

## SNC Newsletter

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## Happening Today

Walking at 9:00 am

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## President's Corner

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

One of my favorite children's books is a lesser-known Dr. Seuss title, called *Marvin K. Mooney Will You Please Go Now!* So to quote Dr. Seuss, "The time has come. The time is now."

What, might you ask, is it time for? It's time to **RSVP** to the **Spring Luncheon**, of course!!! We *must* have your RSVPs by **May 8**. If you can't get the check to us by then, please give a call and let us know it's in the mail.

Speaking of books, this year our luncheon has a literary theme. Bring your used books (magazines as well) to our book exchange tables. The rules are simple: Bring some. Take some. And to make the "taking" part easier, every member attending will receive a custom, re-usable Simsbury Newcomers book/grocery bag. Anything left on the tables will be donated to the Friends of the Simsbury Public Library book sale.

Our reading theme doesn't stop there. We also are collecting new and gently used children's books for the JCC's Reading Partners literacy program. Each book will receive a sticker noting its donation by the Simsbury Newcomers Club before distribution to children in the greater Hartford area. For some children, your book might be one of the few they own. You can be certain that Marvin K. Mooney will be among the books I donate. See the Civic Concerns section below for a list of suggested titles.

Watch for an email coming soon that outlines changes to the club's bylaws. We'll be voting on them and the slate of new board members (see below) at the luncheon. See you there!

### **Simsbury Newcomers Board Nomination Slate for 2018-2019**

President: Shari Cassutt

1st VP, Programs: Barbara Troy

2nd VP, Membership: Toni Robinson

3rd VP, Activities: Ellen Yazmer

Secretary: Debra Bernard

Treasurer: Rekha Shertukde

Newsletter: Valerie Wozniak

Civic Concerns: Alisa LaLiberte

Hospitality: Sarah Nanzig

Publicity: Dara Arends

Nominating: Eileen Higham

Webmistress: Cheryl Sojkowski

Past President: Holly Murphy

**May Activity Highlights** – Scroll through the newsletter to read full descriptions of these activities and more. Remember that our activities are open to all members and you can join a group at any time. Simply contact the Activity Group Chairperson to get the latest news!

Daytime Book Discussion – *Small Great Things*

Dining Out – Meadow Restaurant, Simsbury

Evening Book Discussion – *American Gods*

Come for Cocktails – Cinco de Mayo Party

## Membership

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

We are 172 members strong.

The Quick List was distributed via email last month. It includes updates regarding new members since the Directory as well as email addresses and revised information for current members. Please remember, the Directory and the Quick List are for the exclusive use of Club members and cannot be used for solicitation.

- Did you know that as a member you can sign up for as many activity groups as you want?
- Did you know that we have a “members only” Simsbury Newcomers Website and a Simsbury Newcomers Facebook Page?
- Check out all the opportunities your membership provides:
  - [Simsbury Newcomers Website](#)
  - [Simsbury Newcomers Facebook page](#)

## Happy May Birthdays!

Michele Abbott  
Caryn Brady  
Donna Gabel  
Colin Godfrey  
Judy Goff  
Marilyn Iezzi  
Maeve Kidney  
Alisa LaLiberte  
Susan Lofgren  
Kate McHale  
Gay Mulligan  
Ann Mungovan  
Sarah Nanzig  
Tim Paine  
Barbara Robinson  
Tina Trask

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[View the Newcomers Calendar](#)

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## Community Events

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[Alisa LaLiberte](#) 978-460-8103

Links to various **Simsbury organizations** and their activities: <https://www.simsbury-ct.gov/home/pages/clubs-and-organizations>

Simsbury Historical Society is hosting a **Royal Tea** on May 19th to celebrate the Royal Wedding. They will have two speakers begin the Tea in the Meetinghouse talking about British Wedding customs and traditions and then move to the Tavern to serve a tea with traditional British wedding cake, scones and tea sandwiches. More details can be found on their website:

<http://www.simsburyhistory.org/news/upcoming.html> Also, anyone interested in volunteering for the event may contact Ieke Scully at [scullies@hotmail.com](mailto:scullies@hotmail.com).

Email Alisa at [alisaleelala@gmail.com](mailto:alisaleelala@gmail.com) if you know of any upcoming Community Events and we will add them to the newsletter.

## Civic Concerns

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[Alisa LaLiberte](#) 978-460-8103

Children's Book Collection – We will be collecting Children's Books for the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford Children's Reading Partners program at the Annual Luncheon. Children's Reading Partners provides K-5th grade books to students, classrooms, and libraries in public schools in low-income communities across Greater Hartford. Click these links to see suggested books!

[Book List Pre-K](#)

[Book List K-3](#)

[Book List 4 – 5](#)

Knitting for Cancer Patients – Mitzvah Knitters of Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation on Bushy Hill. They knit or crochet shawls that are donated to cancer patients. For more information: <https://fvjc.org/event/mitzvah-knitters-sisterhood-monthly-meeting-17/>

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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 **9:30 a.m.** 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 next book meeting will be on **May 18 at 9:30 a.m.** The book we will be reading for May is **Small, Great Things** by Jodi Picoult. Our June 15th book is **Hillbilly Elegy** by J.D. Vance. A reminder email will be sent prior to the meeting.

On May 11 we will do a follow up day trip to **Lilac Girls** to the Bellamy-Ferriday House and Gardens in Bethlehem, CT. If you are interested in attending, please email me.

### 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.

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

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 Duplicate

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

We meet on the first and third Monday evenings at 7 pm in members' homes. Our group has people of varying levels of play. If you've never played duplicate before, not to worry: it's basically the same game with different scoring than rubber bridge. We'll help guide you through it. A week or so before each game, the hostess sends an email with the names of players who have signed up, asking for more players if needed to complete a table. Questions? Call or email [elayne@creaturecomforts.com](mailto:elayne@creaturecomforts.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.

## 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.

**Mark your calendars for our next event!** Angela and Randy Wilson are our hosts for our **Cinco de Mayo Party** on May 5th at 7pm!! Please bring either an appetizer or a dessert as well as your beverage of choice. Looking forward to our gathering!

Please reply to **both** [2wilson@cox.net](mailto:2wilson@cox.net) and [mena27@comcast.net](mailto:mena27@comcast.net) **ONLY** if you are planning to attend and we will provide you the specific home address. Thank you!

## Crafts Group

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

The Crafts Group will not be meeting in May and is in search of a new chairperson. If you are interested in leading this group, please contact our Activity Group Board Member, Ellen Yazmer [yaz342@comcast.net](mailto:yaz342@comcast.net)

## Dining Out Dinner

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

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

We will meet on **May 12th** at 7:30 for some delicious Asian dishes. Unfortunately we have a 12 person limit. Please let Beth Payne know if you plan to attend by May 8th.

Date: May 12, 2018

Time: 7:30 pm

At: **Meadow Restaurant**

532 Hopmeadow St

Simsbury, CT 06070

860-408-9800

Please **RSVP** by May 8th to Beth

## 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)*

The Junior League of Hartford will be doing their **14th Show House** this year at 126 Waterside Lane, West Hartford, a 7,200 square foot waterfront estate. We have an opportunity to ***tour the home as a private group*** at a discounted rate on a day when it is not open to the public.

We are planning to go on: **Tuesday, May 1st at 2pm.**

We will have lunch at 11:45 at

### **Butchers & Bakers**

270 Farmington Ave, Suite 101  
in the Exchange, across from UConn Health Center  
Farmington, CT

This restaurant is owned by Plan B, has good parking, and is only 10 minutes from the Show House. We will order off the menu and get separate checks.

We are able to get tickets for the show house for \$15 each. Regular tickets are \$25 prior to 4/27 and \$35 thereafter!

Show House is a major fundraiser for the Junior League of Hartford. Every three years, the Junior League takes over a notable home or estate in the Greater Hartford area and selects designers, local and regional, to make over the interior spaces and surrounding grounds, a process that takes months to accomplish. During the month of May, the public is invited to view the grand home that has been transformed both inside and out.

Here is more information on the home with several "before" photos...

<https://we-ha.com/sneak-peek-inside-west-hartford-home-chosen-junior-league-decorator-show-house-2/>

## **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

No activity this month.

## **Ladies' Lunch Bunch**

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

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

The Lunch Bunch meets once a month on the 2nd Thursday of the month. If you enjoy eating, talking, and laughing then this is the group for you.

The next Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, May 10th at daCapo of Avon, 5 East Main St, Avon.**

click here for [Lunch Menu](#)

RSVP to Toni Robinson at [tonirobinson22@gmail.com](mailto:tonirobinson22@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there!!

Best wishes,

Toni And Alayna

FYI – Mark your calendar for next month, June 14th, @The Barn, Granby, CT

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## Mah Jongg – Day

[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. An announcement will be sent to the group about who will be hosting each week.

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## Mah Jongg – Evening

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

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.

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## Movie Club

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

[Gay Mulligan](#) 860-658-1706

Hello Movie Lovers!

We are a very casual Movie Group. Gay or Holly will forward the Hoyts Newsletter to the group as we receive it, which will give you the opportunity to view showtimes and watch the previews.

Senior Mondays (62 and over) are \$5. all day, with the exception of holidays or holiday eve.

Terrific Tuesdays are \$5. all day, also with the exception of holidays or holiday eve.

If you are interested in going to a particular show, and are looking for company, you may reply to the group. Please give: The movie name, the day, date and time you are planning to go. Anyone interested in going should reply **only** to the person looking for company. Please do **Not** “reply to all” if you are planning to join the person reaching out, and please do **Not** reply to anyone if you are not planning to go to the movies.

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

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 Paddle season has ended, but some of the groups occasionally get together for informal games in spring and summer. If you would like to try the game or are interested in playing next season, please contact one of the above names. Most scheduled play occurs Monday and Thursday mornings. However, if there are any individuals or couples who are interested in the mixed doubles Sunday afternoon group, please contact us for more information. Don't forget to sign up in September! Looking forward to next season.

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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

PopUps is the place for activities that don't have a group. It's also a place where you can communicate with other members of the email list about activities that you're doing and would like to invite others to join you. If you're interested in organizing an activity or joining our mailing list please get in touch with me.

## Single Active Women

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

This new group is for SNC Single Women who want to get together and to have fun. Future events will include monthly game day, movies, day trips etc.

Contact Toni if you have any suggestions!

## Theatre Group

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

Please feel free to send Patty an email and join the group if you did not do so at signups. Bring a partner/spouse/family member/guest or just come on your own! If we get a good number of people for a show (generally 10) we can try to buy tickets at a discounted price, but if that does not happen, we will just get our own tickets and try to sit near each other. We will plan to meet for dinner before the show if anyone would like, but if you'd rather just meet at the show that is fine too.

Here are some shows we will attend. Send Patty an email if you are interested.

**On Your Feet – Sunday, June 24th, 6:30 The Bushnell**, 166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford  
*For Emilio and Gloria Estefan, Havana would always be home. But America—and music history—was their destiny. Discover the remarkable true story of how they made their American dream come true*

**In the Heights – Friday, July 13 (note date change), Playhouse on Park**, 244 Park Road, West Hartford  
*From Lin-Manuel Miranda (Hamilton), In The Heights tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood – a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind*

## Walking Group

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

We are ready to welcome spring and nicer weather! 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 (biking/walking trail) by Iron Horse Boulevard. 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. The Walking Group is a great way to get some good exercise while sharing 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!

We had a great session in February with Adele Caruso on the topic bringing more Joy and Health to your life! Another local community event that is free that I wanted to share: **Be Yoga in Avon** – is offering free yoga classes. Confirm on [www.beyogainavon.com](http://www.beyogainavon.com) and for more details. I am also working on a nutrition/yoga speaker for an upcoming meeting.

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!

Our next event will be held on **Thursday, May 17th, 7:00 pm**. Please bring an appetizer or dessert, and a beverage to share with the group. You will receive a reminder email the week before the event with the location details and you can RSVP by replying to the email.

**SAVE THE DATE:** June 8 (a Friday date for "Wine, Women and Guest"). Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to open their home to our group. We still need a hostess for June.

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