

Barnstable Newcomers Club September 21, 2016

The first meeting of the season was well attended by about 70 people. There was much chatter and laughter while friends were able to connect with friends about summer.

Membership coordinators were busy at registration table. Several new members introduced themselves. There were also some visitors and guests.

Barnstable Council on Aging is selling raffle tickets for cash prizes. Drawing is November 5.

Mike and Joanne O'Connell opened the meeting by introducing current officers: We still need to have a vice president. Please volunteer if you can help.

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Secretary: Karen Maier 508-534-9384

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Past President: Ron Lyons 508-428-8741

Webmaster: Frank McIntosh 781-801-2196

Treasurer's Report: May 1 \$3684 expenses \$1007 leaving total on August 31 of \$2676

Jack Strudwick Memorial: Jack was so instrumental in the continuing of BNC and a friend to all. A scholarship in his name was passed with acclamation. The Hyannis Support Our Youth leaders will give us more details about the funds needed to support one youth for ten weeks of summer camp. It is expected that the funds will be met by the treasury as well as personal donations from members at the next meeting. The membership voted to approve \$500 toward the scholarship.

Activities were announced along with their coordinators. See Newsletter for descriptions and coordinators. Joanne mentioned that new activities are always welcome. Two new members have played pickleball in the past.

Next Meeting: October 19 Town Manager Mark Ells will speak on the state of the town. Forms were available at September meeting to write questions for Mark Ells.

Next event: October 26 Crazy Whist/Pot Luck

A fun night. Plan on signing up at next meeting October 19. United Methodist Church Osterville. Phyllis Bushlow is the coordinator. Ralph Krau will help with the kitchen crew.

Anne Reeves is once again collecting donations of gift cards for Safe Harbor and will be collecting those at meetings and bowling group for next few months.

Speaker: Floriano and Sue Pavao spoke about wine and travel.

Floriano. Floriano suggested clues as to quality of wine when reading labels on wine. He said there are many more variety of grapes in European countries. The Pavaos will lead groups on wine tasting tour of First Crush Winery in Harwich on November 2 at 5:00 pm. Sign up sheets were passed around.

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