

## SNC Newsletter



### President's Corner

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

What a wonderful luncheon! It was a lovely way to end our season. Many thanks to all who brought used books and took books home. I heard some wonderful discussions as I browsed the book tables. Our children's book drive was an overwhelming success. Tomorrow Dara Arends and I will be delivering 102 books to the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. Each book has a book plate noting that Simsbury Newcomers Club has donated the book to the Children's Reading Partners. Great job ladies.

This is our last newsletter of the 2017/18 season. However please watch your emails for any updates. Here's hoping that your gardens grow flowers and not weeds, that your planes are on time, that your travels are interesting and that you spend time this summer with loved ones

**June 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 – *Hillbilly Elegy*  
Dining Out – Butchers and Bakers  
Evening Book Discussion – *Everybody's Son*  
Lunch Bunch – @The Barn Restaurant  
Pop Ups – Belmont Stakes Watch Party  
Single Active Women – Floral Design  
Theater Group – On Your Feet (June) In the Heights (July)  
Wellness Group – Rieki overview

### Membership

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

**We are 173 members strong. Welcome to our newest Members Kris & Rich Gagliardi.**

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? Thanks to all who have "liked" the page.
- Check out all the opportunities your membership provides:
  - [Simsbury Newcomers Website](#)
  - [Simsbury Newcomers Facebook page](#)

## Happy June Birthdays! Enjoy your special day!

Dara Arends  
Debra Bernard  
Robert Churchill  
Katherine Estell  
Charmaine Glew  
Patty Howland  
Becky Kreczko  
Dorothea Muller  
Holly Murphy  
Amy Musser  
Susan Shipley  
Robin Sparacio  
Sue Stapleford

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[View the Newcomers Calendar](#)

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## Community Events

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

**Town Wide Ice cream Social and Scavenger Hunt Kick Off** Tuesday, June 12, 3:00 – 5:00 Stop by the Simsbury Free Library for an old time ice cream social and pick up an art trail scavenger hunt list. Prizes will be awarded. Free and open to the public

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

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

VFW Post 1926 **Adopt-A-Vet Program** presents **Organized Chaos**: Organized Chaos will be at the Blackboard Cafe in Windsor Locks on Friday June 8th at 8:30 for their usual brand of hijinks, hilarity, and of course SHENANIGANS! All proceeds will go to benefit the VFW Post 1926 Adopt-a-Vet Program, directly supporting veterans in need who live in your community. So mark your calendar, get a sitter, and be sure to bring your dancing shoes. For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/SimsburyVFW>

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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 **June 15 at 9:30 a.m.** The book we will be reading for June is **Hillbilly Elegy** by J.D. Vance. A reminder email will be sent prior to the meeting. This will be our last meeting until September.

### 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.

- June 5, 2018: **Everybody's Son** by Thirty Umrigar
- July 10, 2018: **Radium Girls** by Kate Moore
- August 14, 2018: **A Piece of the World** by Christina Baker Kline

The evening book group will pick book selections for the upcoming year at the regular meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Barnes and Noble Book Store in Canton at 7:00pm. Please bring suggestions or email suggestions to Cheryl Cook, [cooks.home@comcast.net](mailto:cooks.home@comcast.net) prior to the meeting.

### 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. **We will continue to play throughout the summer!**

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.

## 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

Well the end of another fun newcomers year is nearly here, so let's enjoy an evening out at a fun Farmington restaurant on a Friday night. For those who would like to start with a drink they have a beautiful outside terrace.

Place: **Butchers & Bakers**

270 Farmington Ave Suite 101, Farmington, CT 06032  
(860) 470-7414

Date/Time: **Friday June 8th at 7:00PM.**

Looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to Beth Payne or Theresa Roe.

## 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)*

## 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, June 14th** at **@The Barn**, 17 E Granby Rd, Granby, CT at **11:30am**.

Click for menu: <https://www.atthebarnganby.com/>

Please contact Toni Robinson or Alayna Clark if you'd like to attend.

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

## Mah Jongg – Evening

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[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.

## Movie Club

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[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

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[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.

## Paddle Tennis

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

Men’s Paddle Tennis: [Steve Parker](#) 860-651-9445 (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.

## Pinochle

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[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.

First it was the Kentucky Derby, then it was the Preakness, now Justify is going for the triple crown at the Belmont Stakes. Come join us at Dick and Shari's to root him on – Saturday, June 9 5:30 pm. BYOB and bring an hor d'ouvres or munchy to share. RSVP to [scassutt@yahoo.com](mailto:scassutt@yahoo.com)

Keep an eye out for notifications for summer activities – Yard Goats, polo, and ??????

## Single Active Women

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

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

### **SNC – Single Women – Floral Design**

Sunday, June 17  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Simsbury Public Library  
Program Room 2  
Cost: \$7.50 for supplies – you will take home your own bouquet

Our SNC Single Women's member, Helen Matacin, will lead us in how to make floral arrangements with your garden flowers or store-bought flowers. Helen is a professional Florist and is sharing her talent with us.

## 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

The Walking Group continues with its walks during the summer. We meet 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 haven't been walking with us regularly, please let me know that you plan to walk. Because of summer vacations our routine may vary some. Have a safe and enjoyable summer

## Wellness Group

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

The Wellness Group will have a Rieki overview by Cheryl Chase at location – Sharing the Light in 395 W Avon Rd, Avon, CT on June 27th, 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

Please RSVP to Nita at [nrokray@gmail.com](mailto:nrokray@gmail.com)

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!

## 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!

Due to conflicts in scheduling, the planned June 8th Wine and Guest has been postponed until **Friday, September 14, 2018** at the home of Sarah and Dave Nanzig. If you are a current member of the group you will receive an email with further details.

Thank you to our members who opened their homes to us this year: Lisa Hugel, Lynn Roth, Angela Wilson, Gail Langdell, Kathy Rothstein, Arline Croce, and Holly Murphy.

Have a wonderful summer, and we will see you at sign-ups in September

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