

The NewsComer

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The Newsletter of the Newcomers Club of the Andovers



Letter from the President

Greetings to all our Members. It is April, a time of transitions. The weather is shifting, maybe some of your money is shifting to—but hopefully from—the IRS, and many of us are shifting our plans to prepare for summer. The days are getting longer, the grass is getting greener, and new beginnings are hopefully in store.

At the Newcomers Club we are also preparing for transitions. April and May will mark the last months of our regular activities. To celebrate the close of another great year, we will celebrate with our annual Spring Social. All members are welcome to attend, and we encourage you to bring new friends and neighbors. It is a night to thank each of you for your contributions, your participation, and your membership in the Andovers' Newcomers Club. Please see the newsletter for further details.

As Spring filters into our lives, it is also a time for some of our Board and Activity Chairs to transition. Club positions, except the President which is one year, are two year terms ending in June, and for a few, the two years are coming to a close. I want to personally thank Vickie Gallant-Pacios, Kelly Wennik, Lisa Stump, Jane Maher and Jennifer Zuyus for their contributions and hours of dedication to our Club. You will be missed.

With these departures, we have the Membership and Newsletter Mailing positions open at this time. If you have been interested in further participation in Newcomers and would love a chance to socialize with a great group of leaders, here is the chance. Please contact me or any of the members on the Board for further information.

I hope April brings us all signs of Spring and new growth and beginnings. I look forward to seeing you at our many Club events.

Cheers!

Heather Ryan
President

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The Newcomers Club of the Andovers

The purpose of the Newcomers' Club of the Andovers is to extend a friendly and neighborly hand to all newcomers and residents by introducing them to others and starting them on a new social life in their communities and to promote an interest in our towns.

Active membership is open to all newcomers and residents of Andover and North Andover. Payment of dues establishes this membership and makes the new member eligible to hold an office and chair a committee. The club's calendar runs from September to June.

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Open Positions

Several positions with the Newcomers Club are currently available. If you are interested in one of these positions, contact Heather Ryan.

Ideas for New Activities?

Do you have an idea for a new activity group? Let us know. Contact Heather Ryan.

SPRING SOCIAL - Save the Date - May 10th

As we prepare to take a break over the Summer within the Club, we invite you for one more party with your Newcomers Friends. We invite you to come out for a fun night to celebrate with us at the Spring Social. The Social will be held on Saturday, May 10th, 2008 at Dylan's Bar and Grill in downtown Andover. There will be lots of great food and a cash bar. Best of all, it is FREE to all as a Thank You to being part of our Club.

Watch your email in late April for further details (including the exact start time). Please RSVP to Jennifer Pulsifer by May 5th at jphares@netzero.com or 978-208-1701.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Wine Tasting -

Our March tasting was one of our biggest and best events ever! Thanks again to our gracious hosts and to everyone who participated. We're taking the month of April off, but there will be one more tasting before the summer when the weather finally gets better. Stay tuned!

Wine Tasting is a social event and is open to all members. It is a great way to learn about wine, expand your palate, and have fun while meeting new people in a relaxed social setting. Our participants range in experience, so whether you consider yourself a wine connoisseur or just someone who likes wine, there's a place for you in the group!

How Wine Tasting Works:

Each tasting is hosted by a different member at their home. Attendees bring their own wine glass and an appetizer or dessert to share. Shawsheen Liquors supplies a selection of wines to taste and educates us about the wines. We eat, drink, and have lots of fun!

If you are interested in hosting a wine tasting in your home, or learning more about the Wine Tasting group in general, please call Carla at 978-475-4545, or email carlaminsky@yahoo.com.

New Member Coffee

The new member coffee is held monthly, on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00am. We meet at Panera in North Andover (58 Peters St North Andover, in the Rocky's / Ace Hardware plaza). This is a great way to find out about the activities offered through NewComers, and to meet other new members.

The gathering is geared towards new members, however, if you are an established member and would like to join us for an informal chat, please stop by! Kids are welcome - no need to RSVP.

Call Vicki Gallant-Pacios 978-688-0088 or Heather Ryan 978-794-7926 with any questions.

Empty Nesters

Is your nest finally empty? Now you finally have some spare time to have "fun."

Empty Nesters is a group for women. We either don't have children or ours have already graduated from high school.

We meet on the third Thursday of every month at 10 am to socialize and to plan upcoming activities. Some of our activity groups include, book club, bunco, potluck dinners, couples dinners, women's discussion, speciality tea group and more. Occasionally, we have field trips to museums, art shows and other interesting places. If there is an interest and people to go, we're gone!

When you are new to the area and you don't have children at home, it is sometimes harder to meet new people. Our group has been considered a 'life saver' to many empty nesters who have moved to the Andovers.

New Member contact:
Harriet Guarnera at 978-682.7353,
guarnera@comcast.net

Chairperson:
Nora Massiello, 978-623-0038,
massfamily@comcast.net

Singles

If you are single, residing in the Andovers and are interested in meeting some new friends, why not join the Singles Group?

The singles group is just that, a group of single people who enjoy shared activities. Theatre, movies and museums top our list. Other activities include skiing (when we have snow), biking, canoeing and golf. The imagination of the group sets the limits of our activities.

I'm often asked what the difference is between the Singles group and the Empty Nesters. Many of the Singles are in fact empty nesters. The major difference between our groups is that most of our Singles work full time. This limits our activities to weekends and occasional evenings. Give us a try!

We meet once a month for dinner to plan our activities. I hope you can join us:

Wed April 9, 7 pm- Serene - Main St. in Andover (formerly Vincenzo's)

Please RSVP to Dottie no later Tuesday noon, the day before the dinner.

Contact Dottie at dmwinn@msn.com or 978-470-3458

Book Club - Monday April 7th

We meet the first Monday of every month. Our meetings start at 7:30 with socializing over light refreshments then we move on to a lively discussion at 8 pm...

Our next gathering is April 7th at 7:00 pm; the book is *Water for Elephants*.

Where: Joan Handstad's - 29 Bateson Dr. Andover
RSVP to: davehandstad@comcast.net or 978-475-7471 by Friday April 4th
Please cc. Tonna Vaccaro at golftonna@yahoo.com
Also, if you have any question e-mail or call Tonna at 978-749-7093

Coming Months:
May 5th - *A Map of the World*
June 2nd - *Last Town on Earth*
July 7th - *Luncheon of the Boating People*

Note: Our books can be bought at the Andover Book Store at 15% off.

Bon Appetit - April 15

Do you love wonderful food? Do you enjoy cooking and creating different dishes and gathering with friends to enjoy new creations? Bon Appetit is gearing up for the new year and has openings for those with culinary desires or just the love of food. Members of the group can join as a regular or substitute member to attend the monthly lunches. Regular members commit to attending each monthly luncheon from October to June and agree to host one luncheon. This month we are getting together on Tuesday April 15. Upcoming dates are May 13th and June 10th.

We target at least 8 regular members and an unlimited number of substitute members. Should we have more interest for regular members, then we will expand to having two houses of eight each month. Our group does have great flexibility to accommodate whatever the Bon Appetit members decide and larger numbers.

The Hostess provides her home and beverages and sends her guests their recipes from which they will prepare the entree, desert (or whatever) to bring on the day of Bon Appetit. On that date, we bring our designated food to enjoy and socialize. It really is a great group of women who share the love of good food. We have had some outstanding menus and events and most of all fun.

For more information or to join as a regular or substitute, please contact Mary McKenzie at 978-687-3352 or Adrienne, LeBrun 978-685-2743

Beading & Jewelry Group - Monday April 28

Our first meetings have been drawing great interest and participation. You will notice lots of new earrings at upcoming Newcomers events!

Monday April 28th at 7:30pm we gather all those broken strands and learn to use crimp beads and findings to make (or repair) a necklace. Pearls, gemstones, crystals and findings will be available at the meeting.

RSVP to Dottie Winn at (978)470-3458 or DMWINN@MSN.com if you plan to attend.

Photo Keeping & Scrapbooking - April 15

Quick, answer this question. Where are your most recent photos? Are they in a box? Are they in a bag? Do you not even know??? Whatever your answer, you need this night out! Whether you want to keep it simple with classic photo album or you want to embellish your photos, the night for scrapbooking/photo keeping is for you!

No cost or requirements to join us...just the need to organize your photos. Bring whatever you want to work on, albums, photos to organize in a box, albums that need some rework, or lots of stickers, embellishments, and an album with the latest photos of your life events and join us for a night of memories and laughs.

When: April 15th, 7:30 pm

Where: Kathy Schuck's. RSVP at 978-409-1077 or alexandkathy@theschuckfamily.com

Moms & Tots meets weekly on Wednesday mornings for home coffees (play dates) and group activities. For those of you new to the area, Moms & Tots provides a great opportunity for kids of a similar age to play and for moms, dads or caregivers to get to know each other. The cost for joining Moms & Tots is \$20.00.

Wednesday, April 2nd, 9:30- 11:00 a.m. - Home Coffee

Moms who will be hosting: **Becky Washburn, Christine Comoglio, Amy Blanchette

** Those of you who are scheduled to host a coffee on this will receive notification via e-mail. This mailing will have a list of Moms assigned to your house and their email addresses. You will need to email the Moms on your list to let them know they are assigned to your house and to give directions. Plan on providing light snacks for the Moms and children and, of course, coffee! Please avoid snacks with nuts, as some of the children have allergies.

Wednesday, April 9th, 9:30- 11:00 a.m. - Welcome Spring Party

Please join us and help Welcome Spring at the Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main Street, North Andover (978-688-9505/ www.stevensmemlib.org <<http://www.stevensmemlib.org>>). There will be a wonderful puppet show presented by Ron Comeau, a spring themed craft, and refreshments. Please remember to bring covered cups for the kids. Moms who have offered to bring a snack: Christine Comoglio, Natatlie Kissel, Jen Scacchi, BethAnne Iglesias, Maria Schaller, Lisa Flagg, Nicole Chiesa***

Wednesday, April 16th, 9:30- 11:30 a.m. - Turf Tots @ Strike One

199 Newbury St. (Route 1 North) Danvers, 01923 978-739-4700 <http://www.strikeone.com/strikeone/tots/play-dates.html> Plan to let your little ones expend some energy and have a great time. We will have exclusive access to Strike One's 20,000 square foot Sport Turf surface for two hours and the kids can run freely and/or play with the equipment provided, including sport balls, crawl tunnels, bounce houses, soccer, wiffleball, kick-ball, hula hoops, Hippoty Hop balls and much more! We will also have access to their party room so plan to bring a snack and/or a lunch. The cost is \$7 per family. Please RSVP to newcomersmomsandtots@yahoo.com as we're hoping to get a minimum of 10 moms.

Directions from Andover & North Andover: Take 114 East to US 1 North (Newbury St) Strike One is a tan building and it will be on the right side of the road, approximately one mile north of Rte 114. The entrance is directly off the highway and it's easiest to park on the north end of the building. If you miss the entrance you can turn into either the Village Green Restaurant or the Hyundai parking lot and back track through the lots to Strike One. If you get to 62 you will need to head south to Rte. 114 and loop around so that you're heading north onto US 1 again.

Moms & Tots continues on the next page

Moms & Tots, continued

Wednesday, April 23rd, 9:30- 11:00 a.m. - Home Coffee

Moms who will be hosting: **Anda VanBuren, Veronica Pierni

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***We appreciate everyone who's volunteered to bring a snack or a drink for the party. If for some reason you cannot keep your schedule to bring a snack, please find someone who can take your place. If you've tried and cannot find anyone please let one of us know.

For more information on Moms & Tots...

Debbie Privert	208-1825	dprivert@yahoo.com
Emily Strong	470-0146	newcomersmomsandtots@yahoo.com
Jane Maher	475-4380	janehmaher@yahoo.com
Lisa Flagg	749-3609	flagg_home@comcast.net

For new membership, please email or call Emily Strong.

Family Night Out - Lowell Spinners - August 2nd

Coming Attractions - Plan Ahead

Bring your kids, grandkids or just yourselves to a fun evening with the Lowell Spinners, one of the minor league baseball teams of the Boston Red Sox.

Where else can you have a fun filled family outing for only \$7.00 a person? Children 3 & under do not require a ticket, but will have to share a seat with an adult. Send a check made out to Newcomers Club of the Andovers to Jennifer Pulsifer 6 Webster St, Andover, MA 01810 with a self addressed stamped envelope.

Deadline for ordering tickets is June 1st, or when the 30 tickets are sold. Tickets will be mailed out in late June. For any questions contact Jennifer Pulsifer@jphares@netzero.com or 978-807-4985.

To learn more about the Spinners go to www.lowellspinners.com.

Calendar - April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Coffee Panera 10:00 am	2 Moms & Tots Home Coffee 9:30 am	3	4	5
6	7 Book Club Handstad's 7:00 pm	8	9 Moms & Tots Steven's Library 9:30 am Singles Serene 7:00 pm	10	11	12
13	14	15 Bon Appetit Scrapbooking Schuck's 7:30 pm	16 Moms & Tots Strike One 9:30 am	17 Empty Nesters 10:00 am	18	19
20	21	22	23 Moms & Tots Home Coffee 9:30 am	24	25	26
27	28 Jewelry 7:30 pm	29	30			

The Newcomers Club of the Andovers - Membership

Dues for active members are \$35.00 if membership is started between September and January inclusively, and \$15.00 if started between February and April. Those joining in May or June will pay the dues for the following year. Mail this form and a check for dues to:

Newcomers Club of the Andovers
P.O. Box 974
Andover, MA 01810

Payment is also available via PayPal. Contact Lisa Flagg (flagg_home@comcast.net) for more information.

New Member and Renewal Membership Form

Name	
Address	
Town	
Phone	
email	
Moved From	
Names of Spouse/Children (if applicable)	

Please make a note of any information you do not want printed in the Newcomers Directory

Check One: Returning Member New Member

Check All that Apply:

I/we are interested in more information on:

- Book Club
- Empty Nesters
- Gourmet Cooking
- Ladies Night Out
- Line Dancing
- Moms & Tots
- Singles
- Thursday Nights Out
- Wine Tasting
- Other _____