

SNC November 2017 Newsletter



President's Corner

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By the time you read this our Oktoberfest Potluck will be all cleaned up and packed away. Many thanks to Camilla Thompson, Eileen Higham and Diana Pratt for organizing what I am sure will be a fun event. Dara Arends has already started working on the next club-wide party which will be held in January. Thanks to Patti Cummings for representing SNC at a community panel providing feedback regarding the hiring of Simsbury's first city manager.

Elayne Cree and I attended a meeting of the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce to represent our wonderful club. Among the presenters was Ieke Scully from Simsbury Historical Society. She announced that they are preparing for Simsbury's 350th birthday and that got me thinking (my teaching assistant always knew that a statement like that could lead to an interesting morning!) I wonder if there's a way that Newcomers could participate as a group in the celebration. I don't have any ideas but if you have some thoughts or want to contact the Historical Society on our behalf please get in touch with me.

Don't forget to change your clocks on November 5th and to vote on November 7th.

November Activity Club Highlights

Please scroll down for additional details and to read more about ALL of our activities.

Book Discussion, Daytime – *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles (They will be meeting at the Storyteller's Cottage)

Book Discussion, Evening – *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan

Crafts Group – paper marbling with shaving cream

Dining Out – Peppercorn's Grill

Discover New England – Tour of the Emily Dickinson Homestead and The Evergreens

Lunch Bunch – Mykonos

Membership

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

We are 165 members strong, including 31 new members.

A warm welcome to our new members:

Caryn & Kevin Brady; Donna Caldeira; Donna & Pat Del Cioppo; Kathleen & Jim DeMaria; Helen & Daniel Fabricant; Marilyn & Robert Flach; Gay & Colin Godfrey; Heather & Charles Goetz; Wendy & Anton Goff; Sheila & Jim Hayes; Katherine Herbert; Carrie & Scott Houghton; Sharon Ireland; Rolene & Hal Johnson; Pam & Fred Jones; Candice Kramer; Ronnie Kryjak; Julie & Jean

LeCostaovec; Helen & Mala Matacin; Kate & Mac McHale; Patty & Tom Moon; Dorothea Muller; Amy & Chris Musser; Joe Ostrower; Kristin & Jeffrey Pomeroy; Iris & Martin Rich; Kathy & Stan Rothstein; Donna & Jack Sennott; Gillian Smits; Annette Venhorst; Nicole & Alan Wilner

As a member you are entitled 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
- Join our [Simsbury Newcomers Facebook page](#)

***The new 2017-2018 Member Directory will be mailed out this month.** If your information needs to be corrected or updated, please let me know at tonirobinson22@gmail.com and it will be corrected for the Quick List.

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

Happy November Birthdays!

Iris Bashkin
Holly Beum
Arline Croce
Gerda Grossack
Mary Ann Hill
Rolene Johnson
Shirley Kucia
Marylou Lavoie
Nita Okray
Diana Pratt
Kathy Schwartz
Jean Summers
Ted Stapleford

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Community Events

[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

November 10: VFW Post 1926 Annual Clothing Drive presents: Organized Chaos – Classic Tunes with a modern medley twist you can dance and sing with....from Swing to Sting and Adam Levine...a genre flavor for every palette and Cake too!

Old Well Tavern in Tariffville, CT.

Entrance is free with the following NEW clothing items in ORIGINAL packaging for Christmas gifts to our heroes that are in need: Underwear/Undershirts, Cardigan Sweaters, Coats, Velcro-closure

sneakers, Socks (diabetic, crew, ankle), T-shirts, Tops, Sweat Pants, Sweatshirts, Slippers, Gloves, Hats, Belts, Sports apparel; no need to gift wrap. Or Pay \$10 at the door instead.

Civic Concerns

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

Metacomet VFW Post 1926 is having a holiday clothing collection for Rocky Hill Veterans Home. The home is in need of new clothing and new shaving accessories and toiletries for both men and women. Items may be dropped off from November 11th to December 10th at the following locations: Main Simsbury fire station, Simsbury Library, Simsbury Police department, CVS pharmacy in Simsbury, ENO Memorial Hall – main floor and Simsbury High School.

ACTIVITIES

Book Discussion – Daytime

[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 November 17th at 9:30 a.m. at The Storyteller's Cottage in Simsbury. The book we will be reading for November is **Rules of Civility** by Amor Towles. A reminder email will be sent prior to the meeting.

Book Discussion – Evening

[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 or 860-408-1577.

- November 7, 2017: **Mr. 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

[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

[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

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

We meet the first and third Mondays of each month in members' homes. We had our first game of duplicate September 25th. You do not need to have played duplicate before to join in the fun. We'll help you every step of the way! Who knows? You might even win some money.

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.

We are looking for hosts in November. We usually have two tables, sometimes three. If you need an extra table, let me know. I can bring both a table and chairs.

Questions? Contact Elayne 860-651-7071 or elayne@creaturecomforts.com

Bunko – Daytime

[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

[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 if you are interested in joining our group.

Come for Cocktails

[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

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

The Crafts Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. We decide on a project and take turns hosting. The projects are relatively easy and inexpensive to make. If you think you're not creative you may surprise yourself or you can always bring something else to work on. We're a friendly group who enjoy tea and visiting.

This month on November 9th the group will be marbling paper for stationery or many other uses. Materials are always conveniently located at Michaels.

The December craft has not been selected yet. Contact Karen at kmpineau@comcast.net if you are interested in joining us or want more information on supplies.

Dining Out Dinner

[Theresa Awad Roe](#) 860-408-9278
[Beth Payne](#) 860-352-2384

The dining out group is reserved at an Italian restaurant for Saturday, November 11th at 7:00 PM.

Peppercorn's Grill
357 Main Street
Hartford, CT
860-547-1714

Please RSVP by Monday November 6th.

Discover New England

[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*

November event:

Tuesday, November 7th – Amherst & Northampton – Tour of the Emily Dickinson Homestead and The Evergreens, followed by lunch at the Lord Jeffrey Inn, with optional stop for shopping in Northampton on the way home – \$13 plus Lunch

The beautiful college town of Amherst was the birthplace and home of the famous poet Emily Dickinson (who lived most of her life at The Homestead and wrote nearly all her 1800 works of poetry there) and her brother Austin (who lived next door at The Evergreens, which remains just as it was when the family lived there in the late 1800's). Join us as we tour both homes with tour guides who will bring her story to life. We will have lunch nearby at 30 Boltwood in the Lord Jeffrey Inn, overlooking the Amherst Common. After lunch, you may wish to stop to browse in the many shops such as Thorne's Marketplace in nearby Northampton on the way home.

9:00 Meet to carpool

10:30 Tour of Emily Dickinson Homestead & The Evergreens, cost: \$13

12:30 Lunch at 30 Boltwood at the Lord Jeffrey Inn

Possible stops after lunch: Northampton shops

RSVP to Patty Howland at pahowl@gmail.com by Nov 1. Indicate if you are willing to drive others, would prefer to ride or will drive on your own, and whether you would like to stop in Northampton on the way home.

December event:

Sunday, December 3 – The 37th Annual Friends of the Mark Twain House & Museum House Tour – 11-3, cost: \$30 in advance, \$35 day of tour

Along with several private homes, this year the tour will feature Mark Twain's 19-room home at 351 Farmington Avenue in Hartford and also the Wadsworth Atheneum's Austin House at 131 Scarborough Street in Hartford. The private homes will be decorated festively and will feature live music and floral arrangements. The Mark Twain House will be decorated for a late 19th century Christmas. We can meet for breakfast prior to the tour and carpool to the various homes. Purchase tickets on your own at marktwainhouse.org or 860-280-3130. Email Patty to let her know if you'd like to eat/tour with the group.

Save the Date:

May 20, 2018 – Trade Secrets Garden Tour – Litchfield County – We attended a few years ago and the gardens were spectacular. Bunny Williams and Martha Stewart will be part of the program next May, so it should be very special. Tickets usually go on sale April 1st and sell out very quickly. Will keep you posted!

Happy Hour Social Club

[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

[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 contact me with your ideas and we will work together to improve the human condition. We do not meet on a regular basis. Please contact me with your volunteer ideas and I will present them to the group. BrynnBrown@hotmail.com or 860-301-9977

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

[Alayna Clark](#) 860-217-0054
[Toni Robinson](#) 860-217-1915

The lunch Bunch enjoys meeting once a month at a different location for fun and good food. We usually meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

The next Lunch Bunch will be meeting at the Greek restaurant in Newington, Mykonos, on Thursday, November 16th at 11:30 am. If you are interested in attending please contact Toni Robinson or Alayna Clark.

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.

Mah Jongg – Evening

[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

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>

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.

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 has begun. 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 play paddle and would like to be added to the sub list, please contact the activity chairs. Hope to see you on the courts!

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

[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.

Theatre Group

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

Please feel free to send me 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 (I think it's 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 me an email if you are interested.

Constellations – Friday, January 26, Theaterworks, 233 Pearl Street, Hartford
One relationship. Infinite possibilities. This spellbinding journey imagines what happens when boy meets girl. And when boy meets girl again. And again. Defying the boundaries of the world we think we know, Nick Payne's Olivier and Drama League nominated hit is a charming and profound exploration of the universal truth in finding and losing love.

The Bodyguard – Wednesday, February 21, The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford
Former Secret Service agent turned bodyguard Frank Farmer is hired to protect superstar Rachel Marron from an unknown stalker. Each expects to be in charge; what they don't expect is to fall in love. A breathtakingly romantic thriller, The Bodyguard features a host of irresistible classics including "Queen of the Night," "So Emotional," "One Moment in Time," "Saving All My Love," "Run to You," "I Have Nothing," "I Wanna Dance with Somebody," and one of the biggest selling songs of all time – "I Will Always Love You." Starring Grammy nominee Deborah Cox.

Murder on the Orient Express – Friday, March 16, Hartford Stage, 50 Church Street, Hartford
The exotic Orient Express is about to go off the rails! With a locomotive full of suspects and an alibi

for each one, it's the perfect mystery for detective Hercule Poirot, n'est-ce pas? Wax your mustache and hold on to your passport—adapted from Agatha Christie's masterpiece, two-time Tony-nominated playwright Ken Ludwig and multi-award-winning director Emily Mann will take you on a suspenseful, thrilling ride aboard the legendary Orient Express!

In the Heights – Friday, June 15, 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.

Just added ...

On Your Feet – Sunday, June 24th, 6:30 The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

Tickets available now. If we have a group of 10 we can get these at a discount. We do not need to sit in the same section, but we need to purchase the tickets at the same time. For the best seats, we should try to do this soon. Let me know if you are interested.

Cost: Orchestra 80; Fr Mezz 91.75; Mid-Mezz/Fr Bal: 73.75; Rear Mezz: 50.50; Rear Bal: 31.50

Walking Group

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

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. The Walking Group is a great way to get some good exercise while being entertained by enjoyable conversation!

Wellness Group

[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. 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. Please email Nita to let her know you are interested in the group.

Wine & Women

[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 gathering of the season will be held on **Thursday, November 16th, 7:00 pm, at the home of Lynn Roth.** *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. Please RSVP to Sarah by November 14th.

SAVE THESE DATES: January 18, February 22, March 15, April 19, May 17, and 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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