

# HOLLAND AREA NEWCOMERS

HAN QUARTERLY - SUMMER 2020

## COVID-19 CHANGES EVERYTHING

We hope you are staying safe and healthy during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

At this time, we have cancelled all activities going forward, except for Book Discussion. Book Discussion has been going strong through the pandemic by meeting on Zoom. We will continue meeting on Zoom or if the weather is cooperative, we will meet together outside where we can social distance.

The September picnic is definitely cancelled since it is a meeting place that is located indoors. The December Holiday Party is pending. More information will be available in our Fall newsletter.

Due to the pandemic and the club not able to meet, we are waiving the membership fee for the 2020-2021 year. In the fall, we will ask for updates to your contact information.

I would also love to extend a warm welcome to our new Membership Chairperson: Loie Gustafson. If you have any leads for a new member, please email Loie, at [membership@hollandnewcomers.com](mailto:membership@hollandnewcomers.com).

If there are any members that need assistance or some conversation, please reach out to another member. We are here for each other!

Becky Blackburn  
President  
Holland Newcomers



## DO YOU LOVE MEETING NEW PEOPLE?

If you answered yes, we would love for you to join our Board! We currently have two positions open: **TREASURER** and **NEWSLETTER**. If you are interested in learning more about one of these positions, please email [president@hollandnewcomers.com](mailto:president@hollandnewcomers.com).

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

## KIDS' FOOD BASKET

Did you know that Kids' Food Basket has served over 280,000 healthy and nourishing meals to children and families in West Michigan since the beginning of COVID-19 and the closure of our schools? Kids' Food Basket covers Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa and Allegan counties.

Due to the growing demand for healthy food access in Ottawa and Allegan counties, the new location for Kids' Food Basket is 652 Hastings Avenue in Holland.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our HAN volunteer opportunities have been cancelled until further notice. Thank you to all the members of HAN who helped pack sack suppers prior to the pandemic.

## BOOK DISCUSSION

While many of our activities have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 epidemic, Book Discussion has continued to meet each month online via the Zoom application. Direction from the State of Michigan, and the CDC, will determine if we are able to meet in person (following social distancing guidelines, etc.) or will continue meet online via Zoom.

Please watch your email for meeting information each month and be sure to double check your inbox the day of to ensure we haven't had to change the meeting venue due to weather or changes in group-gathering guidelines. We hope to see you in July!

Here are the books we'll be reading for the next three months:

## July



### **One Red Shoe by Diane Burton**

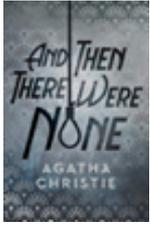
It Happened One Night meets Knight and Day. When elementary teacher Daria Mason left Iowa for a writers' conference in New York City, she didn't expect to come home with a wounded spy. Daria's life in Small Town, USA is too predictable. She fears turning into a spinster living out her days with four old bachelor brothers. Determined to change, she won't go into her thirties the same person who let life pass her by. She just wishes she was as strong as the kick-butt heroine in her stories.

## August



### **The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin**

When Anne Morrow, a shy college senior with hidden literary aspirations, travels to Mexico City to spend Christmas with her family, she meets Colonel Charles Lindbergh, fresh off his celebrated 1927 solo flight across the Atlantic. Enthralled by Charles's assurance and fame, Anne is certain the aviator has scarcely noticed her. But she is wrong. Charles sees in Anne a kindred spirit, a fellow adventurer, and her world will be changed forever. The two marry in a headline-making wedding. In the years that follow, Anne becomes the first licensed female glider pilot in the United States. But despite this and other major achievements, she is viewed merely as the aviator's wife. The fairytale life she once longed for will bring heartbreak and hardships, ultimately pushing her to reconcile her need for love and her desire for independence, and to embrace, at last, life's infinite possibilities for change and happiness.



**And Then There Were None**

**by Agatha Christie**

First, there were ten—a curious assortment of strangers summoned as weekend guests to a little private island off the coast of Devon. Their host, an eccentric millionaire unknown to all of them, is nowhere to be found. All that the guests have in common is a wicked past they're unwilling to reveal—and a secret that will seal their fate. For each has been marked for murder. A famous nursery rhyme is framed and hung in every room of the mansion:

"Ten little boys went out to dine; One choked his little self and then there were nine. Nine little boys sat up very late; One overslept himself and then there were eight. Eight little boys traveling in Devon; One said he'd stay there then there were seven. Seven little boys chopping up sticks; One chopped himself in half and then there were six. Six little boys playing with a hive; A bumblebee stung one and then there were five. Five little boys going in for law; One got in Chancery and then there were four. Four little boys going out to sea; A red herring swallowed one and then there were three. Three little boys walking in the zoo; A big bear hugged one and then there were two. Two little boys sitting in the sun; One got frizzled up and then there was one. One little boy left all alone; He went out and hanged himself and then there were none."

When they realize that murders are occurring as described in the rhyme, terror mounts. One by one they fall prey. Before the weekend is out, there will be none. Who has choreographed this dastardly scheme? And who will be left to tell the tale? Only the dead are above suspicion.