

# SNC Newsletter – March 2018

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## President's Corner

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

Happy March!

Do you know a potential Newcomer? Bring them to our next **Meet and Greet**. Or just come yourself to visit with friends old and new. Thursday, March 22nd at the home of Shari Cassutt and Dick Mullen. Open House from 6 to 8 pm. BYOB and something to nibble on. This is a co-ed event. Please let me know if you need a ride and we'll see what we can do. RSVP to [scassutt@yahoo.com](mailto:scassutt@yahoo.com)

A new activity group is being formed. *Healthy Eating Potluck Lunch* is for those who are searching for new recipes that are both yummy and healthy. Tanya Stephens and Shari Cassutt are co-chairing this group. If you're interested in getting news of this group please contact me at [scassutt@yahoo.com](mailto:scassutt@yahoo.com).

Our spring event is on the calendar for Tuesday, May 15th. We'll return to Farmington Gardens for a literary themed luncheon. We will be holding a children's book drive and hosting a used book/magazine exchange for our members. More details to follow but mark your calendars and set aside reading material that you'd like to clear off your shelves.

**Interested in serving on next year's board?** There are still a few open spots. Contact Barbara Troy at [bltroy5@gmail.com](mailto:bltroy5@gmail.com)

*March Activity Group Highlights* – Scroll down for contact information and more details.

Book Discussion Daytime – A Piece of the World  
Book Discussion Evening – Killers of the Flower Moon  
Crafts Group – Spring Wall Hangings  
Dining Out – Zohara Mediterranean Kitchen  
Explore New England – Backstage at the Bushnell  
Healthy Eating Potluck Lunch – First meeting  
Humans for Humanity – Sandwich Ministry  
Ladies' Lunch Bunch – Cambridge House Brew Pub  
Single Active Ladies – Game Day, and more ...

## Membership

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

We are 170 members strong. Welcome new members Rosa Irwin, Sara Bensics and Wendy Huscher.

- 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 March Birthdays!

Patty DeMartino  
Jane Gordon  
Ellen Graham  
Lisa Hugel  
Pam Jones  
Ginny Lawry  
Julie LeCostaovec  
Ilse Rosskothen  
Tanya Stephens  
Annette Venhorst

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## Community Events

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

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

Nothing to share. Please check back next 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 **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 **March 16 at 9:30 a.m.** The book we will be reading for March is **A Piece of the World** by Christina B. Kline. A reminder email will be sent prior to the meeting.

## 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.

- 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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[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 [ristamboulis@comcast.net](mailto:ristamboulis@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. 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 we'll be meeting on March 6th at my house to make spring wall hangings using picture frames. Contact Karen at [kmpineau@comcast.net](mailto:kmpineau@comcast.net) for more details. I hope you can join us.

## Dining Out Dinner

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

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

We have selected **Zohara Mediterranean Kitchen** in West Hartford for our March culinary experience.

Date: March 10, 2018

Time: 7:30 pm

At: Zohara Mediterranean Kitchen

991 Farmington Ave

West Hartford, CT

860-955-0300

**Please RSVP** by March 5th to Theresa and 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)*

### **March Event:**

**Thursday, March 29th – Backstage at the Bushnell** –followed by lunch at the J Restaurant.

Experience the glamour of the historic Mortensen Hall; marvel at the luxuriousness of the Belding Theater; gaze at the 14-foot sparkling Chihuly chandelier; and rub elbows with celebrities (well, almost) as you view a variety of backstage areas rarely seen by the public – including the famous autograph room and star's green room. We will have lunch nearby at J Restaurant. Tour is complimentary. Limited to 17 people.

9:15 Meet to carpool

10:00 Backstage Tour of the Bushnell

12:00 Lunch at J Restaurant

RSVP to Patty Howland at [pahowl@gmail.com](mailto:pahowl@gmail.com) by March 18th. Indicate if you are willing to drive others, would prefer to ride or will drive on your own.

## 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!

## Healthy Eating Potluck

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[Tanya Stephens](#) 317-258-6620 [Shari Cassutt](#) 505-670-4982

**Tuesday March 13th, 12:00 pm** at Shari Cassutt's house

RSVP to Shari [scassutt@yahoo.com](mailto:scassutt@yahoo.com)

Interested in eating healthier and sampling healthy recipes? Come join us for a healthy eating potluck. This new activity group will meet once a month at members' houses to have a healthy lunch, exchange recipes and have a short round table discussion on how to eat healthy. Everyone welcome, just bring a healthy dish of your choice.

Your dish can be an appetizer, main course, soup, salad or dessert. Please type your ingredients and recipe on one piece of paper to be displayed with your recipe and bring your cell phone to take a photo of the recipe for your files. If you are drawing a blank on what to bring veggies and fruit are always a healthy addition – no recipe needed. Remember we are all trying new recipes and some might fail. That is ok.

It is understood that everyone has a different version of healthy.

Our topics of discussion will include:

- how to eat out healthy
- favorite grocery store healthy items
- how to make healthy eating changes
- and anything you want to talk about

Questions please call Shari Cassutt (860 988-0021) [scassutt@yahoo.com](mailto:scassutt@yahoo.com) or Tanya Stephens (317-258-6620). Shari will be sending emails please contact her to be added to this group.

## Humans for Humanity

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

Humans for Humanity will be making sandwiches on March 8th at the home of Gerda Grossack at 11:00 for the Sandwich Ministry sponsored by the Cathedral of Saint Joseph.

**Please RSVP** to Brynn Brown [brynnbrown@hotmail.com](mailto:brynnbrown@hotmail.com) or 860-301-9977. She will let you know what supplies/ingredients to bring and provide location details.

## 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, March 8th at Cambridge Brew Pub, 357 Salmon Brook St, Granby at 11:30.**

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

Hope to see you there!

## 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  
[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**

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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**

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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.

## **Single Active Women**

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



This new group is for SNC Single Women. We are 30 single women who want to get together and to have fun. Here are a few events for March.

**Thursday, March 8 – Million Dollar Quartet, 7:30 pm**

The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford  
Ticket Cost is \$76.50 +

Host contact: Judy Rabinowitz, 860-658-9262, [jhr123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jhr123@sbcglobal.net)  
**Must RSVP to Judy by Sunday, February 25th**

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**Sunday, March 11 (Daylight Savings Day) – Game Day, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**  
Highcroft Community Room, 1100 Highcroft Place, Simsbury

Host contact: Sue, 860.919.5530, [snooney190@comcast.net](mailto:snooney190@comcast.net)

Bring your favorite game. We already have Mexican Train, Dominos, Quiddler, and playing cards. When you get there, choose the game you want to play and join a group.

Bring your own snack and drink.

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**Sunday, March 25 – Someone Must Wash the Dishes: An Anti-Suffrage Satire, 2:30 pm**

Simsbury Public Library

Host contact: Toni, 860.670.6266, [tonirobinson22@gmail.com](mailto:tonirobinson22@gmail.com)

The Simsbury Public Library is hosting this free event. To register, click on the link: [Someone Must Wash the Dishes: An Anti-Suffrage Satire](#)

## 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.

**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

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[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

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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. 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, March 15th, 7:00 pm**, at the home of Kathy Rothstein. 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 Cheryl by March 13th.

**SAVE THESE DATES:** 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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