

The NewsComer

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The Newsletter of the Newcomers Club of the Andovers

Letter from the President

Dear Members,



It's seems hard to believe that another year is upon us. The New Year reminds many of us that we can start a new with a clean slate. It's a time to evaluate the past year and decide if we need to make any adjustments in our lives. Personally, I'm going to focus on the positive side of situations and make an extra effort to recognize unique opportunities of gratitude. I say this after we've recently experienced and 8 hour delay in Newark. Of course we were disappointed and frustrated but our options were limited so we made the best of the situation and eventually persevered and made it to our destination. Expressing our "frustration" at the gate agents was not an option. My son was amazing, as he had very little sleep the night before, he hardly complained and willingly went from terminal to terminal treating more as an adventure than a distraction. He even had his first shoeshine. Those winter boots have never looked so good! (Nor will they again) It was definitely a way to spend more time as a family. You never know what life has in store for you and often it helps to be flexible.

This letter is bittersweet as I realize that as time marches forward so must our group evolve. As I reflect back to that spring of 2008 when I first decided to accept the position of president, I had no idea the impact that it would have on my life. It has been an honor to serve as your president over the past year and a half and I am grateful for the opportunity. I've gotten to know many of you on a personal level; our group has some extraordinary individuals. I'm truly excited about all of the new things we've tried over the past 18 months and where we are heading in the future.

I am turning over the reigns to the very capable Anne Hammond. As I mentioned in my September letter, Anne has become a very good friend and I've enjoyed sharing the position of co-president with her. Our plan has always been that we will share the responsibilities during the fall when things are the busiest and make the full transition in the winter. This arrangement has helped to free up some of my time to spend with my family. Now it is time to transition to other endeavors. I will still be active in the club helping to build our summer camp scholarship opportunity. This year our goal is to send four students to a summer camp. I hope to see many of you at the February Wine Tasting Fundraiser; it promises to be a great night.

This club is great because you and your involvement and the dedication of the board members and activity chairs. This success and growth of the Newcomers is a tribute to you. Thank you for all that you do, it has made my job so much easier.

I will miss the daily involvement but I look forward to spending even more time with my family and pursuing other interests that have temporarily taken a back burner.

I wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Debbie Privert

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About 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 established 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 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 through June.

Welcome New Members!

Colleen & Larry Ayres

Courtney Hutchins

Angela Reinke

New Members Coffee - January 5th

The new member coffee will be held monthly the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am at Panera Bread in North Andover (58 Peters Street, 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 members.

Join us on:

Tuesday, January 5th

Panera Bread North Andover

Please RSVP to Kris Ringler at kristhomasringler@gmail.com or at 978-886-8629

Book Club - January 4th

Book group meets the first Monday of each month. We socialize over light refreshment from 7:30 – 8:00pm then move on to a lively discussion of our month's book. So if you love to read and are looking for great adult conversation, join us.

Please note that Tonna has become a snowbird and is leaving book group in the hands of Joan Colbert from Dec. 26th to April 1st. Joan's contact info is: jawsome13@comcast.net and 978-475-8294.

Our book for January is *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri.

When: January 4th 7:30 pm

Where: Kelly Wennick's 14 Wild Rose Drive, Andover, MA

Please RSVP to Kelly by January 1st – Happy New Year to all!

Note: February's book is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

Bon Appétit – January 12th

Do you love wonderful food? Do you enjoy cooking and creating different dishes and gathering with friends to enjoy new creations? 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.

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

In January, we'll be meeting on the 12th.

The Hostess provides her home and beverages and sends her guests their recipes from which they will prepare the entree, dessert (or whatever) to bring on the day of Bon Appétit. 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.

Empty Nesters - January 21st

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 10am to socialize and to plan upcoming activities. Some of our activity groups include book club, bunco, potluck dinners, couples dinners, women's discussion, specialty 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.

Chairperson: Susan Miller, susanfromakron@comcast.net or 978-689-8848

New Member contact: Antoinette Fischer at 973-683-3630 or capdrilmom@aol.com

The next Empty Nester coffee will be held on January 21, 2010 at Ashland Farms in North Andover hosted by Jennifer Rogers. If you are planning to attend please email Jennifer at jrogers-kyis@mindspring.com or 978-475-6082 by Friday, January 15.

Newsletter Submissions - January 15th

Please have your newsletter information to Karen Nichols by the 15th of the prior month. Email new content to mknichols10@comcast.net.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

BUNCO - January 21st

Join us on January 21st for good food, drinks, and great company as we play the game of BUNCO.

BUNCO is a fun, fast paced dice game requiring no special skill or prior experience. This is a great night out away from daily responsibilities to meet other women and socialize. Please bring an appetizer to share or bottle of wine and \$5.00 for the BUNCO purse. Appetizers begin at 7:00pm and game begins at 7:30 pm.

We will be playing at the home of Heather Ryan, 200 Chestnut Street, North Andover. Please watch your emails for the invite so that we can see how many people plan to attend. We need at least 12 people every month to play. Your response either way is always greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in being added to the list, please contact Heather Dennehy with your information and or for more details: heather.dennehy@gmail.com or 978-470-1066. BUNCO is a game that requires a precise number of people to play. Please note if you RSVP that you can attend, kindly make every effort to be present. Thanks so much!

Wine Tasting - January 23rd

Crianzas, Tempranillos, and Riojas – Oh My!

The first wine tasting of 2010 is Saturday, January 23rd at 7pm at the home of Kristin and Dan Kowalski 24 Enfield Drive in Andover. You might be thinking “Kristin and Dan Kowalski? Aren’t they beer tasting? My worlds are colliding!” Kristin and Dan have graciously agreed to put their love of beer aside for one night and host the wine tasting (though there is no guarantee that Dan won't pull out a half-keg at 10pm). Michael and Sherri Helman from Shawsheen Village Liquors are excited to pour wines from Spain and I’m excited to share stories of my honeymoon in Spain including an incident where I was chased down the street in Seville for over tipping the cashier at a gelato shop. Please come and join us: it will feel like a night at The Alhambra.

As always we ask that you bring your own wine glass and a dessert or appetizer to share. If interested please send an email to newcomerswinetasting@gmail.com. The cost is \$16 and you can pay via PayPal or send a check payable to:

The Newcomers Club of the Andovers
c/o Rob Lynch
385 Raleigh Tavern Lane
North Andover, MA 01845

Beading Group - January 24th

The bead group will meet on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 2:00pm.

We will be making a spiral stitch bracelet in this introduction to bead weaving.

Cost for the lesson is \$10.00. Email me for the supply list.

A picture of the bracelet can be found at www.DotWinn.com

Moms & Tots - Weekly on Wednesdays

Moms & Tots meets weekly on Wednesday mornings for home coffees (playdates) 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 \$25.00

**Wednesday, January 6th 9:30 – 11:30 am – Andover Library
2 North Main St, Andover- 978-623-8401**

One of the Andover Children's librarians will read stories and lead us in some games and songs, and then we will do a simple craft together. Enter the library from the rear, by the parking lot and the Children's Room is immediately on the right. We will gather in the story time room, which is on the left, just past the stairs. After the story time, we can head over to the Children's room to play with the puppets and puzzles.

Wednesday, January 13th - 9:30-11:00 am – Ready, Set, Go! 603 South Union Street, Lawrence (978-685-7704)

Ready, Set Go is an active, gym class designed for children. The kids will run, play on soft mats, swing on parallel bars, walk on balance beams and much more. The cost for Ready, Set, Go is \$7.00 for the first child and \$5.00 for each additional child. Children under one year of age will need to be held in a Bjorn or carriage by mom and will not participate.

Please note: we need to pay in advance. Please send a check payable to the Newcomers Club of the Andovers to Jenn Costa 6 Windemere Dr, Andover, MA 01810.

Directions:

Take Route 28 from Andover toward Lawrence. You will see a Pool Center on the right, and a sign "Entering Lawrence" also on the right. When the road splits, stay RIGHT, taking you over the bridge. Ready, Set, Go is the 2nd building on the left, next to Curves and Affordable Auto.

Wednesday, January 20st, 9:30- 11:00 am - Home Coffee

**Those of you who are scheduled to host a coffee on this date will receive notification via e-mail. This mailing will have a list of Moms assigned to your house and their email addresses and phone numbers. You will need to either email or call 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, January 27th, 9:30- 11:00 am - Imajine That!
354 Merrimack Street, 2nd floor, Lawrence (978-682-5338 and on the web at www.imajinethat.com)**

Imajine That is a world where dreams and reality intermingle...where children are free to roam with dinosaurs, amid tree houses rising from jungle paths. Imajine That is a world where farms and grocery stores are run completely by kids, and construction sites await imaginary designs. This interactive play space includes over 12,000 square feet of climbing structures and themed play areas. The cost for Imajine That is as follows: \$6 per person and babies at no cost. All children must wear socks! Snacks can be purchased at the Imagine That snack bar. Afterward, enjoy lunch at Sal's Pizza, located on the 1st floor, overlooking the Merrimack River. Offering an express weekday lunch, you can enjoy pizza by the slice and can even order kids chicken fingers and french fries.

Moms & Tots continued...

Directions to Imagine That:

Northbound- Follow 495 North to Exit 44, Merrimack Street. Follow the signs to loop around Merrimack Street. Take a Right at stop sign onto Merrimack Street. Turn Right into Riverwalk Entrance A, approximately .2 miles. Building One will be straight ahead. Imagine That is on the second floor on the west side of the building.

Southbound- Follow 495 South to Exit 44, Merrimack Street. Take a Right at stop sign onto Merrimack Street. Turn Right into Riverwalk Entrance A, approximately .2 miles. Building One will be straight ahead. Imagine That is on the second floor on the west side of the building.

From Route 28- Follow Route 28 North towards Lawrence. After the intersection for 495, stay straight at the fork in the road. The road becomes South Union Street. Follow South Union Street approximately 1.5 miles. Turn Right onto Merrimack Street. Turn Left into Riverwalk Entrance A. Building One will be straight ahead. Imagine That is on the second floor on the west side of the building.

If you have any questions, please email or call: Jenn Costa at pekulmann@yahoo.com or at 203-565-6244.

If you have any questions, please email or give one of us a call.

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For new membership, please email or call Siobhan Marzluft.

Save the Date! Summer Camp Scholarship Benefit – February 27th

Want to help a child have an experience of a lifetime?

Have you ever wished that you could rekindle your days of summer camp? Remember the fun times you had and the great friends you met? Some of these people became lifelong friends and summer camp undoubtedly had huge influence on the person that you are today. Unfortunately, for many students in our communities, this long anticipated summer event couldn't be further from their reality. They aren't able to attend a summer camp for a variety of economic reasons. We're hoping to change all of that, one student at a time.

The Newcomers Club of the Andovers plans to award four summer camp scholarships that will benefit two children from Andover and two children from North Andover. This past summer the Club awarded a scholarship to a child from each town. In 2010, we would like to increase our scholarship award to include a total of four children.

In order to accomplish our goal we will be holding a wine tasting on February 27 at the home of Jen and Rich Pulsifer. Shawsheen Liquors will be guiding us on our tour through the Italian countryside as we taste many incredible wines. Please consider attending a fun filled evening that will also serve our community in a positive way.

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The illustration shows three children playing with large alphabet blocks. A girl in a grey dress is holding a blue block with the letter 'B'. A boy in a yellow shirt is holding a red block with the letter 'A'. Another boy in a blue shirt is holding a green block with the letter 'C'. They are standing on a grassy field.

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Calendar - January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Book Club 7:30pm Wennick Home	5 New Member Coffee 10:00am Panera	6 Moms & Tots 9:30 - 11:30am Andover Library	7	8	9
10	11	12 Bon Appetit	13 Moms & Tots 9:30 - 11:00am Ready, Set, Go! Board Meeting 7:00pm Kowalski Home	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Moms & Tots 9:30 - 11:00am Home Coffee	21 Empty Nesters Coffee 10:00am Ashland Farms BUNCO 7:00pm Ryan Home	22	23 Wine Tasting 7:00pm Kowalski Home
24 Beading Group 2:00pm	25	26	27 Moms & Tots 9:30 - 11:00am Imagine That!	28	29	30
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Newcomers Club of the Andovers - Membership Form

Check One:

Returning Member

New Member

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Spouse / Significant Other (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ (All newsletters will be sent via email to the email address provided)

Moved From What Town? : _____

Name(s) of Children (if applicable): _____

How did you hear about the Newcomers?: _____

Whom may we thank for referring you?: _____

If you do not want information included in the annual membership directory, please be sure to make a notation on this form specifying which fields to omit, otherwise it will be printed in the annual membership directory.

Check All That Apply:

I/We are interested in finding out more about the following activities:

- Beading Group
- Beer Tasting
- Bike Riding Group
- Bon Appetit
- Book Club
- Couples Game Night
- Cycling Group
- Empty Nesters
- Ladies Bunco
- Ladies Night Out
- Moms & Tots* (additional fee of \$25 per year)
- Walking Group
- Wine Tasting
- Scholarship Fundraising Committee
- Other: _____

Payment can be made by check or electronic payment through PayPal with a small added fee.

Please include the PayPal reference number: _____

Please send your check for \$35.00* made payable to the following:

**Newcomers Club of the Andovers'
PO Box 974
Andover, MA 01810**

***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. Please note that there is an additional fee if joining Moms & Tots.**

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