NEWS FROM NEWCOMERS, OCTOBER, 2019

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As we begin a new year with a new Board, I'd like to thank the 2018-2019 Executive Board, Administrative Staff and Committee Chairs for all their hard work the last year. The dedication that they showed and the time they gave to NOPA is greatly appreciated. The new Board and I look forward to continuing to deliver a good experience for our membership.

The Annual Breakfast was a great event, with 150 people signing up. Of that number, 54% have been with NOPA for 2 years or less, 40% have been with NOPA for 1 year or less. John Nagy, editor of The Pilot, was an entertaining speaker who gave us insight into the newspaper industry. I've attached (via eblast) his presentation for those of you who didn't attend the Breakfast.

For the first time ever, we administered our Annual Survey online, which gave the entire membership the ability to share their thoughts. Our current response rate is 18%, which will give us a good sample size to learn from your comments. Thirty-one of you raised your hands to volunteer. Thank you so much! We will be reaching out to you soon. I will share the results of the survey soon.

I'm excited to continue the path that our past President Janet Galloway started with our newly refreshed website and online event registration. The website looks amazing, but there's still work to be done, so bear with us as we iron out the wrinkles**. If you haven't already, please log on and complete your profiles – our Committee Chairs need to know who you are!!!**

We used Eventbrite for online registration for the Breakfast – 36% of you signed up this way. Online registration provides you with an alternative to mail-in registration, is very convenient and is particularly good for last minute sign ups. We will explore alternative, lower cost options to increase the online registration rate for future events.

I'm looking forward to a great year ahead – with lots of wine, food, fun times and new faces.

Warmly,
LANA
Lana
President, 2019-2020

SAVE THE DATES

Dec. 17: HOLLY BALL: This is a great evening with dinner and dancing that you won't want to miss.

Jan. 15: NEWCOMERS 35th ANNIVERSARY. DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING

NEWCOMERS LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are still a few open Committee positions that need to be filled.

- Facebook – 1 to 2 people
- Photos – 2 to 3 people
- Historian/Archivist
- Walking Group

If you are interested or would like more information about any of the above opportunities, please reach out to Lana Yee at NOPApresident @gmail.com

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BOARD MEETINGS

The October Board Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on October 21st in the Chapman Board Room at the Members Club, Pinehurst Country Club. All members are invited to attend; however only Board Members are allowed to vote.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

Please welcome the following new members, who joined Newcomers in the last two months:

- Joe and Libby Axe, who are our FIRST members who signed up online
- Kevin and Nancy Bogan, from Sutton, MA
- John and Leah Bradley, from Albuquerque, NM
- Sue Case
- Larry and Laura Cepuran
- George and Lois-Lynn Deuel, from Honolulu, HI
- Dave and Cathy Elsea, from Raleigh, NC
- Rich Gagliardo and Judi Mann from Baltimore and PA
- Sybil Gibbons
- Laura Guiliano
- James Heffernan, from Somerset, NJ
- Erin Hegland and her spouse
- Tom Horgan and Beth Alauf
- Steve and Sandi King, from Wake Forest, NC
- Kathy Kreger, from Greensboro, NC
- Cathy Morris
- Debbie Otto
- Theresa Schneider, from Patuxent River, MD
- John and Brenda Shire, from Keller, TX
- Marie Stainfield
- Kayt Walters, from Montrose, CO
- ColleenLay
- Alan and Dianne Wolejko, from Hatfield, MA

We are sure you will enjoy your membership in the Newcomers of the Pinehurst Area!

NEWCOMERS HISTORY

Very interesting!

Have you read the recently updated *History* of NOPA? How about the *Past Presidents Biographies and Reflections*? A great opportunity to learn about how we were founded, expanded, changes in activities over the years, special events and which Presidential term they started in and much more. Did you know how limited our membership territory was when we began? That we once had groups for cooking (Hen's in the Kitchen), and Men's poker and pool? See the lower left side of the website home page under "Photos and more" to find the answers!

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GOT FACEBOOK, GET NEWCOMERS!

Congratulations, Newcomers! We have over 700 Followers, and 600 page "likes".

Make sure you follow us too so you can view upcoming Events, receive notices of our activities, and see photos from past events in your News Feed. You may even see yourself in these pictures!

If you have questions or comments about our Facebook account, contact Mark Munas. You can reach him at NOPAfacebook@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSIONS FOR OCTOBER, 2019 (by Book Club)

Please contact your co-chair for the October "read" for your group.

PLEASE NOTE: For inquiries about joining a Newcomers' book discussion group, please contact the Newcomers Book Clubs' Chair Joan Sondag at joansondag68@gmail.com

TABLE GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

Bunco

Bunco is a SIMPLE dice game. No Experience Necessary. Fun Guaranteed.
Groups meet once a month in member's homes.

Bunco 1: Carol Westerly and Joyce Pilewski, Co-Chairs
Meets First Thursday 6:30-9:00 pm

Bunco 2: (need a co-chair), Tina Arno, Co-Chair
Meets Second Wednesday 6:30-9:00 pm

Bunco 3: Audrey Curlee and Pat Sykora, Co-Chairs
Meets Third Wednesday, 6:30-9:00 pm

Bunco 4: Dee Anderson and Deb Eddings, Co-Chairs
Meets Second Thursday, 6:00-8:30 pm

Bunco 5: Kathy Taylor and Pat Zlotin, Co-Chairs
Meets Last Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
Bunco 6:

Bunco 7: Jay Wareham and Lucia Skelton, Co-Chairs
Meets Third Monday, 6:00-8:30pm

Bunco 8: (need), Co-Chairs
Meets Second Wednesday, 3:00-5:00pm

Bunco 9: Valerie McKean, Co-Chair
Meets First Thursday, 6:30-9:00 pm

Co-Chairs can be reached by accessing the Directory in the Members Directory.

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Interested in being a substitute for either evening or day groups? Email nopabunco@gmail.com for a spot on the master substitute-list.

Mah Jongg

The Newcomers Mah Jongg Group meets at 1:00 p.m. every Monday at the Boyd Library at Sandhills Community College, except on national holidays when the library is closed. On those Monday holidays, alternate plans will be made and we'll advise you by eblast of location and time.

We hope you will continue to join us….please contact Chair Sheelagh Kirby if you have any questions, need directions, etc. Sheelagh can be reached at kirbyhome@ymail.com

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Coffee Group

If you are looking for a starting point to get to know Newcomers of the Pinehurst Area, the Coffee Group is just the place to meet friendly people who can help you navigate the Sandhills. We gather weekly at Pine Scones, 905 Linden Road, Pinehurst (next to Hollyhocks Art Gallery) every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 10:45 a.m.

Come join us any time. Come early or late. Both men and women are welcome. We can't wait to meet you! Please look for pine cones in the middle of the table to help identify us as the Newcomers Coffee Group.

Co-chairs, Pamela Adams, and Fran DiSantis can be reached at nopacoffee@gmail.com

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch invites you to join them on Wed, October 16 at Pine Crest Inn.
The Menu consists of a 2 entree luncheon buffet.
Cost is $18.00 - all inclusive, with tea or coffee, tax and gratuity

Lunch Bunch needs 20 reservations by Oct. 5 or we will need to cancel.

Please RSVP to Dianna or Marlene at nopalunchbunch@gmail.com ASAP to secure a reservation.

Dining Out

Dining Out invites you to join us on
Wednesday, October 16
at
"Table on the Green"
2205 Midland Road
Pinehurst
We'll enjoy drinks at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Appetizers: $4.50 and up
Entrees: $8.50 and up
The maximum number of reservations we can take is 30.
Please RSVP to nopadining2020@gmail.com ASAP.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RSVP EMAIL ADDRESS HAS RECENTLY CHANGED!!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MONTH'S EVENT IS ON WEDNESDAY INSTEAD OF THURSDAY.

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Fermented Friday

Please join us for our next Fermented Friday on October 4th
at the home of

Randy and Karen Eichen, 10 Augusta Drive, Southern Pines (Mid South) from 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

This is a gated community and a list of all attendees will be at the gate that evening. Therefore, if you sent a request to attend and you do not get a confirmation back from us within 48 hours please call us.

All you have to do is bring your own wine or preferred beverage, an appetizer to share with the group, and most important, come and enjoy yourself and meet new people!

Very Important: There is always limited space for this event, therefore we ask if you RSVP that you are attending and your plans change, please contact us so that we can include others from the wait list. Also, if you did not receive a confirmation from us that means that we did not receive your request to attend.

Please RSVP to NOPAfermentedfridays@gmail.com and we will send you a confirmation.

Jackie Curley (585.474.4089), Chris Bologna (918.935.8538),and Barb Johnessee (717.870.4795), Chairpersons

Wine Tasting

Are you interested in wine tasting and meeting new people who share your interest in wines? We have fun tasting different wines from regions across the country and around the world.

No need to be an expert; we have fun learning while we socialize! Members of the wine group take turns hosting the tasting at their home and selecting the evening's 4-5 wines to taste. The cost of the wines is then divided among the group. If you are interested in being part of a new wine tasting group, contact Bonnie Matthews at bonniematthews1@aol.com or Pat Pinkerton at ppinkerton27@gmail.com

Attention Wine Lovers! Some of you have expressed interest in a wine tasting group for people who are serious oenophiles, with a focus on higher end wines. (This could be in addition to a group you may have already joined). If you are knowledgeable about wines and interested in becoming part of a group like this, please email Bonnie Matthews or Pat Pinkerton. If there is interest, we will facilitate organizing the group(s)

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EXERCISE AND SPORTS

Golf – Grasscutters **We are a varied and friendly group of men & women who enjoy the game of golf. Grasscutters offers opportunities to play various local & nearby golf courses, keep rates reasonable and send a confirmation email to all player responses. Anyone interested in playing should contact us at ncgrasscutters@gmail.com**

Grasscutters Schedule, OCTOBER, 2019

1	Whispering Woods	$20.00	9:30 a.m. shotgun
8	Carolina Lakes	$25.00	9:30 a.m. shotgun
15	Whispering Pines (River)	$35.00	9:30 a.m. shotgun
22	Hyland	$35.00	9:00 a.m. shotgun
29	Gates Four	$30.00	11:00 a.m. shotgun

Grasscutters outings are also posted on the Event Calendar on the Newcomers website.
Contact Grasscutters Co-Chairs Andy Foote and Tom Deet at ncgrasscutters@gmail.com

Walking Group

The Walking Group will move their Wednesday and Saturday Walks to a 10:00 a.m. start from the south end of the Cannon Park parking lot starting on the first Wednesday/Saturday of October.

To get to Cannon Park, turn onto Rattlesnake Trail off Hwy 211. Go to the first intersection with Woods Rd across from the gas station. Turn left onto Woods Rd and drive down past the baseball field and turn left into the parking lot. We leave the lot from the far corner. This schedule will be in place until Spring/Summer schedule. Come join us and get familiar (or more familiar) with Pinehurst village.

The group typically steps off at 5 minutes after the hour. The walk takes about 45-60 minutes depending on your speed. We have slow, medium and fast walks for everyone's pace.

Remember walking can change your life and your health!!

OUT & ABOUT

Girls Night Out :

Girls Night Out welcomes ALL NEWCOMERS (Ladies & Gentlemen) to their October 12th event.
Please join us for *Rumors*, a Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band.

BECAUSE THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY SENT YOU ADVANCE NOTICE SO YOU CAN MAKE YOUR PLANS AND SECURE TICKETS BEFORE THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT!

GRAB YOUR TICKETS FAST TO SEE RUMORS; A FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE BAND!

Saturday Oct 12 at Cooper Ford, 5292 Hwy 15-501, Carthage, NC from 6:00 -9:00 p.m.

Tickets are all general admission for $25. We will meet at 5:30 at Cooper Ford to get some good seats. Bring your chair. I was told there will be food trucks on site and adult beverages for sale.

Hit the **link** below for more information and to buy tickets.

https://ticketmesandhills.com/events/rumours-a-fleetwood-mac-tribute

If you will be joining us please let Tamara know in advance so she has an idea of how many of you will attend.

You can reach Tamara at NOPAgirlsnightout@gmail.com

Singles and Solos : Everyone Is Invited to Participate

Singles and Solos are finalizing plans for their October event. When details are complete we will send an eblast.

Janet Galloway & Catherine DeLeVergne, Co-Chairs, can be reached at NOPASinglesandsolos@gmail.com

Tailgaters

Tailgaters is looking for someone to host a social gathering for the Army/Navy game on Saturday, December 14th. 3:00 p.m. kickoff. My wife, Anne and I have hosted this event for the past three years. This year, I have the good fortune to attend the game.

Save the Date – *Newcomers 35th Anniversary Celebration*, cocktail hour and dinner at the Pinecrest Inn on Wednesday January 15th. No Tailgaters event scheduled for January 2020. Details to follow.

Friday Night Lights Series *(Pinecrest HS Football Under the Lights)*

Friday, Sep 27th	**7:30pm**	**71st HS (Fayetteville, NC) vs. Pinecrest HS**
Friday, Oct 11th	**7:30pm**	**Purnell Swett HS (Pembroke) vs, Pinecrest HS**

Tickets are $7.00pp for those who want to attend the games.
We sit on the Home Team side opposite the 30-yard line.
There is no need to sign up for this event. JUST SHOW UP TO SUPPORT THE PATRIOTS.

Seven Lakes Golf Outing
Monday, September 23rd

Registration is closed for this event

Polocrosse Eastern Regionals

Sat-Sun September 28-29th 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Tailgaters crew will set up a "Home Base" site for the use of all Newcomers who would like to attend this event on Saturday and/or Sunday. Participants should pack their own food and beverage for personal consumption. There will be food vendors on site. There is no need to sign up for this event. Attend at your leisure. Seating will be based on first come first served.

NCAA Division 1 Mid-Major Football Game

Sat, Oct 19th 4:00 p.m.

Campbell University vs Hampton University @ Campbell (Buies Creek) 4:00 Kickoff

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Join us for a road trip and as we attend this Mid-Major Division I football game. General admission $10.00. We will arrange a carpool caravan to the game.
Details to follow.

Contact Joe DeRosa at jderos15@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

Travel Club

The Travel Club is planning two exciting excursions for October and November.

October Excursion - Scotland County Highland Games
Date: October 5, 2019
Location: Laurinburg, NC

Each year, a full spectrum of events is offered at the Scotland County Highland Games. Clan and Society tents, vendors, harp music, pipe bands, athletic competitions, Highland Dancing competition, and EUSPBA sanctioned solo piping and drumming highlight the day. In addition to Scottish musical entertainment, there are sheep dog demonstrations and special children's athletic events where all participants can wear a kilt. Check out their website for all the details at http://www.carolina-highlandgames.com/. Travel Club will provide a tent as a Club gathering place. Participants will need to bring their own lawn chairs.

In the evening, attend a special concert by Highland Echoes. This two-hour dance and music extravaganza provides a wealth of talent including Highland dancers, step dancing, live musicians, Gaelic and English female vocals, bagpipes and fiddle tunes. Performers come from a background of both champion level competitors in their craft and professional level entertainers who have graced the stages of Riverdance, the Chieftains, Alasdair Fraser and Ah-ha. Separate tickets are required for the 8:00 p.m. show performed at the Scotland County High School Auditorium. Check out their website for more details and tickets at http://www.highlandechoes.com/scotland.

For those who may be interested, there are also other events associated with the Games that are open to the public. Check out the website for more details: http://www.carolina-highlandgames.com/. The other events include:

- **A Piping Concert at 8:00pm on October 4th at the Morris Morgan Theater at St. Andrews University.**
- **The Kirkin' of the Tartans Worship Service at 10:00am on Sunday October 6th located at Historic Old Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, 15301 McFarland Road, Laurinburg, NC 28352.**

Tickets to the Highland Games:

- **Purchased in advance: Adults $12; Children 5-12 $3 (under age 5 are free)**
- **Purchased at the gate: Adults $15; Children 5-12 $5 (under age 5 are free)**
- **$2 military discount for active duty military and spouse (when purchased at the gate)**
- **Tickets may be purchased online at www.games-tickets.com**
- **Tickets to Highland Echoes may be purchased online at http://www.highlandechoes.com/scotland.**

Want to go? Reply to nopatravelclub@gmail.com by Friday, September 27th, and tell us you are interested in the Scotland County Highland Games. We will provide more information to those who express interest.

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November Excursion - Biltmore Estate

Date: November 6 – 8, 2019
Location: Biltmore Estate https://www.biltmore.com/One Lodge Street, Asheville, NC 28803

The Biltmore Estate offers 8,000 beautiful acres to meander, visits to the estate house and gardens, the Conservatory and surrounding gardens, the farm and grounds, two beautiful hotels (The Village Hotel and The Inn), 15 dining options, 12 shopping locations, winery and wine tastings, the Spa, and a multitude of other activities – all onsite. You may check out their website for lodging, site and activity information at https://www.biltmore.com. We plan on touring the Christmas Candlelight Evening at the Estate on November 6th followed by a group fine-dining experience at The Inn on the 7th.

Individuals will be responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Please note there are special packages available, and the Candlelight Christmas Evening Package may be of interest. This package includes a minimum 2 nights stay, daily breakfast, a Biltmore Christmas gift, admission to the Candlelight Christmas Evenings, daytime admission to the Estate and Biltmore House for the length of your stay, audio guides, and shuttle service. We recommend that you call early since this event usually sells out. Please contact us before calling the hotel so that we may provide further instructions on making reservations.

Want to go to the Biltmore Estate? Reply to nopatravelclub@gmail.com by Monday October 21st , and tell us you are interested in the Biltmore Estate and Candlelight Christmas Evening excursion. We will provide reservation instructions and more general information to those who express interest.

Please let us know if you have any questions about any of our excursions. We would be glad to help!
Travel Club Co-Chairs - Kathy Christensen and Janette McNeill at nopatravelclub@gmail.com.

Sunshine

Please let us know ASAP when you become aware of a present or recent member of Newcomers who would benefit from a sympathy or get-well card. To protect the privacy of friends who are dealing with difficulty, I do not publicize their names.

Please contact Debbie Brayton by accessing the Directory in the Members Portal on our website
www.newcomersofpinehurst.com