

SNC Newsletter

President's Corner

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January's Blues Bash was a great success. It seems everyone hit the dance floor at least once. There were couples dancing, groups dancing, and perhaps even some solo dancers! I for one was sore the next day in places that don't usually get much exercise. Many thanks to Dara Arends who coordinated the event again. Check our website for pictures.

Speaking of events, it is time to start planning the Spring Event/Meeting/Luncheon. This would usually be the job of the Vice President, but we don't have one. The board has generated some ideas but we'd really love to hear from you. Please let me know if you are willing to serve on a committee to organize an event in May.

It seems that there have been some email snafus recently. A few people have reported that they did not receive all of the email blasts that have been sent. We haven't figured this out yet. Please let me know if you are having difficulty with our emails. We don't want to leave anyone out when there's important information to share.

And now for the February highlights. See something you like? Scroll down to read more or contact the activity chair.

Book Discussion Daytime – The Woman Next Door
Book Discussion Evening – You Don't Have to Say You Love Me
Dining Out – Flatbread Co., Canton
Discover New England – Jackson Laboratory Genomic Medicine Facility
Lunch Bunch – Plan B, Simsbury
PopUps – Super Bowl Party
Wellness – Creating More Fun, Play and Laughter in Your Life
Crafts – Beaded jewelry

Membership

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

We are 167 members strong.

- 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](#)

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

Happy February Birthdays!

Eileen Chilek-Wilder
Alayna Clark
Rosemary Clarke
Mac McHale
Susan Murphy
Jenifer Pfaff
Judy Rabinowitz
Juli Stockwell
Ellen Yazmer

[View the Calendar](#)

Community Events

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

Email Patty at pahowl@gmail.com if you know of any upcoming Community Events and we will add them to the newsletter.

Civic Concerns

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

Nothing to share. Please check back next month.

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 **February 23** (4th Friday) at 9:30 a.m. The book we will be reading for February is **The Woman Next Door by Yewande Omotoso**. A reminder email will be sent prior to the meeting.

Book Discussion – Evening

[Cheryl Cook](mailto:cooks.home@comcast.net) 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.

- 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

[Patty Howland](mailto:patty.howland@comcast.net) 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

[Jane Fox](mailto:jane.fox@comcast.net) 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

[Elayne Cree](mailto:elayne.cree@creaturecomforts.com) 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

Bunko – Daytime

[Arlene Zappile](mailto:arlene.zappile@comcast.net) 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 the group will meet on February 6th at Shari Cassutt's home. We'll be making jewelry. Please contact Karen Pineau for details. We hope you can join

Dining Out Dinner

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

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

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

At: **Flatbread Co.**

110 Albany Turnpike #914

The Shoppes at Farmington Valley
Canton, CT

Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 6th to Theresa and/or Beth.

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*

February Event:

Tour of The Jackson Laboratory's new genomic medicine facility right here in Farmington, CT. The Jackson Laboratory is a nonprofit world-leading biomedical research institution working to advance mammalian genetics and human genomics research in aging, behavioral disorders, bioinformatics, cancer, complex traits, developmental disorders, diabetes and obesity, eye research, genetics and genomics, immune disorders, infectious diseases, neurodegenerative and neuromuscular diseases, reproductive disorders, resource development and skin disorders. Tours are limited to 12 persons. We have booked tour for February 20th and have a waiting list for those who would be interested if we schedule another tour. If interested, email Patty at pahowl@gmail.com. More details to follow.

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 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, Feb. 8th at Plan B, 4 Railroad Street in Simsbury at 11:30.**

Respond to Toni Robinson at tonirobinson22@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!

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

Hard to believe but it is our fourth Super Bowl party. **Sunday, February 4th at 6:00ish.** at the home of Shari Cassutt and Dick Mullen 44 Wheeler Rd, Simsbury. BYOB and bring something to share. Ardent fans (for both teams), or noshers and talkers welcome!

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

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

Are you a single woman? Join our new activity group just for single ladies.

We can meet for coffee, see a movie, go to lunch or dinner, take a day trip, attend a newcomers event together as a group or just spend time together talking.

It's not always easy being single by divorce, by choice or as a widow. We get it! Join us for conversations, laughs and probably food.

If interested, please contact Toni Robinson at tonirobinson22@gmail.com

We will start with an organizational meeting to discuss what your vision is for this group. More information to come.

Theatre Group

[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.

The Bodyguard – Wednesday, February 21, The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford; 4 people have ordered tickets

Murder on the Orient Express – Friday, March 16, Hartford Stage, 50 Church Street, Hartford; Tickets available now: 4 people have ordered tickets. There are some \$25 Super-Saver tickets still available online. Since they are so reasonable right now, buy your own tickets and let Patty know if you'd like to go to dinner before the show.

On Your Feet – Sunday, June 24th, 6:30 The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford; Tickets available now. 2 people have ordered tickets.

In the Heights – Friday, July 13 (note date change), Playhouse on Park, 244 Park Road, West Hartford

Tickets available now. Prices are \$35 – \$50. Groups of 10+ get 10% discount; 20+ get 20% discount. Email Patty if you are interested and we can start the process.

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 (biking/walking trail) by Iron Horse Boulevard. We continue to walk during the cold weather so long as the walking trail is clear and not icy. 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

Start the New Year 2018 – thinking about Wellness – see some of the upcoming programs:

Save the date: **Thursday Feb 1st 6:30 pm** at Nita's house in Avon. Great Speaker – Adele Mary Caruso – Talk on Creating more Fun, Play, and Laughter in your life. Please RSVP to Nita at nrokray@gmail.com if you can attend and details will be emailed.

Other Local Events:

Feb 17 – Health & Wellness Festival from 11 am to 3 pm at the Shoprite in Canton

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 event will be held on **Thursday, February 22nd, 7:00 pm, at the home of Gail Langdell.** *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 February 19th.

SAVE THESE DATES: 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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