

Barnstable Newcomers Club November 18, 2015

A large group of over 60 members attended the monthly meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Mohan Reported beginning balance October 1, 2015: \$3,635 and ending balance October 31: \$3314. She reported 145 renewing and 9 new members to total 154 paid members.

Old Business

Ron Lyons, acting president, thanked Betty and Bob Silva for their three years of chairing the annual **Pot Luck/ Whist** party. They had another successful event and are stepping down from that job. They are willing to help a new couple run the event for next year and have already reserved the location for October 26, 2016.

Other Business

Mary and Jim Mohan requested members return confirmations to attend **Holiday Dinner Dance** December 9. Deadline is December 4. Questions contact them at 508 419 1601 or marymohan130@yahoo.com.

Ann Reeves again encouraged donations to **Safe Harbor** at the bowling days or Holiday Dinner Dance. Gift cards to stores are especially appreciated.

Doug Scott asked for substitute **bowlers** as in the winter months some bowlers are away in warmer climes.

Ron Lyons asked for someone to step up and volunteer to be **president and vice president** for next year. Our next meeting is March 2016 and we will need to elect new officers soon after that. The president duties include running meetings, issuing two newsletters, and emailing important information. The vice president is in charge of inviting speakers for the meetings.

Speaker Wendy Northcross, CEO Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce

Wendy spoke about the future of bridges over the canal. Current bridges are obsolete and the narrowness of the lanes causes bottlenecks and accidents. There are no bicycle lanes. It is owned by the Army Corps of Engineers. Status of "structurally deficient" will reduce the amount of cargo allowed, which will burden the economy. Public will be included in process to gather traffic data along with Army Corps. A new bridge would alleviate wear and tear on old bridges and be useful with ongoing repairs. An estimated \$360 million might be needed to build a new bridge. Financing might be accomplished through use of tolls collected by transponders attached to cars using the bridges.

Future Events

December 9 Holiday Dinner Dance Call Mary Mohan for more information. Dinner selections and payment due by December 4.

March 16, 2016 meeting Speaker Tom Cambareri. Cape Cod Commission, Watershed Management Director, Water Resources Department

April 6, 2016 BNC Dine Out at Alberto's Ristorante. Coordinator Ron Lyons

April 20, 2016 meeting Speaker Victor Santos. Assistant Vice President of HR at Cape Cod Community College. Subject: Portugal and Islands.

May 18, 2016 Meeting Coordinator Kathy Strudwick