

CHATHAM-HARWICH NEWCOMERS GENERAL MEETING

September 20, 2010

President, Eve Dalmolen, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the September General Meeting of the Newcomers Club.

Treasurer, Tom Phipps, gave his report as follows: As of July 31, 2010 the Club's assets were \$4200, compared to \$4062 one year previously. Since the end of the last fiscal year our receipts have been for the payment of dues. Expenses have been the printing and mailing of the brochure to our members. We have also made advance payments for this year's luncheons and field trips.

Membership Chair, Bob Sarantis, reported that we had 331 paid memberships, which includes members who paid late last year and got credit for this year. There were 31 new members who have signed up.

Hospitality Chairs, Tom and Kim Breen, were thanked for the beautiful presentation of coffee and sweets. Nancy and Stuart Black were also thanked for their diligence as Greeters.

A letter from Joyce Supko was read by Ann O'Callaghan, in which she wished to thank everyone who had sent cards, emails, letters, and support to her and her husband as he went through a difficult time with surgery this past year. She was happy to report that he will be coming home soon.

Events:

Dave Ryer talked about the various events and luncheons that are scheduled for this coming year. All of the information with dates and prices are available on the Chatham-Harwich Newcomers Website. He encouraged members to sign up and noted that the Fall Luncheon on October 13 at the Barnstable Restaurant and Tavern has a cutoff date of September 29.

Three other events include:

Fine Dining: Captain Linnell House on October 27

Dinner theatre event: Harwich Junior Theatre, "The Secret Garden" Nov. 6 at 2pm with dinner at the Back Nine Café at Cranberry Valley Golf Course

Holiday Pops Dinner and Concert: December 4, 2010 at 3pm at the Barnstable Performing Arts Center in Hyannis. Cost \$76.50 per person

Since these events are arranged by different individuals, there is no group emailing concerning a particular event. Information may be found on chathamharwichnewcomers.org.

Activities:

Suzy McDowell, Activity Chairperson, then introduced the heads of all the various activities and encouraged members to sign up if they hadn't already. Each representative spoke briefly about what their particular activity involved. Two new activities were added this year: Genealogy and Bird Watching. Joining the Genealogy group would help you get started on organizing your research for your family history as well as introducing you to internet tools available to continue with your research. The first meeting of Bird Watchers will be Friday, September 24, at Nauset Beach parking lot. For car pooling, meet at 2:00 p.m. at the Harwich Stop & Shop, Rte. 137/39, in front of Olympia Sports.

Ray Sacrimone spoke about joining coed senior volleyball. It is not a club sponsored activity, but he invited anyone to come and try it out. It meets Tuesday and Friday from 11:00 to 1:00 at the Harwich Community Center.

Eve closed out the activity announcements by mentioning that there is a table for members of Newcomers to sign up for volunteering to help run various events within the Club. A specific need is for a committee to work on forming a float for the 300th anniversary parade in Chatham on July 4, 2012.

After that the new members in attendance introduced themselves to the group.

Eve, thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Mizoras