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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

September already? Maybe we will see some colors starting in the trees. And hopefully we are getting closer to a solution and prevention for COVID-19. This virus has effected so many and caused such pain, hardship, and sacrifice. We will come out the other side!

Because New Clevelanders is a social club, we are especially impacted. Even though our activities are difficult to organize right now, please read all about how our Activity Chairs are staying connected with their members.

Please address any questions or concerns about your activities, directly with your chairperson. If you are feeling out of touch or unsure about what is going on with your activity, please reach out. Don't hesitate to contact me directly if you choose.

Some Activity Chairs have offered Zoom meetings. I know this is not ideal, but it is one way to at least see people and hear from them. I recently joined the virtual meeting for Book Club and it worked great. Outdoor gatherings are also fairly safe and possible for those comfortable meeting this way.

If we had been able to hold our kick-off luncheon in August, we would have collected school supplies for kids in need. That is still possible and we encourage participation. Please read the article under Benefit Beat for details.

We'll be in touch soon and best to everyone!

Jan Kolb

President, New Clevelanders

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OUT AND ABOUT

Please refer to last month's newsletter for information on what is going on around us.

We can still get 'out and about' in spite of COVID-19.

NEW MEMBER COFFEE

Details to be Announced for an Outdoor Setting

Anyone is invited to attend the coffee event.

Just let the hostess know in advance (Debra Navratil 703-498-9207).

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Gail Hitchcock	9/4
Mary Woloszyn-Trantham	9/4
Holly Boykin	9/6
Merryl Carlsson	9/10
Karen Mazala	9/10
Grace Zillich	9/11
Kathy O'Donnell	9/14
Veda Penick	9/16
Vickie Hoskins	9/22
Kim Suder	9/23
Kim Gallagher	9/25
Stephanie Gerspacher	9/30

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

Date: Monday, September 7

Time: 10:00am

Place: Virtual meeting hosted by Jan Kolb

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BENEFIT BEAT

Date: Monday, September 21 (Drop Off Date for **Stuff the Bus**)

Time: N/A

Place: You can drop off your contributions at Debra Van Scoik's (7700 Cottonwood Trail, Chagrin Falls) or Linda Kresnye's home (5440 Stone Creek Drive, Solon).

Chairs: Debra Van Scoik 717-830-3180
dgvanscoik@gmail.com

Linda Kresnye 440-903-1007
lkresnye@sbcglobal.net

Details: Whether learning takes place virtually or in the classroom when the school year starts, having adequate school supplies remains essential for success. Benefit Beat will participate again in '**Stuff the Bus**' to help ensure that at risk kids have the needed supplies and are ready to learn. You can help by:

- 1) **Purchasing Supplies.** The most needed supplies this year are jumbo crayons for younger students, highlighters, hand sanitizer, pencil cases (hard plastic) and scissors (larger sizes for older students); or
- 2) **Making a Donation.** Shoes and Clothes for Kids (SC4K) will purchase items through their community partners.

Contributions will be delivered to SC4K the following day. Thank you!

BOOK CLUB

Date: Wednesday, September 2

Time: 10:00am

Place: Zoom Meeting

Chairs: Katherine Curran 330-518-5126
mz9883@sbcglobal.net

Susan Cheshire 203-526-7413
scheshire5113@earthlink.net

Details: Hello fellow booklovers and those ladies who would like to try something new! The New Clevelanders Book Club has gone virtual. We 'meet' the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00am.

In August, we discussed the book *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. Six women had a lively, informative discussion of this book. Each woman had their own perspective on the book, which makes the discussion remarkably interesting!

At the August meeting, the group decided to read the following books for the remainder of the calendar year:

September 2: *A Well Behaved Woman: A Novel of the Vanderbilts* by Therese Anne Fowler. If you are missing *Downton Abbey*, this book is for you.

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October 7: *Overstory* by Richard Powers. This book is a New York Times Bestseller. 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.

While not on the above list, I highly recommend a mystery by Ruth Ware, *Turn of the Key*. I was so surprised by the ending!

Do you ever forget the books you have already read? I have. If you can believe it was the book *What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty!! Fellow New Clevelander, Debra Navratil, suggested an app called **Goodreads**, which has solved my problem. Goodreads members, keep a virtual bookshelf of what you have read, and build your to-read list as you discover great books on the app. Goodreads is a free service and allows you to see book reviews and updates from your friends.

Please feel free to attend the Zoom meeting **even if you have not read the book**. If you need assistance with Zoom, please feel free to contact me. Fellow New Clevelander, Lisa Newburger, taught me how to use Zoom so I can pass along my knowledge.

BUNKO

Date: Contact the Activity Chairs

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Chairs: Diane Rini Winslow 440-781-5280
driniwinslow@yahoo.com

Michelle Daunch 216-469-0613
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CANASTA

Date: Contact the Activity Chairs

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Chairs: Jenny Wajciechowski 440-591-5408
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Cherie Arnold 440-247-6104
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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 Chairs.

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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

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're not someone with a lot of favorite recipes, you can share an idea for a semi-convenience food. For me that would be the Eggplant Cutlets from Miles Market. I'll share what I do with them in the recipe below. 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.

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

Recipe: [Eggplant Rollatini](#)

I fully admit that I used to spend hours slicing, breading and frying eggplant to make this, but pre-cooked Eggplant Cutlets are available from Miles Market. They are delicious and SO much easier! They don't always have them in the ready to eat case, so I usually call a day or so ahead and order them. This can be served as a main dish or a side.

Ingredients

8-12 eggplant cutlets
1 16 oz container ricotta cheese
1 egg, slightly beaten
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
1/2 t nutmeg
2 T diced fresh basil, or 1 t dried basil
1 t salt
Your favorite marinara sauce

Directions

1. Mix together all cheeses, egg and spices. Using a small scoop, place a 1" row of the cheese mixture across the middle of the short side of each eggplant piece.
2. Roll up from the small end (it will look something like a cannoli), place in a glass baking dish, and cover with marinara.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes. Shred more basil on top as a garnish. Enjoy!

EXCURSIONS

Date: See Details Below

Time: To Be Determined

Place: Outdoor Venues, Virtual

Chair: Jamie Wolf 440-557-5128 wolffamily5@hotmail.com

Details: 2020 Excursions this year is going to be a little different. All of the 'in person' excursions will be outdoor venues. Once the cold weather ventures in we will move to more virtual excursions or in person depending on how comfortable we are feeling at the time. It has been an interesting summer finding new ways of entertaining my family and getting together with friends. It was great to be outdoors and explore. Small groups of us have met at different parks or the many

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gazebos around Northeast Ohio.

For the fall, excursions will include short walking trails in the Metro Parks and/or The Majestic Meadows Alpaca Farm followed by a picnic lunch. The Holden Arboretum has many education options with the park, guided phone tours, themed walks, and exhibits all out in the open air. If you cannot make it try one of their virtual learning opportunities at holdenarb.org. Anyone can explore and be inspired.

For the colder months, where it may be harder to safely social distance, excursions will be watching a virtual excursion. Examples may be the Cleveland Art Museum, Kennedy Space Center, or another interesting place. For those who wish, we will Zoom to talk and share about that particular excursion.

Please sign up for excursions for more details about the upcoming excursions for each month. Also please feel free to contact me with any social distancing questions you have regarding a particular excursion. I plan to follow all guidelines and keep us in small groups. I look forward to seeing my fellow New Clevelanders soon!!

GOLF

Date: Wednesday Mornings

Time: Arrive at 7:30am. Tee times are 7:47am, 7:58am and 8:06am.

Place: Gleneagles Country Club

Chair: Nancy Lykins 330-995-6045 nllykins@aol.com

Details: In spite of COVID-19, we have been playing weekly at Gleneagles. There isn't a large number of us, but we are a pretty committed group! Walking allows us to easily stay distanced but still allows for conversations and fun!! Carts are available and sanitized.

Weekly emails for sign up go out Wednesday or Thursday for RSVP by Monday (play on Wednesday).

KNITTING

Date: See Details Below

Time: To Be Determined

Place: Zoom Meetings, Around the Table Yarn Shop, Veda Penick's Home

Chair: Veda Penick 216-470-5092 vedapenick@gmail.com

Details: We are hoping to offer more Zoom meetings with Norla from Saudi Arabia. Right now though, we have some other options for all knitters and wannabe knitters. 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's think yarn!

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LUNCH BUNCH

Date: See Details Below

Time: To Be Determined

Place: Outdoor Locations, Zoom Meetings

Chair: Heather Rawlings 812-374-7654 heather.rawlings@comcast.net

Details: Lunch Bunch will probably look very different this year, but it doesn't mean we can't be creative and have some fun! I will be looking into outdoor locations where we may bring our own lunch and social distance. Zoom lunches where we can keep in touch and meet new members virtually is also something we can all try to stay connected.

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'd appreciate it!

Here are a few lunch locations that offer outdoor/open air seating that you may want to visit on your own...

- Sharon James Cellar, Newbury
- M Italian, Chagrin Falls
- 3 Palms Pizza, Pinecrest
- Coyote Mexican Grille, Bainbridge

For those of you who are new or haven't been on the list previously, please email me.

MAH JONGG

Date: Contact the Activity Chair

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Chair: Jean Spangenberg 216-533-5940 suarte85@roadrunner.com

PICKLEBALL

Date: Wednesday Mornings

Time: 9:00am

Place: Sussex Family Center Courts (19824 Sussex Road, Shaker Heights – just off Chagrin Blvd)

Chair: Karen Lee 216-926-9637 kslee27@gmail.com

Details: Please RSVP to Karen or let her know if you have any questions. We play 1 ½ hours or longer depending on interest. You will need to bring your own paddle, water and anything else you need to play outside. Please wear good tennis/court shoes to avoid injuries. Or if you are new to the sport and don't want to buy a paddle right away before trying the sport, Karen has a few extras that she can bring. See you on the courts.

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SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE LADIES MIXER (Formerly Happy Hour)

Date: On Hold Due to COVID-19 – See Details Below

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Chair: Laura Regelski 585-747-2160 lregelski@gmail.com

Details: I'm waiting patiently for the next time we can get together for our Ladies Mixer, but for now, here are a few Margarita recipes to help tie you over.

Drinking Instructions: If you just want to relax, have one. If you're worried, have two, and if you're anxious, have three. Until next month, enjoy.

Recipe: **Classic Frozen Margaritas**

Ingredients

Lime rounds, for garnish
Kosher salt

8 oz. silver tequila
1 c. fresh lime juice
4 oz. triple sec
2 oz. simple syrup
6 c. ice

Directions

1. Rim 4 glasses with lime and dip in salt.
2. Combine tequila, lime juice, triple sec, simple syrup, and ice in a blender. Blend until slushy consistency.
3. Pour into glasses and garnish with lime rounds.



Recipe: **Mimosa Margaritas**

Ingredients

2 c. orange juice
1/2 c. tequila
1/4 c. lime juice
Lime wedge, for rimming glasses
Coarse salt, for rimming glasses
1 bottle champagne or prosecco
Orange and lime slices for serving

Directions

1. In a pitcher, combine orange juice, tequila, and lime juice and stir to combine.
2. Rim glass rims with lime and dip in salt. Pour in orange juice mixture and top off with champagne.
3. Add sliced oranges and limes to glasses and serve.



TRAVEL TALK

Date: No September Meeting

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Chair: Kathy DeMerit 408-656-7163 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"). Happy September.

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THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

Date: On Hold Due to COVID-19 – See Details Below

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

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Details: Although our wine tasting adventures are on hold right now, you may want to consider virtual wine tastings from the comfort of your own home as experts talk you through their tasting notes, winemaking process, and favorite pairings.

Below are some online sites that are streaming the winemakers, wine critics and other pros to you through a series of free virtual wine tastings and podcasts.

- <https://www.wine.com/content/landing/virtual-tastings>
- <https://www.localwineevents.com/virtual-tastings>
- <https://www.localwineevents.com/wine-and-food-web-series-and-podcasts>
- <https://prioritywinepass.com/virtual-wine-tasting/#wineries>

Also, if you want to brush up on your wine knowledge, check out the top 32 wine books to add to your library at <https://www.napaValley.com/blog/best-wine-books/>.