our annual fall potluck, details coming soon. However, Camilla and Eileen need help. They need YOU. Please contact either one if you can step up and lend a hand.

Speaking of stepping up, Toni Robinson has enthusiastically agreed to come in to the membership position on the board. We still need someone for Programs and Civic Concerns. If you've served on the board before consider serving again. If you've never served, come join us. It's fun. If you're new to SNC, jump in with both feet and volunteer for the board. We welcome your perspective. Contact Barbara Troy (330-268-8909), our nominations board member, for more information.

See you at Simsbury Library for Sign-Ups on **Tuesday, Sept 12 (6:00- 8:00 pm)** and **Wednesday, September 13 (10:00 am – 12:00pm)**

### Membership

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[Toni Robinson](#) 860-217-1915

We currently have 168 members. We added 30 new members last year!

We look forward to welcoming new and returning members at our Annual Membership Renewal and Activity Sign-up Event. Hope to see you there!!

**Tuesday, September 12th, 6 – 8 pm**

**Wednesday, September 13th, 10 am – 12 noon**

**Simsbury Public Library**

Members are always listed on the password-protected section of our website as soon as they join, so that is the best source for up-to-date information. The most recent Quick List was sent in May.

The Membership Form can be found through the "Join Us!" tab of the Simsbury Newcomers Website at [Newcomers Membership Form](#).

Membership entitles you to:

- Join in the many activity groups and events
- A hard copy of the Members Directory and periodic email Quick List updates
- A monthly email Newsletter
- Access to our [Simsbury Newcomers Website](#) which includes our members only membership list and our members only Forum Page

The most current directory information is available to active members on the password-protected section of the website. Please e-mail Toni at [tonirobinson22@gmail.com](mailto:tonirobinson22@gmail.com) with any updates, corrections, your new address, new email address or new phone number as soon as possible so we can keep our records up to date.

*Please note that the Directory is for the exclusive use of Club members and cannot be used for solicitation.*

Happy September birthdays!

- Shari Cassutt
- Cheryl Cook
- Katherine DeTroy
- Sandra Dinger
- Cheryl Glasgow
- Jackie Howes
- Bridget Komidar
- Erica Wahl
- Susana Wheeler
- Lisa Woods

[View the Calendar](#)

## Community Events

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[Patty Howland](#) 860-470-7771

### **Simsbury Community Calendar**

Looking for something fun to do in Simsbury? Check out our new Simsbury Community Calendar on the Town website. Check it out: [www.simsburyevents.com](http://www.simsburyevents.com)

**Septemberfest**, September 8th-10th, Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center.

- Friday 5-10pm Country Music and fireworks
- Saturday 11am-10pm Family Day
- Sunday 11am – 5pm Oktoberfest, admission \$5, rides, food, music and more.

**48<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts and Crafts Festival**, September 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, Iron Horse Blvd

**2017 Simsbury Grange Agricultural Fair**, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 10am-3pm, [Simsburygrange.org](http://Simsburygrange.org)

**Simsbury Fly-in and Car Show**, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 8am-3pm, Simsbury Airport, 94 Wolcott Road

## Civic Concerns

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[Position Open, click to email if interested](#)

No updates this month.

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## ACTIVITIES

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### Book Discussion – Daytime

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[Jane Fox](#) 860-658-0388

Welcome to Daytime Book Discussion Group! This year we will be meeting at 1:00 pm the third Friday of each month. We enjoy lively but informal discussion about our book selections. Don't hesitate to join us! Many copies of our titles are available through the Simsbury Public Library. Check at the front desk for books on hold for the Newcomers' Daytime Book Discussion Group. Don't forget to e-mail the hostess if you plan to attend so she can plan appropriately.

Our first book meeting will be on Sept 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the Simsbury Library Program Room 2. This will be the meeting where we choose the books for the coming year. Please send any book recommendations to me, Jane Fox ([j.p.fox@comcast.net](mailto:j.p.fox@comcast.net)), so that I can start compiling a book list.

So, start your lists and mark your calendars. A reminder email will be sent as time gets closer. See you soon.

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### Book Discussion – Evening

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[Cheryl Cook](#) 860-408-1577

Join us for some lively discussion with new and old friends. We love to read and you are welcome to join us at any time. New suggestions for the reading list are always welcome. The evening book group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. To receive monthly updates with meeting dates, reading selections and locations, contact Cheryl Cook at [cooks.home@comcast.net](mailto:cooks.home@comcast.net) or 860-408-1577.

- September 5, 2017: **Devil In the White City** by Erik Larson
- October 3, 2017: **Mayflower** by Nathaniel Philbrick
- November 7, 2017: **Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore** by Robin Sloan
- December 5, 2017: **A Separate Peace** by John Knowles
- January 2, 2018: **The Education of Little Tree** by Forrest Carter and Rennard Strickland
- February 6, 2018: **You Don't Have to Say You Love Me** by Sherman Alexie
- March 6, 2018: **Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI** by David Grann
- April 3, 2018: **My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry** by Fredrik Backman
- May 1, 2018: **American Gods** by Neil Gaiman
- June 5, 2018: **Everybody's Son** by Thirty Umrigar
- July 10, 2018: **Radium Girls** by Kate Moore
- August 7, 2018: **A Piece of the World** by Christina Baker Kline

## Bridge – Couples

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[Lee Klippel](#) 860-673-7463

Couples Bridge meets on the third Saturday of the month. We meet in couples' homes and begin at 7:30 p.m. 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.

## Bridge – Ladies Daytime

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[Jane Fox](#) 860-658-0388

Ladies' daytime bridge meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 1:00 p.m. Join us as a regular or substitute player. All bridge levels are welcome. Players take turns hosting. Email announcements are sent to the group prior to each playing week about sign up and host location/information.

## Bridge – Ladies Evening

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[Elayne Cree](#) 860-651-7071

Many thanks to Tina Cheffer, our outgoing director, who officially steps down in September. Of course, Tina will continue to play with our group, which meets the first and third Mondays year round.

We will launch our new duplicate game at the first meeting after Sign-Ups. Like rubber bridge, we will compete individually, but unlike rubber bridge we'll play the same hands (hence the "duplicate" designation) to see who wins. It's a great way to compare your game to your peers and take home a few dollars! There will be no bidding boxes to deal with, but game scoring will be slightly different. All will be explained at the first duplicate game.

Let us know if you can host one, two or three tables. We need hosts starting in September (9/11 and 9/25). Games start at 7 pm and last two to 2½ hours. We have a registration binder at each meeting to sign up as player and hostess. I will send out reminder emails to those who have signed the book and send emails to everyone on the list if we need more players.

Questions? Contact Elayne 860-651-7071 or [elayne@creeturecomforts.com](mailto:elayne@creeturecomforts.com)

## Bunko – Daytime

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[Arlene Zappile](#) 860-408-9044

Daytime Bunko is a casual way to have some fun in the morning and still have the afternoon free. Bunko is a simple dice game that can be easily learned in minutes. We meet once a month at 9:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday at members' homes. After light refreshments, we enjoy several rounds of play and camaraderie. Join us as a regular or substitute player. **Looking for volunteers to host for the rest of the year. Please contact Arlene if you can host.**

## Bunko – Evening

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[Randi Stamboulis](#) 860-217-1484

Our evening Bunko group usually meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. It's an easy game to learn and requires no skill. Come join us! Contact Randi at [rlstamboulis@comcast.net](mailto:rlstamboulis@comcast.net) if you are interested in joining our group.

## Come for Cocktails

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[Holly and Shaun Murphy](#) 860-651-6051

We are looking for co-chairs!!

If you enjoy socializing, then we are the group for you! We are a co-ed group that meets a few times a year (3-4) at our members' homes on Saturday evenings. We are not a "couples only group"! All are welcome!! We will schedule the gatherings around the "SNC Events" so as not to conflict. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. Please bring your own beverages. Hosts may choose to have a theme for the evening and will provide paper goods and glasses. We look forward to seeing you!

## Crafts Group

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[Karen Pineau](#) 860-217-1311

The Crafts Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Projects are relatively easy and inexpensive to make. We will be getting together in September (date TBD) to catch up and brainstorm ideas for the coming year. Please contact Karen at [kmpineau@comcast.net](mailto:kmpineau@comcast.net) if you are interested in joining us. Stop by the Crafts Group table at the September Sign-Ups and see what we've made in the past.

## Dining Out Dinner

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[Theresa Awad Roe](#) 860-408-9278

[Beth Payne](#) 860-352-2384

We are pleased to invite you to our first dining out event of the 2017-18 season at **Mykonos Mediterranean Restaurant!**

- **DATE:** Saturday, September 9th
- **TIME:** 7:00 pm
- **LOCATION:** Mykonos Mediterranean Restaurant
- **ADDRESS:** 2414 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT
- **PHONE:** 860-594-1557
- **WEBSITE:** <http://mykonosmediterranean.com/>

The Dining Out group meets one Saturday per month for dinner. Dinners are open to singles, couples, or anyone who wants to join us! We ask for separate checks so each person/couple take care of paying for their dinner on their own check.

If you are interested in joining us this month or in joining our group, please contact Theresa ([t.awad-roe@att.net](mailto:t.awad-roe@att.net)). Thank you!

## Discover New England

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[Patty Howland](#) 860-470-7771

New England is filled with many scenic, historical and cultural attractions. Join fellow newcomers as we explore our surrounding area. Some ideas include: tours of local landmarks, ethnic food shopping trips, home or garden tour events, art exhibits, daytrips to the CT Shore or the Berkshires. We have compiled a list of "Places to Visit". *If you would like a copy, or have ideas to add, email Patty Howland at [pahowl@gmail.com](mailto:pahowl@gmail.com)*

**Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> (tentative) – Fall Trip to the Berkshires – Tour of Naumkeag cottage and gardens, followed by lunch at the historic Red Lion Inn, with optional stops in Great Barrington on the way home – \$15 (max) plus Lunch**

The Berkshires are beautiful year-round, but can be spectacular in the Fall. Join us as we tour Naumkeag, a quintessential 44-room country estate of the Gilded Age, designed by McKim, Mead, & White, which was the summer retreat for three generations of the Choate family. With its views of Monument Mountain, its stunning collection of gardens and its original artwork, Naumkeag creates an unforgettable experience for visitors. We will have lunch in the center of Stockbridge at The Red Lion Inn which has been welcoming travelers to the Berkshires for more than two centuries. After lunch, there are several stops we could make in Great Barrington on the way home: Berkshire Mountain Bakery, Bizalion's Fine Foods and/or Campo de' Fiori Garden Center.

**8:30 Meet to carpool**

**10:30 Tour of Naumkeag, \$15 max**

**1:00 Lunch at the Red Lion Inn**

**Possible stops in Great Barrington after lunch**

**RSVP** to Patty Howland at [pahowl@gmail.com](mailto:pahowl@gmail.com) by September 24th. Indicate if you are willing to drive others, would prefer to ride or will drive on your own.

**Bonus Trip!**

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 5-8:30 – CT RiverQuest Tree Swallow Sunset Cruise Spectacle, \$40 per person**

Climb aboard for a RiverQuest boat excursion down the Connecticut River to watch the mesmerizing flight of swallows at twilight. During these last days of summer, the marshes along the river become the roosting spot for hundreds of thousands of swallows on their migration south. Their swirling and swooping in the twilight sky is a "spectacle" not to be missed! You are able to bring your own picnic basket or snacks and your favorite "beverage" to enjoy on this special cruise.

A few of us are booked on this particular trip and there are some spots still available if anyone would like to join us. They run trips on other dates as well late August to early October. Book on your own

on the website: [ctriverquest.com](http://ctriverquest.com) and email Patty Howland at [pahowl@gmail.com](mailto:pahowl@gmail.com) if you decide to book on October 1<sup>st</sup> and would like to join us

## Happy Hour Social Club

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[Shaun Murphy](#) 860-651-6051

We have tweaked the mission of the Men's Night Out. It has morphed into Happy Hour Social Club (not just for men!). We are now in pursuit of the perfect IPA, or some other craft brew delight, bourbon, vino, good conversation and food. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. (or earlier for those that can). Each month, Shaun will send a broadcast message to the group with details about that month's event. (This group is open to all). Slainte!

## Humans for Humanity

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[Brynn Brown](#) 860-301-9977

This is your opportunity to be the change you wish to see in the world. Humans for Humanity works on a variety of projects to help our fellow human beings. This may range from filling backpacks with food for those in need in our community or raising money to build a school halfway around the world. Please come with your ideas and we will work together to improve the human condition. We normally meet the first Thursday of each month at 10:45 at the Simsbury Library — next meeting will be in September!

## Ladies' Lunch Bunch

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[Position is open, click to email if interested](#)

The Ladies Lunch Bunch meets the second Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. The September luncheon location has not yet been decided. We're hoping someone from the group will step up to be the activity chair. Please contact Ellen Yazmer at [yaz342@comcast.net](mailto:yaz342@comcast.net) if interested in chairing!

## Mah Jongg – Day

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[Alayna Clark](#) 860-217-0054

The daytime Mah Jongg group meets every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Players take turns hosting this casual "come if you can" group. Announcements are sent to the group about who will be attending.

## Mah Jongg – Evening

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[Holly Murphy](#) 860-651-6051

The evening Mah Jongg group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. We alternate meeting at members' homes and new players are always welcome.

## Movie Club

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[Holly Murphy](#) 860-651-6051  
[Gay Mulligan](#) 860-658-1706

We generally meet in the early evening on the 1st Monday of the month at Hoyts Cinemas in Simsbury. That night is Senior Night – \$5. tickets They have a beverage and small popcorn deal for \$5. if you wish. If you are looking for someone to go with, reply to all with your movie choice and time. You may see any movie showing...Enjoy!

If you are a “Classic” movie fan (old movie buff), TCM, along with fathom events, is showing their old movies at select dates and times. Bloomfield, Hartford, and Torrington are soon hosting. The information can be found on the fathom events website. Go to the link: <http://www.fathomevents.com/event/2017-tcm-big-screen-classics>

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## Needlework

[Karen Goldschmidt](#) 860-461-1451  
[Shirley Kucia](#) 860-693-4444

The Needlework Group is a congenial weekly gathering of beginner and experienced needlecrafters. We meet in a member’s home or the library every Monday between 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Join us for part or all of that time to be inspired, learn from others, or share your knowledge. Members host the group at home or provide refreshments at the library once or possibly twice a year. A weekly email message tells members the location of the next meeting and gives driving directions. Please contact us if you have questions or want to add your name to our email list.

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## Paddle Tennis

Ladies Paddle Tennis: [Carolyn Brand](#) 860-408-1566 (Monday AM, Thursday AM)

Men’s Paddle Tennis: [Dick Clark](#) 860-424-6697 (Saturday AM)

Mixed Doubles Paddle Tennis: [Camilla Thompson](#) 860-658-2038 (Sunday 4:30-6pm)

The new season begins soon. Paddle Tennis is similar to tennis, but played outdoors during the colder months on raised courts. In snowy conditions, the courts are heated to melt the wintry mix. We play November through March, using the courts at Simsbury Farms. The Couples group plays on Sunday evenings, the Ladies play on Monday and Thursday mornings, and the Men play on Saturday mornings. The Farms usually offers Paddle lessons. Please check with their office for more information – (860) 658-3836. If you would like to play paddle and have played other racket sports, please contact the activity chairs. The rosters tend to fill up by early October. Hope to see you on the courts!

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## Pinochle

[Judy Rabinowitz](#) 860-658-9262

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 Tuesday of each month, but call Judy to confirm the location.

## PopUps

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[Shari Cassutt](#) 505-670-4982

A new group for people who like to get out and do things. This is a going to be a free-wheeling, spontaneous group that will do a variety of activities. We might go bowling, organize a wine tasting, take in an improv show or go howl with the Wolfpack. We might meet during the week for a movie matinee or on the weekend for a picnic at the park. PopUps will take over the Super Bowl party that has been sponsored by The Big Game. Shari will be the chair of this group and keep the mailing list, but all members of PopUps are free to send out an invitation to whatever fun things they want to organize.

## Tennis – Ladies

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[Position open, click to email if interested](#)

The Tennis -Ladies group is in need of an activity chair. Please contact Ellen Yazmer at [yaz342@comcast.net](mailto:yaz342@comcast.net) if interested in chairing!

## Theatre Group

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[Position open, click to email if interested](#)

Hi Theatre Enthusiasts,

The Theatre Group attends various professional and community theater shows throughout the year. The group is in need of an activity chair. Please contact Ellen Yazmer at [yaz342@comcast.net](mailto:yaz342@comcast.net) if interested in chairing!

## Walking Group

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[Charlotte Ray](#) 860-651-4611

Welcome to a new Simsbury Newcomers program year! The Walking Group meets each weekday morning at 9 AM in the Park & Ride lot on the lower level behind CVS. We walk along the East Coast Greenway trail by Iron Horse Boulevard. We occasionally walk on other trails in the Farmington Valley area. You are welcome to join us on any morning that fits your schedule. If you will be walking with us for the first time, please let me know so I can be looking for you. Everyone is welcome on our annual October hike to Heublein Tower too. Be sure to sign up for the regular walking group and/or the hike to Heublein Tower at one of the Sign-Up events in September. The Walking Group is a great way to get some good exercise while being entertained by enjoyable conversation!

## Wellness Group

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[Nita Okray](#) 860-906-4262

The Wellness group will be gathering formally four times a year to share ideas on health/wellness topics such as nutrition, meditation, tai chi, laughter yoga, weight management, and basically to explore health topics and to achieve balance at all levels. Also, the group will be sharing ideas on wellness and local events or articles on wellness.

Please let Nita Okray know if you know of local events related to health and wellness or if you would like to be part of the group at [nrokray@gmail.com](mailto:nrokray@gmail.com). Please feel free to suggest topics or speakers for an upcoming gathering or if you want to host as well!

So far we have had gatherings on topics of learning meditation and Improv to reduce stress. Our next meeting will be at the end of the summer. Please email Nita to let her know you are interested in the group.

## **Wine & Women**

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[Cheryl Sojkowski](#) 860-658-2199

[Sarah Nanzig](#) 860-651-9085

Wine & Women is a fun and casual group that meets once a month, at a member's home, usually on the third Thursday night of the month. Everyone brings a bottle of wine or other beverage of choice and an appetizer or dessert to share. It's fun to meet new members and reconnect with friends. 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!

Please stop by our table during the September 12th and 13th Membership Sign-Up Event and sign up to be on the Wine & Women email list. We will also be looking for members to host our events. If you are unable to attend the Sign-Ups and would like to be part of this group, you can contact either Cheryl or Sarah with your current email address and phone number. You will receive a reminder email the week before the event with location details and you can RSVP by replying to the email. Looking forward to another fun year!