

TO: BNC Members

FROM: Frank McIntosh - BNC Secretary

RE: November 2013 Meeting Minutes

The November Meeting Minutes are shown below following this summary. Please let me know if you notice any corrections that are needed.

Summary:

A few items from the Minutes to be highlighted for your calendars are:

- **Wednesday December 11:** The Holiday Dinner/Dance is scheduled for this date. If you would like to attend this event, and haven't signed up as yet, please call Kathy or Jack Strudwick at 508-771-2519 to reserve a seat (or email them at strudwickjack12@gmail.com).
- If you wish to donate to the charity 'Safe Harbor', please bring donations to the Holiday Dinner/Dance. Details are contained in the Minutes that follow.
- There is no Monthly Meeting scheduled for December. After the December Dinner/Dance, the next Club Events are...
 - **Wednesday January 22** is the Dine-Out
 - **Wednesday February 20** is the next Monthly social, meeting and speaker.
- More information is included in the Minutes that follow.
- **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** There are currently over 50 members who are participating in Activities (e.g. Bowling, Bridge, Cribbage, Book Groups, etc.) who have not paid their annual dues. Please remember that if you participate in a Newcomers Club Activity, you need to pay your annual membership dues to continue with that Activity. Please send a check with the sign up Form to our Treasurer, Mary Mohan, as soon as possible. The Form is available on the Newcomers website at <http://www.barnstablnewcomers.com/membership-form.html>., For questions please email Mary at marymohan130@yahoo.com.

That's the highlights! The Minutes of the November Meeting follow.

Frank McIntosh – Secretary

BARNSTABLE NEWCOMERS CLUB

MONTHLY MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

This was the third meeting of the 2013-2014 season. An active social time occurred between 7:00PM and 7:20PM as members socialized with other members over coffee, Soda, and Desserts that were provided by club members. Approximately 70 members were in attendance.

Jack Strudwick, President, called the meeting to order at 7:20PM.

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and voted on to accept the October 2013 meeting minutes. They are available on the Club website (www.barnstablnewcomers.com).

Guests and New Members:

Joe and Rosemary Mooney, Membership Committee, noted that there were no guests or first time members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Mary Mohan, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer's Report. As of October 31 the Club's bank account held a balance of \$3,506.87. As of this October Meeting, 148 members had paid their dues out of approximately 200 active members. The report was seconded and accepted.

Jack Strudwick encouraged all members to pay their annual dues promptly.

Charitable Activity

Jack Strudwick noted the work of SAFE HARBOR, a charity that Newcomers members have supported the past several years during the holiday season. Material was available on each table that describes what is needed this year and describes how members can contribute if they wish. **This material is included at the end of these minutes.**

Please note that donations will be accepted at Bowling and at the Holiday Dinner/Dance.

Activities (See a list of all Activities at <http://www.barnstablnewcomers.com/activities.html>)

All Activities are continuing. Sign-up sheets for club activities were available on the back table.

If you are interested in getting information about, or joining, these Activities, please come to the February 2014 monthly meeting on Wednesday evening February 20, or contact Jack Strudwick (strudwickjack12@gmail.com) at any time.

Events (See a list of all Events at <http://www.barnstablnewcomers.com/events.html>)

- **October 23:** Pot Luck Supper and 'Crazy Whist'. Jack Strudwick thanked Bette and Bob Silva for coordinating this very successful and enjoyable event. Almost 70 members attended. There was plenty of excellent food dishes and the 'Crazy Whist' was, well.... Crazy! as usual. No card experience was necessary. Bette asked Jack to thank everyone for their help and attendance. Her thank you is included below following these Minutes.
- **December 11:** Holiday Dinner Dance: This very popular Event is filling tables quickly. If you would like to attend, please fill out the Form located on the Club website, or call/email directly to Jack and Kathy Strudwick (telephone 508-771-2519; Email strudwickjack12@gmail.com).
- **January 22:** Dine-Out: Connie Champlin has arranged for an enjoyable evening out of dining at Alberto's Restaurant in Hyannis. All Newcomer members are invited! The reservation Form is available on the Events page of the Newcomers website. Alternately, please email Connie at cjchamp@mac.com.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting was made and seconded at 7:30pm.

Next Meeting

Wednesday February 19th at 7:00PM. Once again there will be social time, followed by a short business meeting. This evening, the Club will host a local author as our Speaker. Gil Newton, a local author, will discuss his new book, 'A Cape Cod Shoreline'.

Even though it will still be winter, it's always the right time to think about Cape Cod beaches, wildlife, and environment!

Speaker and Entertainment:

We were joined for the evening by Stephanie Weaver, the Cape Cod Conservatory Director, and by Jerome Karter, the Executive Director of the Cape Cod Symphony, accompanied by a Jazz Group from the Cape Cod Conservatory.

The ensuing one hour program was an extraordinary session of music and dialogue. The group of adult jazz students played a terrific set of jazz, including some Duke Ellington. We learned that most of the group has played at local establishments, such as the Roadhouse Café and the Island Merchant in Hyannis, and at a jazz brunch at Blu in Mashpee. Stephanie and Jerry explained the convergence of the Conservatory and the Symphony, as well as presented some ambitious plans for the Conservatory and the Symphony that will add value to Cape Cod.

The evening ended at approximately 8:40pm.

2013 SEASON OF GIVING TO SAFE HARBOR

Safe Harbor, a shelter for DOMESTIC VIOLENCE against women and children, has been supported by the Barnstable Newcomers Club for many years. This Christmas/Holiday Season is no different. Their WISH LIST is listed below.

GIFT CARDS: Star/Shaws, Stop&Shop, Kmart, Job Lot, Staples, and BJ's are all Welcomed

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS to Safe Harbor

NEW CLOTHING : Basic and casual clothes for women and children

TOILETRIES -- LINENS(twin beds) -- TOWELS -- CLEANING SUPPLIES

We will have a collection at the November meeting and a final collection at the Holiday Dance Dec.11th. Deb Krau has offered to be the pick-up at Monday Bowling.

Any questions or concerns please call Ann Reeves @508-419-1814 or Safe Harbor @508-790-2933.

Thank you from Bette Silva.

I want to thank all that took time out of their busy schedule to help with the setup and breakdown, and a thank you to all those that participated with their wonderful homemade entrees', salads, side dishes and desserts.

Everyone that I've spoken to indicated that they had a good time and to me that made it worthwhile.

A special thanks to Jack and Kathy Strudwick for their guidance throughout the preparation process.

I'd like to see more of you there next year. If you didn't attend, you missed out on a good time.
