



THE MONTHLY SCOOP

March 2024



"Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity"
Lucius Annaeus Seneca

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy St. Patrick's Day!! I hope everyone enjoyed the Annual Meeting!

As I write this I am reflecting on my years serving as your president with amazement at how the years have flown!!

Even over the years that Covid seemed to define so much of what we could enjoy we still managed to keep our organization alive and well. The two book clubs continued to meet regularly and your board still met and planned for future activities.

We resumed our Christmas parties and Annual Meetings as soon as the government allowed and changes to the venues were able to accommodate groups. I'm happy that we've added some new activities, like Singles and Solos and resumed bridge. We've

had Ice Cream Socials the past two summers and are anticipating some form of a special all-member activity mid-year as an ongoing event.

I want to Thank! the folks who have stepped up to take on responsibilities as your new officers and committee/activity chairs. The officers and board that I have served with the past five years have made it an honor and a privilege to be your president!! These meetings were never a chore! I treasure each and every one of you and look forward to seeing you at events in the near future.

With appreciation, Catherine S-Mitchell, President

[A NOTE FROM ELLY MOSES \(membership\)](#)

I will be sending out the up-to-date Member Directory as soon as the 2024 Membership drive is over. So if you haven't already renewed your membership, contact Elly ASAP at ecmoses529@gmail.com to do so. Thanks!

[CORRECTIONS](#)

PRETTY

Sandra

Add Cell: 609-994-1457

[NEW OFFICERS](#)

Good News! Some wonderful members have volunteered to fill vacant officer positions: Ginger Equi for Vice President, Maryann Bartos for Secretary, Nancy Mooney for Lunch Bunch, Kate Hughes for Dining Out (alternating months) and Jeri Crowell for Treasurer. We will confirm these officers in the Feb. 25th meeting.

The board would like to start a new position of **Welcome Ambassador** for new members. One of the duties of the new VP would be responsible for a new member coffee twice a year. Catherine Mitchell also volunteered to help with new members.

Catherine has suggested starting a new group called **Day Trippers**. We can carpool or rent a van to travel to nearby locations for day trips.

Note: Gary has agreed to send info. to the Pilot. If you have any pics or details of past events, please send him an email with names of the people and the event title. Send several! His email is grorso@maine.rr.com. Please know that this presence will help our club gain positive recognition.

FYI:

Some people have expressed interest in Euchre, Hearts, Bunco, Canasta, Poker and Mah Jongg groups. If you are interested leading or participating in any of these, contact Carol Alexander at calex16@gmail.com.

SUNSHINE

Cindy Agatone continues to handle life-changing recognition of events: this includes but not limited to, member weddings, death of a spouse, etc. Please contact her by emailing mumma28@me.com

SINGLES AND SOLOS GROUP

Saturday, March 9 at 2pm or Sunday, March 10 at 3pm “Butterflies Are Free” starring Morgan Fairchild will be at Owens Auditorium. Tickets are \$38-55; RSVP to Carol Alexander at calex16@gmail.com

March 6 or 10 at 5pm Murder Mystery Dinner “Murder at the Drop Dead Disco” will be presented by Sandhills Woman’s Exchange at the Pinecrest Inn. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased at the Sandhills Woman’s Exchange. Debbie set up a 10-top table for the SS group.

Discussing options for St. Patrick’s Day and/or Easter. An Email Blast will be sent out when dates and locations are set.

Call Carol Alexander at 910-295-9591 or cell (910) 603-3728 or email Debbie Anderson at debbieanderson123@yahoo.com to join or for other singles/solos group activity suggestions.

ORIGINAL BOOK CLUB

On Monday, March the 25th, at 12:30 we will meet at Patty Mattoon’s home, 20 Shenecossett Lane, Pinehurst (910-295-4510) to discuss “The Maid” by Nita Prose (available in paperback).

Discussion Leader: Carol Alexander

Refreshments: Jan Carey

Our April book is “The Messy Life of Book People” by Phaedra Patrick, also available in paperback.

For questions please call Susan Newsome at 910-621-3322.

SATIATING STORIES BOOK CLUB

On March 27th at 11:30am, we will meet at Scott's Table to dine and discuss "The Nightingale" by Kristen Hannah. Please let JoAnne jwhansz@hotmail.com know by March 25th if you plan to attend. No meeting in April.

THIRSTY THURSDAY

Kate Hughes will host the next TT on March 28. Bring a dish and \$1 to her home at 100 Essex Place (in Mid South) in Southern Pines. If interested in attending or hosting, call Lyra at (910) 215-9623 or email jrittger@nc.rr.com.

ACT2 LADIES BRIDGE

We will meet on the fourth Wednesday, March 27th, at Table on the Green. Contact Carol Alexander at 910-295-9591 or Patty Mattoon at 910-295-4510 if interested in playing with the group. This is a fun regular bridge group.

DINING OUT

On Wednesday, March 13th we're dining at Scott's Table at 6pm. If you plan to attend or have restaurant suggestions, please contact Nancy Mooney at: maxkitty16@gmail.com or call (910) 295-3027.

WEBSITE

John Mattoon has created an Events tab and will insert pics by separate event tabs. Email any pictures or information of interest to act2webmasterjohn@gmail.com. He has two assistants to help him with the website: Bob Nielsen and Nancy Gerney. If you need the passcode to the members only section, contact Elly Moses at ecmoses529@gmail.com.

John would like to post pics of the new officers as soon as possible.