

Sandwich Newcomers & Neighbors

APRIL 2019

Presidents' Message.

Well, Spring has sprung and summer is not far behind. It is time to welcome back our snowbirds and for the rest of us to rejoice that we had NO nor'easters this past winter!!!

Among the many events that we have planned over the next few months is the June 2019 Annual Meeting and Picnic which is scheduled for Saturday, June 22nd (details to follow). At the Annual Meeting, members will be asked to vote for approval of a slate of candidates to fill the soon-to-be vacant positions on the SNN Board. So, we have begun the process of filling the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, and Events for 2019-2021 by putting together a Nominating Committee. However, please let us know if you are interested in volunteering for a position on the board.

HAPPY SPRING: Springtime, Yeah!

Kit and Mike Sullivan

AND NOW FOR
SOMETHING
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT: MEN AT
WORK: WELL ONE AT
LEAST



NEW CONCEPT, FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, FROM TOM CLARK

Fellow members: I would like to start a gardening club and am looking for suggestions/comments. My idea is to have a "roaming" meeting, meaning we would go to different members gardens and plant/work on each other's gardens. Also, we could all have access to each other for suggestions and help with problems, and for possible solutions. I am happy to offer my help and have offered to be a Coordinator. I have been gardening for over 40 years (not that I have all the answers; we can all learn from each other). So, that is the core idea behind this concept. Maybe it's something that you've wanted to try, but never had the time or a support group. Gardening is very rewarding. So please, let's get some suggestions and feedback. Tom Clark. I can be reached at topcat426@gmail.com.

Editor's note: Tom Clark was fortunate enough to get a plot in the Sandwich Community Garden this year. Candice Murphy, Kit and Mike Sullivan and Bill Holcombe also got plots. Most planting starts in May; time to get going.



THE SANDWICH CROQUET CLUB

Some of our members have joined the Sandwich Croquet Club and find it quite enjoyable!!

SANDWICH CROQUET CLUB SANDWICH HOLLOWES GOLF CLUB



Lessons:

Golf, Six and Nine Wicket Croquet

Five Wednesdays, May 15- June 12

10:00-11:30

\$25 fee - pay at first lesson

equipment provided

FOR RESERVATIONS OR QUESTIONS:

508-362-8471 or sandwichcroquet@gmail.com

1 Round Hill Road, Sandwich, MA (Between Exits 3&4 on Service Road)

People can sign up for the lessons by going to Sandwichcroquet@gmail.com or they can sign up at the Sandwich Senior Center, giving name, email address, and a phone number. This is an activity for singles or couples and is a great sport for the summer.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 2019

Monday, April 1st, 11:00 AM

The Sandwich Newcomers & Neighbors are invited to the Seaside Boutique, 1 Jarves Street, for a FREE DISCOUNTED SHOPPING SPREE with refreshments, scarf creativity, and more!

At 1:00 we will ALL meet for lunch at the Next Door Burger Bar.

PLEASE RSVP to Marie Luck ASAP or before at mallucky@hotmail.com

SeaSide Boutique

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TUESDAY, APRIL 9: The April meeting of the Book Club will be Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 at the home of Donna Rumph, 42 Grove St. Please let Donna know if you will be coming or not. rumpfie@yahoo.com



SATURDAY, APRIL 27: WINE SOCIAL AT CATHERINE AND TOM MORRISON'S HOME

Catherine and Tom Morrison will host a Wine Social at 7:00 PM on Saturday evening, April 27. They live at Two Bayberry Lane in East Sandwich. Please call or e-mail Catherine to let her know you are coming and what you would like to bring (either an appetizer or dessert) to the party. Catherine can be reached at 508-888-4286 or at twobayberry@aol.com.



TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 10:30 AM: CAHOON MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

4676 Falmouth Road, Cotuit

The SNC members have been invited for a complimentary visit to the Cahoon Museum.

Go to Cahoonmuseum.org for information and photos.

We will enjoy lunch in the Mashpee Commons area as decided by the group.

Carpooling will be available.

Please RSVP by April 25th to Marie Luck at mallucky@hotmail.com or

598-631-2541



IN THE WORKS FOR 2019: PARTIAL

THURSDAY, MAY 9: Tip Toe Thru the Tulips

We will carpool to the Wicked Tulip Flower Farm in Johnston, Rhode Island (west of Providence) and enjoy many fields of colorful tulips to pick and bulbs for sale. There are 5 acres of tulips... over 600,000 bulbs were planted last year. For the carpool, please meet at Bobby Byrnes at 8:30 am so we can be at the farm when it opens at 10 am.

A Note From Candice Murphy:

Please let me know if you are interested in going by April 12th so we can get an idea of how big a group we will be and to keep you informed of any timing changes made by the flower farm. Mother Nature runs the show here!

RSVP to Candice Murphy at murphyrc6@comcast.net or 925-389-7233.

Participants will need to purchase their own tickets ONLINE!! Tickets sell out fast and are not available for purchase until one week before the visit. So as soon as I know something, I will let you know, or you can check their website. This is a rain or shine event.

Weekday tickets for adults are \$15 and include 10 U-pick tulips.

Please go to their website for more information:

<https://wickedtulips.com/pages/u-pick-event-sub-homepage>

Lunch will be at The Black Whale in New Bedford on the way back.

<https://www.theblackwhale.com/>



May

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15: An Historical DAY IN CHATHAM COAST GUARD LIGHTHOUSE TOUR, and guided walking tour of Chatham and a trip on the ferry out of the harbor to Monomoy Island on May 15th. More information to follow in the May newsletter.

Judy Collins at the Tilden Arts Center in the 4Cs (Sunday, May 26 at 7:00 p. m.)



May or June

Ecotours of Barnstable Harbor-Sandbar and harbor exploration.

June

Tour of The Boston State House and Faneuil Hall.

July 10th

Cape Cod Baseball League vs Falmouth at Cotuit.

August

Boston Harbor Island Tour and picnic,
Leaving from Hingham.

A NOTE FROM THE MEN OF POKER

NEWCOMERS Men's Poker Game is seeking new players

Games are evenings on Tuesdays, 7 pm to 11 pm

\$.25 - \$.50 bet limit, 3 raises per card

Texas Hold'em; Five Card and Seven Card Stud; high only or high low split; Omaha high - Low Split

No wild cards...

Friendly, Fun Game... members rotate hosting at homes

Call or email: Henry Jablecki at 508 833-1077; or Jim Doherty at gumperjg1@comcast.net; or Wade Sayer at 774 413 5242

AND A NOTE FROM ANNIE ADLER REGARDING MEMBERSHIP

Notice: Dues for the 2019 year are due! \$25 PER PERSON payable to Sandwich Newcomers. Please send check to: Annie Adler, 7 Inkberry Circle, Sandwich 02563. Thank you.

MARCH ACTIVITIES

THE RAVIOLI WORKS: PRESENTED BY MARIE LUCK AT THE COLLUPY'S HOME



THE USUAL SUSPECTS

KIT SULLIVAN, ANNE SAYER,
ROSI HOLCOMBE & ANNIE
ADLER



CONNIE HINDS AND GARY
LUCK
SHOWING WHAT IT'S
SUPPOSE TO LOOK LIKE

**DEBI COLLUPY BEATS EVERYONE
TO THE FINISH**



**ROSI HOLCOMBE, MARIE
LUCK, & CATHERINE
MORRISON THINKING “MORE
FLOUR?”**

THE WINE SOCIAL AT KIT AND MIKE SULLIVAN'S HOME



**CANDICE MURPHY,
BILL DALEY & TOM
FOSTER**

**WADE SAYER, MIKE
SULLIVAN & TOM
MORRISON**



JEANNIE DODSON-EDGARS, ED HOULIHAN, CAROL & DAVE DARLING & DARYLL DODSON



**TOM CLARK,
LORRAINE
HINES, ANNIE &
LORRAINE
JABLECKI**



**BETH
HOULIHAN,
NANCY
STEVENSON &
CANDICE
MURPHY**

SNN AT SHARK NIGHT AT THE CAPE COD BEER COMPANY



THE SNN WALKING GROUP



RON MURPHY LEADS A DARING, BUT UNIDENTIFIABLE GROUP IN THE WILDERNESS



PROFILE

Stephen Jones

Stephen Jones has lived a long and happy life, much of which has been centered around our town of Sandwich. Born and raised in Manhattan, he enjoyed all that living in New York City has to offer until moving to Sandwich in 1997.

Having a father with both his parents born in Sandwich, Stephen has great grand parents and many relatives buried in our town. His grandfather was one of 8 children that was born in the Isaiah Tobey Jones house on Main Street. After his grandfather died and shortly before Stephen was born, Stephen's father, Lombard, designed and had built the house at 167 Main Street for his mother. Starting in 1940, Stephen came to Sandwich in the summer to spend many summers in his grandmother's house at 167 Main Street.

His love of reading comes from his parents who were active participants in book programs on radio and television, and both were reviewers for The New York Times Review of Books. He attended schools in the City, but it was the summers here on Cape Cod that provided his fondest memories. Thanks to his parents love of books, Stephen has spent a life time reading novels and history books. Other life time interests are listening to classical music and opera and visiting many fine art museums.

He attended grade school in the City however, summers spent in Sandwich were even more exciting. Stephen and his twin brother, Richard, walked to the Town Beach over the plank walk. The center of town was on Jarves Street across from the Belfry Inn. Located here was the Post Office, a Barber Shop, a grocery store, the Pratt Drug store, and Russell's food market at the corner of 6A. On School street they found exciting times exploring the old Sandwich Casino and attending Sandwich Baseball games that were played behind the



Casino. One of Stephen's most vivid memories is the ending of World War II. The entire town came out to celebrate with parades with the marchers waving flags and banners.

Stephen attended college at Tufts in Medford, MA. Upon graduation he took six months in the army and in January 1961, he tried his hand at selling fabrics in New York City. When this venture did not work out well, he became a high school mathematics teacher. He taught at the Darrow School in New Lebanon, New York, Wilbraham Academy in Wilbraham MA, and Morristown Prep in Morristown New Jersey. During his six years of teaching he taught Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry to freshman through seniors at these private schools.

In 1968 Stephen changed his career to "high tech – information technology". He had an exciting career working at Down State Medical, Metropolitan Life Insurance, Burlington Industries, State Street Bank, Peat Marwick, and United Parcel Service. He really enjoyed the extensive travel he had to take across our beautiful country, and a trip to Scandinavia in Europe.

In 1978 Stephen married Betty. Visiting his father Lombard every summer at 167 Main Street they both came to love Sandwich and its people. When in 1996 they had the opportunity to buy the Bourne House at 206 Route 6A, they went for it all the way. They sold their co-op apartment that Stephen had lived in off and on with his family for 55 years. They moved their whole household to Sandwich in July of 1997.

Since coming to Sandwich to live year-round, Betty and Stephen have been regular church goers to Saint Peter's in Osterville, Saint Andrew's in Hyannis Port, and Saint Mary's in Barnstable. Both of them have been very active in numerous committees, and Stephen is very involved as a lay reader at Sunday services. For the past 6 years he has been a vestry member of Saint Andrew's.

Since 1997, they have been involved interacting with committees and boards to make Sandwich the great community it is today. Both have been active members of the Sandwich Newcomers since its beginning days, and participated in some of the original meetings at the Sandwich Glass Museum. To this day they have always been active members.

Their son William is currently working and living in Charlotte, North Carolina. He has many happy memories of all the time he lived in Sandwich,

Stephen is a very active reader, and keeps up-to-date on all many topics from politics, to religion and to sports. He brings that interest and knowledge to the Men's Breakfast Group bi-weekly meetings where interesting topics of the day are discussed at the Marshland Restaurant.

We are delighted that Stephen and Betty continue to enjoy Sandwich Newcomers and their active participation in our group.

MEMORIES

FIVE MINUTES

Water freezes at 32°F and freezes spontaneously at -40°F which means that between those temperatures water needs a catalyst to freeze. This is why you always see ice form on the edge of a lake before it freezes completely over. The shoreline is the catalyst.

I'll never forget the date, December 24, 1975. I was visiting my girlfriend's parents house on Lake George, NY for a few days. It was cold enough that winter to have ice rimming the northern bay of the 32 mile long lake. Being a sport diver, I had packed my scuba gear for a dive that week. Diving under the ice was not new to me as I had done it a few times before with my friend Ken. Ken and I both had cold water suits and also had an odd method of diving. I say odd by most peoples standards, but it was something my mother had always insisted on. You see, most people have a thing about the buddy system when it comes to boating, diving, hiking etc. My mother would never allow me to be in a canoe or swim with anyone that was physically stronger than me. She was afraid they would kill me if things went south. My friend Ken had the same philosophy. When we dove together, we rarely saw each other. I did take a picture of him walking upside down on the underside of the ice on Lake George once, but other than that, we would meet up later on land or in the boat after a dive.

Scuba diving was invented in the late 40's by the famous Frenchman, Jacques Cousteau. Before scuba, diving was done with an umbilical cord tied to the surface. A diver could never get lost with the old system. The new system allowed freedom of movement and freedom to get lost. Everybody diving under the ice since knew that to do it safely, you attached yourself to a rope. That was your way out. It is very hard to spot a hole in the ice even when you are only 20 feet from it. Ken and I would find a dock in the winter, that the ice hadn't torn out, and find a weak spot in the ice and go diving. The water was clearer, calmer, and no motor boats to dodge.

My girlfriend didn't dive but said she would go out to the edge of the ice with me and watch me while I went off the edge to go diving that day. The ice was frozen from the shoreline to about 500 feet from the shore. It formed a crescent about a half mile in diameter. My intention was to dive out in the middle of it. I didn't need a rope or compass. Did I mention it was a sunny day and there were a lot of locals walking around on the newly formed ice? It was just thick enough to stand on and it was clear as glass. I was already in my dry suit as I sat on the edge of the ice. I checked my gear and off I went. From that point of entry, the water was about 15 feet deep. With a 72 cubic ft. tank, I was good for about an hour under water. After about a half hour of puttering around on the bottom, I decided to head back. Apparently I hadn't gone as far out as I thought, so when I came back, I looked up and discovered I had overshot the edge of the ice.

I didn't know how far past the edge I was, but after a quick glance at my air gauge, I knew I had a problem. These dry suits had a valve that was directly hooked to my air supply. Pressing it would make me go up. Pressing it for a longer time would make me go up rapidly. I voted for rapid. I hit the overhead ice pretty hard and it knocked my mask off enough to flood my mask. Now I couldn't see. The ice hadn't moved. This may sound odd, but my luck hadn't run out. I had an experience as a teenager that taught me how to recognize panic. This was a panic situation. Divers train to put their mask back on when it comes off and we are also trained that it is a panic situation that gets rectified when you can see clearly again.

Back down to the bottom I went. I'm sitting there looking 15 feet up at that ice and watching the bubbles hit it. Do I follow the bubbles? NO. I also see cracks running through the ice. I decide not to follow them. The smart thing is to wait for my breathing and heart rate to slow down and not make a decision or move until it does slow down. I have about 15 minutes of air left by the needle on the pressure gauge. While I'm waiting, I'm convinced that this is it. I start thinking of all the diving I had done and all the diving accidents I had read about. Divers in this situation are found in the spring next to the shoreline with their arms buried in the mud in a last ditch effort to leverage against the ice overhead to break it.

In the past, a few people that had dove in the water next to me would later complain that I dove so close to the bottom that I stirred up the silt and left a lingering cloud that made their dive less enjoyable. That's it! That's my answer to get out. I looked at my gauge. Less than ten minutes left. OK this is the plan. Stand up, turn around until I see the cloud, and follow it out. I stand and turn. Not the direction I thought it would be, but stick to the plan. GO. After about 30 feet I spy something on the bottom I saw coming in. I look up. There is the edge of the ice. I go up and break the surface. As I'm sitting there contemplating how close I was to death, a man comes up to me and says, "Were you under the ice? I think I saw you through it." I looked at my gauge. Five minutes of air left.

Prentice Adler

Activities

The Women's Daytime Book Club meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00AM. New members are welcome. Coordinator is Patty Williams , (mpatty3@comcast.net)

Men's Poker Group meets first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 PM . Coordinators are Paul Pronovost (paulernest@comcast.net) and Henry Jablecki (hljablecki@comcast.net)

Girl's Night Out: Ladies go to early movie, and then supper at local restaurant. Contact Anne Sayer, (asayer3@gmail.com)

Special Events (maybe with lunch or dinner): Contact Marie Luck with any of your ideas. (mallucky@hotmail.com)

Mah Jongg: If interested in playing Mah Jongg and forming groups, please contact Jennie at (jzngz@verizon.net)

Kayak Caucus: Sliding Quietly through the Cape's bays, ponds, marshes and rivers. All levels of Kayaking welcome. Please email Coordinator Ed Houlihan at (ebhouli@gmail.com) to confirm you want to be included on the Kayak Caucus list. Please include your email address and the phone number where you can be reached on the day of the scheduled kayak trips.

Biking: Riding the pathways and the rail trails of the Cape, lunch at a local favorite. Patty Williams, Coordinator, (mparty3@comcast.net)

Fishing: Surf casting for blues and stripers in the bay or the canal. Welcome to beginners or experienced anglers. Seeking a new Coordinator.

Guy's Get Together: Guys meet for coffee-breakfast and discussion of issues, large and small. 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month at the Marshland Too . Coordinator: Wade Sayer, (wsayer@aol.com) or 774-413-5242 Next up: TBA by Wade. Stay tuned.



Walking/Hiking Group: Discover new walking trails in the streets and backroads of Sandwich. All levels of walkers welcome! So far, we have explored Shawme Pond, Boyden Farm Conservation, the Game Farm, Green Briar Nature Center, and

downtown Sandwich. Members who show up are encouraged to plan the next excursion. Currently we are walking at 9:30 am on Fridays, weather permitting. Emails to all members with planned routes are sent out weekly. Step away from that boring treadmill and enjoy the fun of socializing while exercising!



Coordinator Candice Murphy, contact Candice at murphyrc6@comcast.net

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Hello friends - I'm thinking about Springtime! If you have any requests for topics or speakers for our Spring meeting where we invite people to educate, inform, or even entertain us please send them along to me (edcollupy@yahoo.com). I'm open to your input as I work to put together a good April or May 2019 evening (date to be determined).



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