



Sandwich Newcomers & Neighbors Newsletter

President's Message

Yes, it's summer and we find ourselves in a truly historic and challenging time. Our lives have changed, whether it be with regard to family, friends, gatherings or travel. However, our membership reflects the heartbeat of Sandwich and as a group, SNN aims to provide connections and activities for all by providing a venue for friendship and support. We are all just a phone call, text, email or tele-meeting away! Please keep in touch and stay healthy by doing what's best for you. Slowly we'll be able to really "see" each other in smaller groups and have a real celebration (even 6 feet apart)!!!

That being said, the **Annual Meeting and Summer Picnic were not scheduled this year**. They were our biggest events and participation was always great. Hopefully, we'll recreate them next year. We are tentatively scheduling a **Summer Beach Party** for September 12th. It may be possible seeing that it is out-doors and social distancing can be observed. The summer crowds will be gone and we could have the beach to ourselves. Again, it is tentative but something to look forward to.

As we begin SNN's new fiscal year I'd be remiss if I did not thank the outgoing Board members for their service and commitment to the group. Kit and Mike Sullivan were a great team and led us seamlessly through the past two years. Anne Sayer successfully coaxed members to open their homes for wine socials and organized great movies for Girl's Night Out while Prentice Adler artfully headed the newsletter team keeping us informed. Some Board members have agreed to remain on the Board in different capacities, and we thank them for undertaking new challenges. The updated list of the 2020 Board Members is below.

Cheers and Happy July 4th to all , Jean



July 2020

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In Memoriam
Wade Dawson Sayer
OCTOBER 24, 1943 – JUNE 22, 2020



There are so many memories I'm sure each of us have of times we spent with Wade, be it at a poker game or a rarely missed wine social. Wade started the Men's Discussion Group, and many a laugh or learning came along with Breakfast at Marshland Too.

Wade wrote a compelling memory for the October 2018 edition of our newsletter. In it he recounted, from over 50 years ago, his experience in Vietnam remembering "every minute". It's a story like this that Wade tells, as he did with all his stories, with compassion and truth. "We were lied to...", he wrote thinking how the war would be brought to an end following the 1968 election and the "not so funny" humor he recalled in his "first few moments in Vietnam".



Wade's writings will always be remembered. He spent time with so many of us developing our own stories by just sitting down and getting to know us. It's these stories I'm sure Wade has carried with him as he rests in peace.



His loving wife Anne, who shared the Woodstock experience with Wade and together recently reshared that with the world on NBC's Today Show said recently, "Wade loved Newcomers". Wade would write in another newsletter, "...we were changed people. Anne and I started a new life." As one of our Neighbors said so well for all of us, "he was a terrific guy and we will miss him".

Peace.

Kayaking Korner

The SNN navy, under Admiral Ed Houlihan's guidance have hit the waters of Cape Cod once more this summer for more kayaking adventures.

For their "shakedown" cruise for this year, our crew hit the waters on June 4th in Mashpee at Wakeby Pond. This trip was intended to determine "whether or not your boat still floats after the winter", said the Admiral. It was about a three-mile paddle at a casual pace. Ed reported "the group worked to maintain a healthy separation of one fathom from other Kayaks.....Wait, doesn't "fathom" only refer to depth? O.K then, six feet separation."

On Wednesday June 10th the crew launched out of the conservation land at Crocker Neck into Popponesset Bay. This trip, a 4 miler, has been a favorite of most of the Kayak Caucus. They paddled to the backside of the beach, traveling back north through Popponesset Creek and returned to

the beach at Crocker Neck. With 7 club members or guests and returning with the same number Ed said that is "always a mark of success". Among the New-comers joining the illustrious fleet commander were Paul and Carol Coteus, Barbara Gaughan, Ellie McCreary, and her sister Anne and grandniece Eleanor.

Two hearty kayakers from the group set out in Barnstable Harbor on June 19th with the intent of paddling out to Sandy Neck Light. They were off to a good start making their way up the sunny coastline through mild waves but wondering why there were no other kayakers in sight on such a gorgeous day. Looking across the bay at the lighthouse and rising wind and waves, the kayaker wondered WWED? or What Would Ed Do? It took about three seconds to decide to start their return trip and save the lighthouse for another day. It proved to be the best choice as they paddled against wind and waves for the longer, and slower but safe return.

You may have already heard about Admiral Houlihan's bicycle accident. He is unsure of the speed of his recovery from his rib injury, so we are in the market for a volunteer interested in taking over as the coordinator of the Newcomers' Kayak Group, at least for the next several weeks. The position involves suggesting trips by email to the twenty-some members interested in paddling, leading the trip and taking pictures for the newsletter. If you are interested, contact Ed (ebhouli@gmail.com) or Jean Dorcus (jeandorcus2@gmail.com) to begin the complex vetting process for this lucrative position. Rumor has it that the compensation for this office will be doubled or even tripled!



Popponesset Bay Crew



Barbara Gaughan & Jean Dorcus at Sandy Neck

Eggs Over Zoom

Never at a loss for words the Men's Breakfast group have had a couple of virtual get togethers. The meeting on May 27th was appropriately set up in 4 Phases with general updates and bantering on local and national topics.

Noticeably absent from their second meeting on June 10th was the food! Some of the guys had coffee but apparently no one ventured to the stove for eggs and bacon.



Thanks to host Prentice Adler, the Men's Breakfast group 'zoomed' again on Wednesday June 24th.



\$\$\$ REMINDER \$\$\$

SNN dues are due July 1st! We have received a minimal number so far – thank you!

Please submit your payment of \$25. per person (made out to Sandwich Newcomers) to:

Annie Adler
7 Inkberry Circle
Sandwich, MA 02563

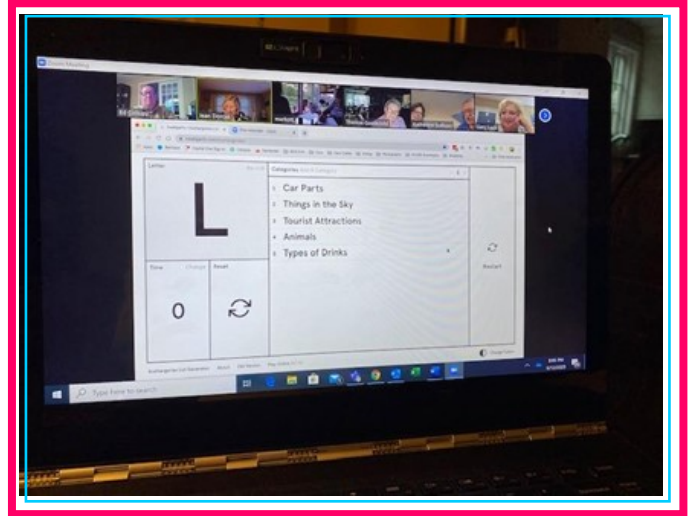
Steps Count

The Walking Group was attacked by mosquitos so their original plan to hike the Sagamore Hill trail at Scusset Becch was changed to a walk along the "other side" of the canal—always good to have a back up plan!!

Walking: the most ancient exercise and still the best modern exercise." - Carrie Latet

GAME ON!

VIRTUAL GAME NIGHTS



Eleven of us played Scattegories finding words to go with the letters B, L, G, and C while Jean Dorcus emceed the evening of fun. Therese Goodchild even used sign language to reveal one of her answers; more on that when you talk to her next! Connie Hinds and Mike Sullivan were far and away the big winners taking away Fig Jam and Wet Ones, respectively, as prizes. Coming in third for the hard to find Roll of Toilet Paper prize was Kitty Ott.



NEXT VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT

Friday, July 17, 2020

7:00-9:00 pm on ZOOM

It's time for our second Virtual Game Night. This time it will be Trivia, with a focus on Baby Boomer Trivial Pursuit categories, including television; stage & screen; nightly news; publishing; lives and times; and R.P.M..

To join in the fun, please email Candice Murphy at murphyrc6@comcast.net by July 15.

Peddling Pals

Our Biking Group, all masked up for the getaway, went OVER THE BRIDGE! for a ride to the other side of the canal and to have another point of view.

Their next ride was set just at 'press time', June 30, 10:00 AM at the Shining Sea Bikeway in Falmouth.

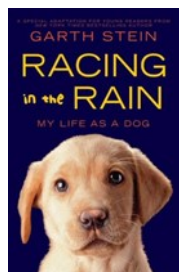


Cancellation—Cape Cod Symphony Concert

Beth Houlihan has advised us that The "Sinatra!" show that was being planned as a SNN outing has unfortunately been cancelled.

Summer Reading

The July 14th selection of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein will be discussed in the backyard of Patty Williams 1:00, 9 Fleetwood Rd. E. Sandwich. This is our last book of the SNN year and we will be generating a new list of books for 2020-2021 in the weeks ahead.



Newsies

Each of us can be contributors to our Monthly Newsletter—send along pictures of group activities, a story on your experience with one of our group gatherings, a reflection you've written as a memory, poem or song. Send your newsworthy entry to edcollupy@yahoo.com by around the 20th of each month.

In light of recent events regarding racial justice we were reminded of David & Carol Darling's story that was published in the July 2019 newsletter.

BEING WHITE IN A BLACK PLACE:

This essay is written to tell the happy story of what life was like when a young white couple chose to live and work in Botswana, a new African republic. This country became independent 1966 by mutual agreement with the old colonial power, Great Britain. We arrived in the fall of 1971.

This new republic invited The US Government to send Peace Corps Volunteers to fill key jobs that were eventually filled by their own trained citizens. I was one, an agricultural economist, who took the position of a planning officer in the Ministry of Agriculture. My wife, Carol, came with me as a volunteer to work on marketing locally made handicrafts.

Newt Gingrich stated on Facebook that “if you are a normal white American, the truth is you don’t understand being black in America and you instinctively underestimate the level of discrimination and the level of additional risk”.¹

Imagine what it felt like to be a Yankee from an old New England clan surrounded by black faces on black people, most of whom have no European ancestors. Yet, we were quite comfortable in their midst. Race relations in Botswana were much calmer than in South Africa, just over the southern border. Our host country did not recognize race as a way to divide people. They had their tribal system instead. Of course, Carol and I did not belong to any local tribe. Back in Massachusetts, I was raised in a Yankee family and Carol was raised in a Finnish American one, two different tribes.

I was welcomed by my fellow workers. It was great to finally put my newly learned skills to work in my first job after studying at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

The people were not color blind, just not obsessed by color differences. Carol and I were viewed as different from the Brits who were there as part of Great Britain’s foreign service. We were viewed as different from the white South Africans I worked with. And we definitely were viewed as different from the Batswana, the people of Botswana. But we were not treated as a minority that had less status or deserved less respect. In fact, I always felt as if the American Peace Corp Volunteers were well respected professionals by the majority population. Some of the British and South African people gave us less respect, but that was their problem.

One day, a fellow worker and I were in town on official business. We were walking side by side and suddenly he reached out and took my hand. What a surprise. That had never happened before, but I immediately realized that this was a sign of real friendship. Another time, in the evening after dark, I was pulled over by a policeman. One of my motorcycle lights was out and he gave me a verbal warning. He was not abusive, and I did not feel threatened.

When I got ready to leave, it was with a great sense of accomplishment and pride that I had helped with the planning and implementation of important development projects.

Now, to get to the point of this essay, it is possible to live together in a less race conscious society when we all respect, appreciate and enjoy each other.

¹—Time Magazine on page 32 of the July 25th, 21016 edition

ACTIVITIES



Patty Williams

The Women's Daytime Book Club meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00PM. New members are welcome. Coordinator is Patty Williams, (mpatty3@comcast.net)

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



Henry Jablecki

Girl's Night Out: Ladies go to early movie, and then supper at local restaurant. Contact Kitty Ott, (kittyott@hotmail.com)



Rosi Holcombe

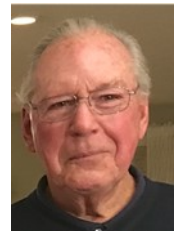
Special Events (maybe with lunch or dinner): Contact Kit Sullivan/Rosi Holcombe with any of your ideas. (kit.g.sullivan@gmail.com/sparkyhol@gmail.com)



Kit Sullivan

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.



Ed Houlihan

Walking/Hiking Group: Discover new walking trails in the streets and backroads of Sandwich. All levels of walkers welcome! We have explored areas in and around Sandwich Members who show up are encouraged to plan the next excursion. We generally have been 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



Candice Murphy

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 TBD

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Happy 4 th of July!
5	6	7	8 8 am – Men's Breakfast Zoom	9	10	11
12	13	14 1 pm - Book Club @ Patty Williams'	15 RSVP for Game Night to Candice Murphy	16	17 7 pm – Game Night via Zoom	18
19	20	21	22 8 am – Men's Breakfast Zoom	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



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