

October 2019 Newsletter

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Morristown, N.J.



Dear friends,

Welcome Fall! Among some new outings and our regular activities, this month we have an event you cannot miss: a spectacular way to meet, chat and sip wine while painting at Pinot's Palette this October 24th! The owners are contributing part of the proceeds to the charities we support as a Club. Please bring a friend, spouse, or partner! Find the details below. Let's all participate in this fun-filled evening.

A great team of ladies has been working very hard to review our By-laws. Their results will be presented at the next Board meeting and to all members in the near future.

We welcome the participation and ideas of the membership in the planning and decision process. This Club is your Club, it is built by you and for you!

Check the fantastic Newsletter that Judy puts together to find opportunities to socialize, discover new places and restaurants, and volunteer and contribute to charitable causes.

I will see you soon!

Florencia

President - Morristown Newcomers and Neighbors

Save the Dates (Details in Newsletter)

Oct 14 - Supper Club & Wine Tasting - The Vine
Oct 17 - Lunch Bunch Bottle Hill Tavern
Oct 16 - Wine and Cheese Social
Oct 19 - Creature Comfort Therapy & Brunch
Oct 25 - Pinot's Palette-Paint & Sip Party
Oct 30 - Table of Hope
Nov 7 - The Seeing Eye and Lunch at Dante's
Nov 13 - Book Club - Educated
Nov 21 - Supper Club - Cafe Saporì
Dec 3 - Holiday Luncheon, Rudolph's
Dec 8 - Holiday Party
Dec 11 - Book Club - Song of Solomon

Dec 17 - Supper Club - Ill Capriccio
Jan 8 - Book Club-Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine
Jan 15 - Supper Club - 3 West

Movie dates for Roberts Cinema will be announced through periodic emails

Monthly Board meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Morris County Library at 10 am All members are welcome to attend.

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In The News

Autumn Party

To gather everyone back together after Summer, we held our annual Autumn party at the Madison Commons club house on September 22nd. We had a delicious pot luck feast with appetizers, main course entrees and desserts. The beautiful sunny day encouraged some participants to dine al fresco, while others preferred the air conditioned comfort of the club house. Spouses and guests were invited to this event, so it was a wonderful opportunity to socialize.

Many thanks to Barb Kendelski and Gerri Meer, the organizers of this fabulous event.



In The News



Museum of Early Trades and Crafts and Lunch Bunch

Several of us visited this unique museum. It is such an architecturally beautiful building that it would be an amazing experience, regardless of the exhibit. New member Lisa Webster, returning member Joni Gilton, Joanne Whitney and Betsy Seligson attended. We then joined Eva Meller at Bottle Hill Tavern for great food and gab for more than 1 1/2 hours. It was such an easy place for us to gather, that we are going to do another Lunch Bunch at Bottle Hill Tavern on Thursday, October 17, at noon.



Left to right: Joni Gilton, Lisa Webster, Joanne Whitney, Betsy Seligson (Event organizer)



Please give a warm welcome our newest members, Donna Passerotti and Lisa Webster. We hope to see you at some of our future events!

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The **Membership Directory** has been published and printed. Copies have been distributed at various events. If you still have not received a copy, please contact Florencia Luce-Mazurowski or Judy Till

The club is recruiting for a new **Public Relations Director**. This Board member will help to promote the Morristown Newcomers and Neighbors club and its events. This person will work closely with the President, Membership Director and the Newsletter/Website/Communications Director and other Board members to develop and implement plans. Please contact Florencia Luce-Mazurowski for more information.

Join Us!!!

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch is being re-introduced by pairing a local point of interest with lunch. Members have the option of going to the event, having lunch or both.

Lunch, October 17th

Several of us had an enjoyable lunch at the Bottle Hill Tavern after the tour of the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts so we will have lunch there again.

Date:	Thursday, October 17, 2019
Time:	12:00 PM
Lunch:	Bottle Hill Tavern Waverly Place, Madison
Lunch Cost:	Order off menu
RSVP To:	morristownnewcomers@gmail.com
RSVP By:	Tuesday, October 15

Creature Comforts "The Crowd" October 19th and Brunch

In 2018, the charitable contribution that Newcomers made was to support Creature Comfort Pet Therapy. This is a non-profit that works with a lean overhead of one full time director and 5 part time employees. Their mission is to provide visits by therapy pets (almost all dogs, but some cats and rabbits) at facilities such as Morristown Medical Center, nursing homes, schools, etc .

Creature Comfort has 275 teams (duos, one with 2 legs and one with 4 legs) and they make 200 – 300 visits a month in 7 counties in northern New Jersey. They cannot meet all of the requests for visits that they receive, and are always looking for more teams. One Newcomer became a volunteer after hearing about the program in 2018.

These are not service dogs who are trained to provide help for their owners with have a particular disability. These are therapy dogs that are invited into a facility to provide a soothing environment with petting, etc. Owners who want to help and have a pet with the proper disposition, go through training, and once certified, schedule the visits that are so welcomed at the facility.

Each month, Creature Comforts has a certification session where pets confirm they are comfortable in a public environment. This includes multiple people, distractions, petting, noise, wheel chairs and walkers in the way, etc. They need a group to simulate this environment, and the Newcomers have volunteered to be the "The Crowd" on **Saturday, October 19, at 9am.** We are also going to brunch after this session.

The Morristown Pancake House and South & Pine are both possibilities. Pancake House is a logical choice at 11am...Pine & South has an interesting brunch menu but is more expensive.

Contact Betsy Seligson to make your reservation and let her know if you will be joining us for the Crowd Volunteer event at 9am or only for brunch, and where you prefer we go.

Date:	Saturday, Oct 19, 2019
Venue:	Creature Comforts 10 Pine Street Morristown
Time:	9:00 AM
Brunch:	Location TBD
Time:	11:00 AM
Lunch Cost:	Order off menu
RSVP To:	morristownnewcomers@gmail.com
RSVP By:	Tuesday, Oct 15

Join Us!!!

Lunch Bunch

The Seeing Eye Tour and Lunch Bunch at Dante's in Mendham, November 7

Back by popular demand, we are returning to have a tour of The Seeing Eye on Thursday, November 7, at 10am. We will learn about the program they provide, meet a dog in training, and see some of the exhibits in the historical building.

Lunch Bunch will then head to Dante's in Mendham. Space at The Seeing Eye is limited, and priority will be given to those who are also joining us at Dante's for lunch. Send your check ASAP, indicating whether you are joining for lunch, and Betsy will notify you if there is space at The Seeing Eye.

Date:	Thursday, November 7, 2019
Venue:	The Seeing Eye 10 Washington Valley Rd Morristown, NJ 07960
Time:	10:00 AM
Cost:	\$12
Lunch:	Dante's Mendham, NJ
Time:	12:00 PM
Lunch Cost:	Order off menu
RSVP To:	Send your check for \$12 made out to Morristown Newcomers and Neighbors to Betsy Seligson 6 Cambridge Road Morristown, Nj 07960 morristownnewcomers@gmail.com
RSVP By:	Monday, November 4

Lunch Bunch Questionnaire

The club wants to infuse new life into our monthly lunch events. To learn what our members prefer, we are asking for your thoughts in a questionnaire. Many of you completed the questionnaire at the Fall Kick Off on September 22, but if you did not attend and would like your voice heard, contact BetsySeligson@gmail.com and she will mail you the questionnaire.

October Wine and Cheese Social

Our October social is a wine and cheese get together on October 16th from 4 to 6 PM at the home of Gerri Meer. To reserve your space, please send your check for \$5 to:

Donna Carr
6 Wynchwood Road
Morristown, Nj 07960

Supper Club

The Vine Restaurant, October 14

Our 'kickoff' event will be at The Vine Restaurant, located on Route 202 toward Bernardsville on Columbus Day. This will be a wine tasting and dinner in one of their private rooms upstairs. As many know The Vine is an elegant and creative cuisine restaurant serving both mediterranean and American dishes.

Two of our gentlemen extraordinaire--David Dunham and Larry Drake--will be our Sommeliers that evening. They'll be focusing on wines from the Pacific Northwest, particularly Oregon and Washington State. Columbus would have loved to have discovered these wines! Please do join us!

Date:	Monday, October 14, 2019
Time - Wine Tasting	6:00 PM, Oregon and Washington Wines
Cost:	\$15 per person, payable at The Vine to the Sommeliers
Time - Dinner:	7:00 PM
Location:	The Vine Restaurant 95 Morristown Road Basking Ridge, NJ 908-221-0017
Dinner Cost:	Order off menu
BYOB?:	Yes, on Mondays
RSVP To:	morristownnewcomers@gmail.com
RSVP By:	Wednesday, October 9

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Supper Club

Cafe Sabori, November 21

On Thursday, November 21st, we'll dine at Cafe Sabori, which is in the heart of Gladstone.

Cafe Sabori focuses on southern Italian cuisine and does it extremely well. The food is truly creative and delicious--an event in itself. We'll dine in their private room, and if the weather is conducive maybe even be able to enjoy a libation on their outdoor heat-lamped deck. This restaurant is a hidden gem! Please do join us!

Date:	Thursday, November 21, 2019
Time - Dinner	6:30 PM
Location:	Cafe Sabori 12 Lackawana Avenue Gladstone, NJ 908-375-8730
Dinner Cost:	Order off menu
BYOB?:	Yes
RSVP To:	morristownnewcomers@gmail.com
RSVP By:	Monday, November 18

Il Capriccio, December 17

We don't always have a Supper Club get-together in December with all the other events demanding our attention. But last year we had such a great time, and turnout at Il Capriccio, that we thought we'd book it again.

We'll dine on Tuesday, December 17, at Il Capriccio in Whippany, in one of their private rooms. As we experienced last year the food, service, and ambiance all rated the five stars that Il Capriccio regularly receives. This is guaranteed to be a lovely Holiday evening.

Please do join us!

Il Capriccio, December 17

Date:	Tuesday, December 17, 2019
Time - Dinner	6:00 PM
Location:	Il Capriccio 633 Route 10 East Whippany, NJ 973-884-9175
Cost:	\$29.95 plus tax, per person (excluding spirits drinks), payable at restaurant
BYOB?:	Full bar
RSVP To:	morristownnewcomers@gmail.com
RSVP By:	Thursday, December 12

3 West, January 15, 2020

To start the New Year (can it really be 2020, twenty years into the century?) we'll dine close by, at the 3 West Restaurant, which is just past the Verizon headquarters toward Basking Ridge.

This restaurant focuses on seasonal 'American Style' cuisine and is a real treat, especially as we'll dine in one of their lovely private rooms. It's located in a small shopping center and there's plenty of parking.

Please do join us!

Date:	Wednesday, January 15, January 15, 2020
Time - Dinner	6:30 PM
Location:	3 West 665 Martinsville Road Basking Ridge, NJ 908-647-3000
Cost:	Order off menu
BYOB?:	Full bar
RSVP To:	morristownnewcomers@gmail.com
RSVP By:	Friday, January 10

Our Community of Giving

Morristown Newcomers and Neighbors have a long tradition of supporting local charities through volunteerism and contributions. The following are some current opportunities to pay it forward.

Pinot's Palette – FUNDRAISER

Join us for a fun evening at a Paint and Sip Party!

Pinot's Palette in Morristown is the place and you are the artist (no talent needed!!!). Art supplies/aprons, professional instruction, music, and wine glasses will be provided. Participants are invited to bring appetizers or a snack to share and their choice of spirits. And, the end of the evening, you will take home your own artistic creation.

A portion of the event fee will benefit the Charitable Activities Fund of Morristown Newcomers and Neighbors. This fund is used to each year to provide a donation to a local charity.

We are also using this opportunity to introduce neighbors and friends to our club to help grow our membership. Members, families, guests and the general public are cordially invited to attend. You will receive a flyer in a separate email blast to share. Please spread the word!

The doors will open at 6:00 and the painting will start at 6:30! The atmosphere is very relaxed and an instructor will provide guidance

This promises to be a unique and fun evening to support charity. Do join us! RSVP soon. Space is limited.

Table of Hope

The Rotary Club serves dinner at the Bethel church, 59 Spring St from 5:30 - 7:00 PM on the last Wednesday of every month. Florencia reserved October 30th for our participation. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact her. We only need 2 or 3 ladies.

Date:	Friday, October 25, 2019
Time - Dinner	6:00 - 9:00 PM
Location:	Pinot's Palette - Paint and Sip Party 40 Market Street Morristown
Cost:	\$45
Questions?:	Call Dee Wilson at 973-425-1610 or DDWilson@comcast.net
RSVP To: Your check is your reservation	Please make your check payable to Morristown Newcomers and Neighbors. Mail to Dona (Dee) Wilson P. O. box 292, New Vernon NJ 07976
RSVP By:	Monday, October 21

Homeless Solutions

The club has been preparing and serving a nutritious meal to clients of Homeless Solutions for over 25 years.

We have committed to the following dates
October 21 2019
December 16 2019
February 17 2020
April 20 2020
June 15 2020

For the first dinner on Monday, October 21st, four Newcomers Club members have already volunteered and three additional volunteers are needed. We meet at the Homeless Solutions' Facility on Hanover Road (entrance off Raynor Road) at 4:30PM and are finished serving by 7:00 PM.

If you would like to provide a "hand up" to those in need and engage in this very rewarding experience, contact morristownnewcomers@gmail.com.

Please join us. We look forward to seeing you!

Join Us!!!

Book Club

The Book Club provides an opportunity to read some wonderful novels.

We would love to have more members share in our friendly dialog about insights and ideas contained in the monthly book selection.

Generally, the Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: Morris County Library
30 East Hanover Avenue
Whippany, NJ 07981
973-285-6930

If you enjoy reading and would like to attend, please RSVP
morristownnewcomers@gmail.com.

Date	Title/Author	Reviewer
11/13/19	Educated by Tara Westover	Paula Quinn
12/11/19	Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison	Florence Luce-Mazurowski
1/8/2020	Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman	Kathy Dunham

Cinema Group

Join the Cinema Group and go to Roberts Cinema for the best of art, independent, and foreign films. We also have dinner after the show.

Betsy Seligson will send emails to notify you of movie dates. If you have questions, you can email
morristownnewcomers@gmail.com.

Ladies Bridge

We have two groups for ladies bridge.

Natalie Simon coordinates bridge on Mondays at 12:30.

Jan Gelson is the chairperson for bridge on Tuesdays at 12:30.

morristownnewcomers@gmail.com

Couples Bridge

If you are looking for something to do on a Monday evening at 7:30 or a Wednesday evening at 7:30, Couples Bridge awaits. Please contact morristownnewcomers@gmail.com if you are interested in playing bridge.

Mah Jongg

Don't forget, Mah Jongg is looking for more players on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 12:30.

Please contact JoAnne LoSapio at morristownnewcomers@gmail.com if you would like to come watch a game being played and learn more about Mah Jongg.

Sing A Song

If you are interested in joining the Women's Club Choir, please contact Florencia for information. No auditions required! The choir begins on October 2nd at 11 AM at the Women's Club, 51 South Street, Morristown.

Florencia can be reached at
morristownnewcomers@gmail.com

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Travel Group

Linda Vitale (973-898-9799) has provided some options for day trips. This in addition to the previously announced trip to Punta Arenas, Chile, one of the southernmost cities in the world, 800 miles from Antarctica.

Grab some of your fellow club members and join one of these Great Horizons excursions.

GET AWAY FOR A DAY!

Sunday, October 6 – Sagamore Hill Estste & Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery and Aquarium

We start the day with a visit to Long Island's North Shore and a visit to Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, the home and "summer white house" of Theodore and Edith Roosevelt. After lunch (included), visit the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery, plus there's time to browse the beautiful downtown area. \$145 -- includes bus transportation from the Frelinghuysen Middle School. Depart 8:00 am/Return 5:45 pm.

Saturday, October 12 –The Museum of the Dog and Hudson Yards- The Vessel

A combination of fine arts and cutting-edge technology! Our first stop boasts one of the largest collections of fine art and artifacts devoted to man's best friend. Then it's on to Hudson Yards where you can enjoy lunch on your own. Your day ends with a tour of The Vessel, an interactive experience that is both a monument and work of art meant to be climbed and explored. (An elevator is available.) \$120 -- includes bus transportation from the Frelinghuysen Middle School. Depart 8:00 am/Return 5:30 pm.

Thursday, October 17 – Frank Lloyd Wright's Temple Beth Sholom and Masonic Temple Philadelphia

Here's your chance to tour two exceptional masterpieces in and around the Philadelphia area. First, visit the Temple Beth Sholom, the only synagogue that was designed by this world-famous architect. After lunch (included), enjoy a tour of the Masonic Temple, often referred to as the most beautiful building in Philadelphia. \$165 includes bus transportation from the Morris Plains Community Center. Depart 8:00 am/Return 6:15pm.

Sunday, October 27 – Untermeyer Park and Gardens & PepsiCo Gardens

It's time for leaf peeping and you have two different gardens to enjoy the fall foliage. First, visit Yonkers' Untermeyer Park and Gardens on a docent-led tour that includes portions of 40+ acres overlooking the Hudson River. The tour takes you to the Walled Garden, the Color Gardens, the Gatehouse, the Temple of Love, the Rock Garden, and the Sundial Garden.

Next you'll head to Tarrytown for lunch (included) at a Hudson River waterfront restaurant. Then it's on to the beautiful Sculpture Garden at PepsiCo, featuring four dozen sculptures by leading artists set on over 100 acres of beautifully manicured lawns and gardens. \$145 -- includes bus transportation from the Frelinghuysen Middle School. Depart 8:00 am/Return 4:30 pm.

Join Us!!!

Friday, November 8— United Nations Tour with lunch in the Delegates Dining Room

Upon arrival at the UN, you will enjoy an elegant lunch (included) in the prestigious Delegates Dining Room. Lunch is a delectable buffet treat, since it takes place during a Chinese Festival that features Royal Court dishes, as well as cuisine inspired and created by top chefs from regions throughout China. Afterwards, enjoy a guided tour of the UN, as well as visiting many of its public rooms that display artwork donated from around the world. \$175 – includes bus transportation from the Morris Plains Community Center. Depart 8:00 am/Return 6:15 pm.

For more information on any of these trips or to register, call 973-513-9001. Or visit grouptourandtravel.com.

