

The NewsComer

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The Newsletter of the Newcomers Club of the Andovers



Letter from the President

It is Spring Social time! Our year of Club activities is coming to a close, just in time for your calendars to begin filling with outdoor and summer activities, yet we hope you save some room for the Newcomers' Club. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 10th at 7:30. Dylan's in Andover will host the Club for a night of wonderful appetizers and social time with your Newcomers' friends. No cost to attend, so we do hope you come to socialize with some of your fellow Club members and maybe even bring a new Newcomer to join the Club.

Many of our regular activities will wind down this month. I hope each of you had an opportunity to participate in many of the fabulous activities and events in the Club this year. If you have not been able to participate in something you meant to do, please take time in May to make contact and maybe start your relationship with a new activity. You can usually meet a few more friends and neighbors just by attending an activity or the Social.

I hope the Club has been a welcoming place for you this year. If you have found friends in our club, I do also hope you will bring new neighbors and friends from our community to have them join us so they too might meet some of the most wonderful neighbors in the Andovers.

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 - June 13th

Our next wine tasting is coming on June 13th. For the month of May, we hope to see many of you that have attended our tastings this year at the Spring Social.

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:
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guarnera@comcast.net

Chairperson:
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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!

Our next planning dinner is Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00pm at Joe Fish in North Andover. We enjoyed a great cooking class at All Things Sicilian this month and just may make this a habit.

We will keep in touch via email as we schedule summer theatre and other activities.

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 May 5

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 May book is "Mayflower, A Story of Courage, Community, and War by Nathaniel Philbrick. Our hostess Nancy Faye Glass has the perfect historical home for this discussion. Join us for a lively discussion.

When: May 5th 7:30 pm
Where: Nancy Faye Glass 18 Stevens St N. Andover, Ma 978-688-3545
RSVP by Fri. May 2nd
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:
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 - Tuesday May 13

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 May 13th. In June, we'll be meeting on 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 May 19

Mother's bracelets were a big draw at our April meeting. If you couldn't make the meeting and are interested in a mother's bracelet, let me know.

Our May meeting will be Monday, May 19th at 7:30pm. We will practice our wire wrapping with some dangling earrings.

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

Photo Keeping & Scrapbooking

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.

For more information: contact Kathy Schuck 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, May 7th, 9:30- 11:00 a.m. - Home Coffee

Moms who will be hosting: Becky Washburn, Christine Comoglio, Heather Dennehy**

** 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, May 14th, 9:30- 11:00 a.m. - Boy Scout Park

Boy Scout Park in Boxford is a park not to be missed! It is an faux wood park, which means no splinters! The park has swings, sand boxes, castles, bridges and climbing areas, as well as an adjacent large grass playing field for balls, bats and running. It is great for children of all ages. Please bring a snack for your own child(ren).

Directions to Boy Scout Park, Boxford: Located off of Cahoon Road, Boxford, MA.

From North Andover Common (Old North Andover Center): Take Salem Street (Hay Scales Exchange is on your left and Eagle Tribune (red brick) Building is on your right). As you approach the fire station, bear left staying on Salem Street. Follow Salem Street for 2.4 miles. At this point Salem Street makes a sharp right turn- DO NOT TURN! Stay straight and the road becomes Boxford Street and then becomes Lawrence Road. Once in Boxford, go several miles (you will pass a sign for Windrush Farm on your right and then Boxford Dental Care on your left). Just past Boxford Dental Care, bear right onto Main Street at the intersection. Go 0.8 miles and, at the stop sign, stay straight on Main Street (past Boxford Elementary). Go 0.4 miles and stay right at the fork in the road (note: be careful not to take Mill Road just before the fork). Go 0.1 miles and take a right onto Topsfield Road. Go 0.3 miles and a take your first right onto Cahoon Road. Take the first right onto a dirt road/parking lot at the "Soccer Field" sign. Pull into the parking lot and the playground is on your left hand side.

Wednesday, May 21st, 9:30- 11:30 a.m. - Lawrence Municipal Airport

492 Sutton Street, North Andover www.lawrencemunicipalairport.com)

Come fly the friendly skies, or at least watch others fly the friendly skies at Lawrence Municipal Airport. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Eagle East Aviation School. The School is located on your left as you enter the airport. We will receive a tour and look at the planes. Then, weather permitting, we will walk over to Joe's Diner, sit outside at picnic tables, eat Mickey Mouse pancakes, and watch the planes take-off and land. This is just "Plane" fun for everyone!!! Don't forget your cameras and your picnic blankets!

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Moms & Tots, continued

Directions to Lawrence Municipal Airport,

From the intersection of Rt. 125 and Rt. 114, head northwest on Rt. 114. Bear slight right onto Rt. 125/ Rt. 133 for 2.7 miles (If you hit the Butcher Boy complex you have gone too far). Take a left onto Sutton Street and an almost immediate right into the Lawrence Municipal Airport.

Wednesday, May 28th, 9:30- 11:00 a.m. - Ingaldsby Farm

Ingaldsby is a "hidden gem" in this area. It wonderful place to relax, enjoy the farm animals and let the kids play on the playground. They have a wonderful produce stand and yummy baked goods. They also sell small boxes of "produce" to feed to the animals. Come and see what makes Ingaldsby a special place to visit.

Directions to Ingaldsby Farm:

From North Andover Common (Old North Andover Center): take your second right at the roundabout. (As if you were proceeding straight) onto Great Pond Road. At the Marbleridge intersection take a left to stay on Great Pond Road. After about 1.5 miles, you will make a slight right onto Essex Street. This will dead-end into 133 and you will turn right. After one mile, you will turn left onto Washington Street. Ingaldsby is on the right side of the about mile down the road. Address: 14 Washington Street, Boxford 978-352-2813

**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...

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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.

Calendar - May 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Book Club Glass's 7:30 pm	6 Coffee Panera 10:00 am	7 Moms & Tots Home Coffee 9:30 am	8	9	10 SPRING SOCIAL!! Dylan's 7:30 pm
11	12	13 Bon Appetit	14 Moms & Tots Boy Scout Park 9:30 am Singles Joe Fish 7:00 pm	15 Empty Nesters 10:00 am	16	17
18	19 Jewelry 7:30 pm	20	21 Moms & Tots Airport 9:30 am	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Moms & Tots Ingaldsby Farm 9:30 am	29	30	31

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 _____