

# NEW CLEVELANDERS NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2020

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear New Clevelanders,

Here we are approaching October. Last night we slept with the windows open and our room was cool and so comfortable. Snuggling into the quilt was wonderful. I love summer, but fall is also a favorite time of year. In Northeast Ohio it can be spectacular. This is the time to make use of the good days and get outside. Enjoy the season! Do you have your pumpkin yet???

We hope you are enjoying our renewed efforts to give you a newsworthy newsletter. Our Activity Chairs have been so generous with their time and energy in providing fun, informative articles, recipes, and information for all of us. They are the best. Reach out to your activity chair if you are feeling out of touch. We are all trying to stay connected one way or another!

There is a fun outdoor activity coming up. Meredith Cores is again organizing a creative outdoor experience to make pumpkin succulents at Auburn Pointe Greenhouse in Chagrin Falls. This will be a safe activity for those who want to be creative. We will be wearing masks and keeping our distance while making something seasonal to bring home to enjoy. Watch for more information to come.

Thank you to all who have renewed membership with New Clevelanders. We are ever hopeful that we will be able to get together sooner rather than later. As soon as that becomes possible maybe we can start a new activity called "Meet me for a vaccine".....

Thanks for reading the newsletter. Take care everyone and best to you all,

Jan Kolb  
President New Clevelanders

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## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The New Clevelanders Club would like to welcome the following new members:

### MARIJANE GAWLINSKI

Marijane and her husband, Kleber Calbo, are moving to Pepper Pike from Miami, Florida. They have one son, Luka (19). Marijane is originally from Brazil, and she moved to the US in 1999. She has lived in Austin, Seattle, and Miami, along with a move to Singapore. She is outgoing and enjoys meeting new people and learning new things. Marijane is looking forward to experiencing all the exciting activities Ohio has to offer.

Marijane is interested in Book Club, Club Gastronomique, Couples Bon Appetit, Crafting for a Cause, Creative Workshops/Pop Ups, Excursions, Evening Book Club, Through the Grapevine, Golf, Happy Hour, Knitting, Lunch Bunch, and Travel Talk. Welcome, Marijane!

### WENDY HART

Wendy and her husband moved to Aurora from Rockford, IL. They have three daughters, Olivia (19), Katie (16), and Charlotte (13). They have ties to Ohio, having lived in Columbus for seven years before moving to Rockford, and Cleveland is where they got engaged! Wendy worked at a veterinary clinic, but she is now a stay-at-home mom who enjoys tennis and wine! She would like to get back into golf as it has been many years since she has played.

Wendy is interested in Afternoon Movie Buffs, Couples Bon Appetit, Creative Workshops/Pop Ups, Excursions, Evening Book Club, Golf, Happy Hour, and Travel Talk. Welcome, Wendy!

## NEW MEMBER COFFEE

**October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00AM**

We are hosting a Zoom meeting for new and prospective members. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Debra Navratil and she will send you the Zoom link. If you are not familiar with Zoom and need help, please do not hesitate to email, or call her and she will walk you through it.

Debra Navratil 703-498-9207  
rttdbr@aol.com

Also, Lunch Bunch will be scheduled right after New Member Coffee for those that are interested in attending that as well.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Schiciano	10/02
Nancy Lykins	10/06
Debbie Canady	10/10
Seema Sharma	10/10
Dee Dee Pearce	10/12
Melinda Baker	10/13
Kathy Esterle	10/13
Jenny Wajciechowski	10/18
Diana Rini Winslow	10/18
Jennifer Cork	10/27
Collette Laisure	10/28
Holly Rankin	10/31

## PUMPKIN SUCCULENT WORKSHOP

Date: Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

Time: 11:30 AM

Place: Auburn Pointe 10089 East Washington St., Chagrin Falls

Details: Join us for a great annual event- a Pumpkin Succulent Workshop at Auburn Pointe Greenhouse. Cost for the workshop is \$30/person. You will be able to choose from one large, two medium or three mini pumpkins in a variety of colors and styles. Everyone will get a tray of thirty mixed succulents that you will affix to the pumpkins using moss and hot glue.

The pumpkins last for months, and the succulents can be transplanted later if you choose. Participation is limited to 15 people (I can take a waiting list after that). We will be outside in the greenhouse where there is plenty of room to spread out.

Please contact Meredith Cores at [coresm@bellsouth.net](mailto:coresm@bellsouth.net) or 404-433-9182 to register. You will pay the day of the class. This is always a popular workshop, so do not delay in registering.

## BOARD MEETING

Date: Monday, October 5th

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Virtual meeting hosted by Jan Kolb.

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## ~~ ACTIVITIES ~~

### BENEFIT BEAT

Date: No October Activity

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Chairs: Debra Van Scoik 717-830-3180  
[dgvanscoik@gmail.com](mailto:dgvanscoik@gmail.com)

Linda Kresnye 440-903-1007  
[lkresnye@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lkresnye@sbcglobal.net)

Details: Benefit Beat has no in-person activities this month because of COVID. We will continue to provide monthly updates to members through the newsletter.

### BOOK CLUB

Date: Wednesday, October 7th

Time: 10:00am

Place: Zoom Meeting

Chair: Susan Cheshire 203-526-7413  
[scheshire6113@earthlink.net](mailto:scheshire6113@earthlink.net)

Details: **October 7:** *Overstory* by Richard Powers: This book is a New York Times Bestseller and winner of the Pulitzer Prize in fiction. Start early as the book takes time to read.

November 4: *The Song of Jade Lily* by Kirsty Manning. This is a gripping historical novel that tells the little-known story of Jewish refugees who fled to Shanghai during WWII.

December 3 (tentative): *Necessary Lies* by Diane Chamberlain. This book is about a small southern town fifty years ago. This book will make you question right from wrong.

Please feel free to attend the Zoom meeting **even if you have not read the book.**

### BUNKO

Date: No October Activity

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Chairs: Michelle Daunch 216-469-0613  
[mdaunch@yahoo.com](mailto:mdaunch@yahoo.com)

Monika Hellstern 203-217-1971  
[mkhellstern@yahoo.com](mailto:mkhellstern@yahoo.com)

Details: Hello Ladies! This is for those of you that are real Bunko lovers!!! Even though we cannot meet in person to play Bunko right now there is a way to play bunko. Online of course! Real. Actual. Bunko. It is a website called Yapping Moose. There are all sorts of online games there including Bunko. You can play against the computer or with multiple tables. Check it out and see if there is something that you might like to play. Hope this helps a little, until we meet again!

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## CANASTA

Date: No October Activity

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Chairs: Cherie Arnold 440-247-6104  
[cherie\\_arnold@yahoo.com](mailto:cherie_arnold@yahoo.com)

Details: The game of Canasta was devised in Uruguay in 1939 and was introduced to the United States in 1949. Many variations of the game exist, and New Clevelanders have their very own variation. We play with 4 players in two partnerships with 5 decks of cards. If you would like a copy of the rules we use, please contact the Canasta Activity Chair.

## CLUB GASTRONOMIQUE (Club G - Formerly Yummy)

**Each group's head chef will determine the date, time, and place of the meetings.**

Chair: Kelley Niven 269-615-2288  
[dandkniven@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dandkniven@sbcglobal.net)

Details: Hello Club G friends! I hope you are all staying safe and eating well! With our renewed global interest in cooking what better time to reach out to your friends from your group and say hello by sharing a recipe or two? I know I miss hearing from everyone in my group and would like to keep in touch. If you are not someone with a lot of favorite recipes, you can share an idea for a semi-convenience food. Other ideas for socially distanced gatherings would be a Club G group picnic, a Zoom cooking class, or a small group happy hour on a patio.

Here is a recipe for a special concoction that takes advantage of the summer's bounty.

Recipe: **Basil Infused Vodka Gimlet**

In January, before we were all shut in, my husband and I took a cocktail mixing class at the Violet Hour in Chicago. It is one of only three James Beard award winning bars in the country! One of the drinks we made was a classic Gimlet, which it turns out I love! Here is my twist on this classic drink. And a perfect way to use up an excess of basil right now - which I certainly have right now!

To make Basil Infused Vodka, take a clean jar with a lid and loosely pack it with fresh basil. I recommend leaving the stems on so the leaves stay dispersed in the liquid rather than all float to the top. Fill with your favorite Vodka (I always use Tito's for this), put the lid on and store in the fridge for 3 days. After 3 days strain the vodka and put it back in the jar for use.

To make simple syrup mix 1 cup really hot water with 1 cup sugar and stir to dissolve. No need to boil, just keep stirring.

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A note about lime juice - according to the Violet Hour, you should squeeze the limes an hour ahead for optimum flavor. Lemons should be used immediately. Grapefruit juice should be squeezed a day ahead.

To the small cup of a two-piece cocktail shaker add:

- 1) 1 Cup Ice
- 2) 2 oz Basil Infused Vodka
- 3) 3/4 oz Simple Syrup
- 4) 3/4 oz Freshly Squeezed Lime Juice (about 1 lime)

Cover with remaining lid and shake horizontally for at least 30 seconds. You want it to get frothy. Strain into your favorite cocktail glass. Garnish with a fresh basil leaf and a small wedge of lime. \*\* I usually double this because who likes to drink alone! Enjoy.

If you would like to be part of a New Clevelanders Recipe Exchange TEXT me (Kelley Niven) at 269-615-2288 and I will add you to the group. You will have to send one recipe to start and we will take it from there. Please do not sign up if you are not going to send your recipe. New Clevelanders members only please!

### EXCURSIONS

Date: Thursday, October 8th

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.?

Place: The Holden Arboretum, 9500 Sperry Road, Willoughby, OH 44094

Chair: Jamie Wolf 847-602-7043  
[wolffamily5@hotmail.com](mailto:wolffamily5@hotmail.com)

Details: Our excursion for October is at the lovely Holden Arboretum. There are several trails, cell phone tour, and gardens to explore. The views are gorgeous! We will meet at the gardens at 10am followed by a picnic lunch (bring your own lunch and chair for social distancing purposes). The cost is \$15 which must be paid in advance online.

Please RSVP via e-mail to Jamie Wolf, if you are interested so that we can plan groups accordingly. Detailed information on the excursion and where to meet will be sent via email prior to the excursion.

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## FOOD AND WINE SOCIETY (A NEW ACTIVITY!!)

Date: No October Activity

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Chair: Susan Cheshire 203-526-7413  
[scheshire6113@earthlink.net](mailto:scheshire6113@earthlink.net)

Details: Goodbye to Bon Appetit and Through the Grapevine activities! Hello to the Food and Wine Society. Coming: Spring 2021. Details to follow next year.

## GOLF

Date: End of season – no scheduled dates Wednesday Mornings

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Chair: Nancy Lykins 330-995-6045  
[nllykins@aol.com](mailto:nllykins@aol.com)

Details: Golf will wind down in October as the weather changes. Emails will continue to go out for Wednesday morning play, weather permitting. Thanks to the gals who came out and played this crazy season- we were distanced and had fun! We will monitor conditions as we get to Spring 2021 as far as offering golf lessons at The Golf Dome in April.

## KNITTING

Date: No October Dates

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Chair: Veda Penick 216-470-5092  
[vedapenick@gmail.com](mailto:vedapenick@gmail.com)

Details: Although we are not meeting currently, Around The Table yarn shop in Shaker Heights is offering socially distanced, outside knitting spots by appointment. Umbrellas are set up and you just bring your own chair and knit, ask questions, and buy yarn if desired. Knitters can also meet at the home of Veda Penick (just a few people at a time).

If you are comfortable meeting, Veda can show you how to knit and/or go over pattern ideas. Contact Veda if you want to be on the mailing list. Fall is coming, so let us think yarn!

## LADIES MIXER (Formerly Happy Hour)

Date: On Hold Due to COVID-19

Time: To Be Determined

Place: N/A

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**Chair:** Laura Regelski 585-747-2160  
[lregelski@gmail.com](mailto:lregelski@gmail.com)

**Details:** To me, fall is wine. If I had to pick a yummy wine for a perfect fall day, it would have to be a Cotes du Rhône. This red varietal comes from the Rhône River Valley of France, which is one of the oldest vineyard regions in the world. One thing I love about it, is that it pairs well with just about anything - from pizza to roasted chicken. This fruit-forward wine has a smooth finish, and a fantastic price point, and is my pick for the perfect fall drink! A good bottle of French wine for under \$20. What more can you ask for?

If you have not yet tried a Cotes du Rhône, and decide to grab a bottle, please let me know how you like it. I would love to hear your feedback. Until next month, cheers!

### LUNCH BUNCH

**Date:** Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. (See eblast for details on the 10/01 luncheon)

**Time:** 11:15 AM

**Place:** Rise & Dine  
12769 Chillicothe, Rd, Chesterland, OH

**Chair:** Heather Rawlings 812-374-7654  
[heather.rawlings@comcast.net](mailto:heather.rawlings@comcast.net)

**Details:** Please email Heather on or before October 26<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

Since I have only been in Ohio for a year, please feel free to send me suggestions on locations or ideas you may have. I would appreciate it! For those of you who are new or have not been on the list previously, please email Heather.

### MAH JONGG

**Date:** No meetings in October.

**Time:** N/A

**Place:** N/A

**Chair:** Jean Spangenberg 216-533-5940  
[suarte85@roadrunner.com](mailto:suarte85@roadrunner.com)

**Details:** Did you know that the origins of mahjong are quite disputed and it is possible that the Chinese teacher Confucius designed the game around 500 BC; or the Chinese military invented it in the later 1800s; or it simply grew or was created out of other similar styled games. Mahjong became known to the English-speaking world around 1895, and began being imported in North America in the 1920's. The rules of the game were printed in English by various people which caused the game to have many variations.

Please contact Jean with any questions or wish to be added to the email list.

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## PICKLEBALL

Date: End of season, no further sessions until next summer.

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Chair: Karen Lee 216-926-9637  
[kslee27@gmail.com](mailto:kslee27@gmail.com)

Details: Please RSVP to Karen or let her know if you have any questions or wish to be added to the email list.

## TRAVEL TALK

Date: No October Meeting

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Chair: Kathy DeMerit 408-656-7163  
[kdemerit@yahoo.com](mailto:kdemerit@yahoo.com)

Details: We will not hold any Travel Talk meetings until it is safe to gather. I know many of you are taking road trips and that will be the theme of our next meeting ("Road Trips in 2020").

## WALKING CLUB

Date: No date set yet for October. The plan is to meet on the first and fourth Tuesday of the month to walk. Stay tuned!

Time: TBD

Place: TBD

Chair: Kathy DeMerit 408-656-7163  
[kdemerit@yahoo.com](mailto:kdemerit@yahoo.com)

Details: For more details, please contact Kathy DeMerit.