

## Chatham-Harwich Newcomers General Meeting

January 21, 2010

President Mike Cimini welcomed everyone to the General Meeting and introduced our speaker from the Conservation Commission, Kristen Andres, who is the Conservation Agent for Chatham. Assisting her was Carol Scott. Kristen discussed what it means to be on the Conservation Commission having seven volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen. They oversee the town owned lands, oversee conservation and wetlands, set the rules to preserve properties and land management planning. Benefits to the public to provide conservation include water quality, ground water protection, public and private water supply, prevention of pollution, wildlife habitat, storm damage prevention and flood control. There were many questions and the topic was well received.

Secretary's report as posted on the web site was accepted.

New members were introduced and asked where they were from and a little bit about themselves. There are 397 members as of today.

Treasurer Don Kolp reported that the Club is financially sound and has received \$2900 from dues and deposits including \$1722 in deposits for the June clambake and \$300 in dues. Expenses were \$4530 including \$2220 from the Christmas concert and dinner, \$390 for publicity, \$690 for insurance and \$1000 for charity donations.

Vice President Eve Dalmolen spoke about the events coming up.

- Ground Hog Day will be celebrated with a luncheon on February 1 at L'Alouette Bistro in Harwich Port.
- A spring luncheon planned on April 26 at the Barnstable Tavern in Barnstable.
- To end the year, there will be a joint clambake with CONCH on June 8. Flyers for all the luncheons are on the website.

Decals are for sale at \$1.50 (they are removable)

Baseball caps are on order and will be available at the next meeting.

Mike Cimini is looking for volunteers for the Nominating Committee, specifically a Chairperson to head the committee. Positions opening up for Hospitality, Publicity, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President. If you are interested in serving on any committee and helping out the Nominating Committee contact Mike at [Michael.cimini@comcast.net](mailto:Michael.cimini@comcast.net)

Dave Ryer reported several functions with the Travel & Entertainment Committee (notice the new name):

- February 2, Fine Arts Museum
- February 24, Fine Dining at the Red Pheasant
- March 7, Sunday matinee of the Music Man at the Academy Playhouse in Chatham, with dinner at the Nauset Beach House.

- April 11, Sandwich Glass Museum followed by dinner at the Daniel Webster Inn
- June Plymouth Plantation for dinner.

The travel and Entertainment Committee could use some volunteers to help out. If interested contact Dave [davidryer@yahoo.com](mailto:davidryer@yahoo.com)

Check the website for further information.

Peggy Crespo is selling the Chatham Women's Club Cookbook for \$16 (includes tax). The cookbook is their fundraiser for scholarship funds.

Suzy McDowell was contacted by the Square Dance Club in Dennis. They are looking for new members. If interested, contact Suzy and she will give you the information. [Suzyjack9@comcast.net](mailto:Suzyjack9@comcast.net)

John Rafferty from CONCH invited Newcomer members to join their Hearts Club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, from 1-4. The card game is held at the Chatham Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann O'Callaghan  
Secretary