

Spring 2022 Holland Area Newcomers

HAN Quarterly

Dutch Costume Resale

The 2022 DCR will be run by Tulip Time. The date for costume drop off is Tuesday, April 19 from Noon to 6 p.m. at the Tulip Time office on 8th Street. The sale will be held at the Holland Civic Center on Wednesday, April 20 from 5 to 8 p.m.. It's great that the HAN community service event for almost 70 years will be continued by Tulip Time.

Community Service

The Kids' Food Basket is a local organization that HAN members can volunteer at all year long. The Kids' Food Basket provides sack suppers for children in Ottawa and Allegan counties. The office is located at 652 Hastings Avenue in Holland. HAN members have decorated lunch bags, packed sack suppers, and have helped prep some of the food items. The volunteer shifts are: Monday-Wednesday sack supper packing 10-11:30 a.m. (8 volunteers per shift) and food prep from 1-2 p.m. (6 volunteers per shift). They are also in need of substitute drivers. If being a driver is of interest to you, contact Jane Berkey at jane@kidsfoodbasket.org. You can check

out the details of this grassroots community solution to childhood hunger at www.kidsfoodbasket.org.

Another volunteering option is at The Pantry for the Community Action House. Check out all the volunteer opportunities available for the Community Action house at www.communityactionhouse.org.

If you have any suggestions for other community service opportunities, please email hansocials@hollandnewcomers.com.



Ladies Who Lunch

In view of the rapid changes of life these days, it may be necessary to adjust the lunch schedule. Watch your email for updates.

Please be sure to make a reservation when you receive an email to ensure the restaurant can prepare comfortable and safe seating for the HAN group. Chairs can be emailed at hansocials@hollandnewcomers.com.

April: Bowerman's on 8th in Holland is the location for Wednesday, April 13th at Noon.

May: Salt and Pepper located at 11539 E. Lakewood in Holland is the location for Wednesday, May 11 at Noon.

June: Hop Cat at 80 W. 8th in Holland will be the restaurant for Thursday, June 9 at Noon.

Diners

Our goal is to invite all adult members; male and female, single or married, younger or older, for a monthly night out. We usually meet for dinner at a local restaurant. Other options are dinner and a movie or concert, or dinner at a member's home. Diners is hoping to start back up in May or June. The challenge is to find restaurants that have the staff to handle larger groups. If you have any ideas please email them to diners@hollandnewcomers.com.

Book Discussion

The HAN book group is held the 4th Tuesday of every month at a member's home. Book Discussion uses the Herrick Library Book Bags for the books. There is no need to purchase a book to participate in the group. Watch your email for the monthly details.

Email

bookdiscussion@hollandnewcomers.com with any questions.

APRIL

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb "I come from a country that was created at midnight. When I almost died it was just after midday."

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education.

On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive. Instead, Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations in New York. At sixteen, she became a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest nominee ever for the Nobel Peace Prize.

I AM MALALA is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who,

himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons.

MAY

Caste: The Origins of Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson “As we go about our daily lives, caste is the wordless usher in a darkened theater, flashlight cast down in the aisles, guiding us to our assigned seats for a performance. The hierarchy of caste is not about feelings or morality. It is about power—which groups have it and which do not.”

In this brilliant book, Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings.

Beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system that influences people’s lives and behavior and the nation’s fate. Linking the caste systems of America, India, and Nazi Germany, Wilkerson explores eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, bloodlines, stigma, and more. Using riveting stories about people—including Martin Luther King, Jr., baseball’s Satchel Paige, a single father and his toddler son, Wilkerson herself, and many others—she shows the ways that the insidious undertow of caste is experienced every day. She

documents how the Nazis studied the racial systems in America to plan their out-cast of the Jews; she discusses why the cruel logic of caste requires that there be a bottom rung for those in the middle to measure themselves against; she writes about the surprising health costs of caste, in depression and life expectancy, and the effects of this hierarchy on our culture and politics. Finally, she points forward to ways America can move beyond the artificial and destructive separations of human divisions, toward hope in our common humanity.

Beautifully written, original, and revealing, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* is an eye-opening story of people and history, and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of ordinary lives and of American life today.

JUNE

A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler “It was a beautiful, breezy, yellow-and-green afternoon ...” This is how Abby Whitshank always describes the day she fell in love with Red in July 1959.

From Red’s parents, newly arrived in Baltimore in the 1920s, to the grandchildren carrying the Whitshank legacy boisterously into the twenty-first century, the Whitshanks are one of those families that radiate an indefinable kind of specialness, but like all families, their stories reveal only part of the picture: Abby and Red and their four grown children have accumulated not only tender moments, laughter, and celebrations, but also jealousies, disappointments, and carefully guarded secrets.

Membership

The completed list for 2021-2022 was emailed to all current HAN members a few months ago. Please proof your personal information. And report any needed corrections to the chairperson at membership@hollandnewcomers.com. Our list is never shared or made public.

Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out is always open to future fun ideas. Please email your suggestions to hansocials@hollandnewcomers.com.

Are you a fan of the TV show America's Got Talent? If so you may have seen comedian Samuel Comroe's performances in 2018. Plan to join us for a night of hilarious, fun comedy at the PARK THEATRE in downtown Holland on April 21. Not familiar with him? Click this link to see his audition on AGT: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klrl_8YsZCs

Tickets will be \$29 for the VIP section which guarantee seating at the front of the theater. An email with additional information for RSVPing will be sent to members' email soon.

May

Do you like gathering with friends? Do you enjoy the challenge of jigsaw puzzles? If your answer is yes then we have the event

for you! In May PUZZLEMANIA! is coming to HAN! We will meet at a member's home and in teams of two to four to face the challenge of putting together a puzzle. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team! Please plan to bring a snack to share. If you are interested in hosting this event please let us know by sending an email to shirstarman@gmail.com. Additional information with date and time will be sent to members through email once we have a host.

June

On June 24 we will meet at Kollen Park for the sounds of Don Middlebrook at Holland's summer concert series. Dan describes himself as a trop rock singer/songwriter and has been a staple of Holland's Summer Concert series for several years.

From the holland.org website: "*Summer Concerts at Kollen Park are one of the most popular spots to be on Friday evenings in the summer in Holland. From 6:30 - 8:30 PM, the park comes alive with music and dancing. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic basket and enjoy the sounds of summer at the Kollen Park Bandshell. Concerts are kid friendly and FREE! Please have pets on a leash. Alcohol is prohibited at Kollen Park.*"