

## **President's Message**

Wow, is it possible that we are about to close out 2022?? What a great year we had as a club! We've gone from being semi-closed down or meeting only on Zoom, to back to in-person gatherings, including great TGFUN gatherings outdoors every week over the summer and early fall. This fall we've had some great monthly programs, from wine tastings with a local sommelier, learning about an ancient instrument and "arm chair traveling" the world in pictures. We also had a wonderful Holiday Party and, perhaps the best news was that our special interest groups have awakened from "Covid slumber" and are meeting again! Our new "Pop-Up" activity group has taken off. I urge anyone with an idea for a new activity to let me know so that we can find others with a similar interest and get new activities started.

Believe it or not, as we pass into the New Year, it is also time to start planning for the Club's next membership year. First order of business is to set up a Nominating Committee (ideally three people) to find people interested in serving as officers and directors for next year. If you are interested in helping our Club by serving on the Nominating Committee or are interested in serving as an officer or director, please let me know. None of the positions is difficult and you could even team up with a friend (basically as Cindy Sayers and I did this year as Pres/VP). Remember, none of this happens without you!

With regard to our monthly meetings, remember that we are trying something *new* this year: our January meeting (discovering the history of POW's in Maine during WW2) and our February meeting (learning about the Gem Museum in Bethel Maine) will take place on ZOOM (a medium we are now intimately familiar with since Covid). Holding our two winter meetings on Zoom allows us to avoid the "commute" to the Community Center in the height of dark/icy/snowy weather, allows our Snow Bird members to tune in and stay close to our Club and allows our Program Committee to attract a broader range of speakers from outside of our immediate area. See you on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> on Zoom. Details and link follow and will be sent out in a separate email a day before the meeting for reminder and easy linking.

Kate

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### **Monthly Meeting on ZOOM Thursday January 5 6:30 pm informal social; 7:00 pm speaker; 7:45 pm Business Meeting**

TOPIC: POWs in MAINE DURING WWII

Did you know that Prisoners of War (POWs) were held here in Maine during World War II? Erica Nadelhaft, Director of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center in Augusta, will fill us in about this little-known period in Maine's history.

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The **Beachside Bookenders** January meeting will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. Our post-holiday book will be *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo. The February meeting will be on Thursday, February 9, at 3:30 pm. We have changed the order for our book and will be reading Wiley Cash's *The Last Ballad*. *The Golem and the Jinni* will be the March book. For more information, contact Susan Gilbey

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**Breakfast Group** Breakfast group will meet January 10 at 9:30 at Mike's American Diner in Arundel. January 8 is the deadline to sign up with Marie Ali Hassan.

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**Bridge at Duffy's** – on Wednesdays, Lunch at 12:30 pm, Bridge 1:30-3:30 pm.  
Leader: Tom Boak

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**Knitting and Crafts group** will meet January 10 at 1:30. Host will be announced later. Please contact Marie Ali Hassan

Leaders: Marie Ali Hassan & Linda Gaumond

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**Men's Trivia Lunch:** The once-per month trivia lunch at Duffy's is scheduled to reconvene at noon on Tuesday, 10 January, 2023. Additional info: we may have a new category of questions.

RSVP before noon 09 January 2023 so that I can request Duffy's to set the proper number of place settings for us.

There's still time to remember all of that useless information which you learned since kindergarten. See you soon !!

Leader: Larry Simmons

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**Directory update:** If you have moved, changed your e-mail or gotten a new cell phone number, please notify Bob Mills.

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**Sunshine outreach:** If you know of a club member who is sick or hospitalized, please let Donna Gomez know so she can send a card.

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Check our website for calendar and activities or to refer potential new members

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