

Fall 2021

Holland Area Newcomers

HAN Quarterly

Thank You

The HAN board and all the members of the newcomers group would like to thank Becky B. for completing her two year term as our president. As president, she brought about some good changes with her fresh ideas for HAN. Becky did a fantastic job keeping us organized and active during some very difficult months. We cannot thank you enough for all you have done for our group.

Community Service

After almost 70 years of running the Dutch Costume Resale event for the Holland community, the board of HAN has voted to end this community service project. The cost of running the event and the number of volunteers needed to make it a success no longer fit our current budget or membership numbers.

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.

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

Save the Date

The holiday party will return for 2021! Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 6th. The party will be held at the home of Char and Cas L. The details will be emailed to membership closer to the event date. We do request that you need to be vaccinated and if you are not feeling well, please do not attend.

Ladies Who Lunch

The Fall lineup is all set for the ladies of HAN. You will be receiving monthly emails for the details of each lunch. If outside dining is available and the weather cooperates, the lunches will be outdoors. In view of the rapid changes of life these days, it may be necessary to adjust the 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.

October: Boatwerks Waterfront Restaurant located at 216 VanRaalte, Holland. Tuesday, October 12 at Noon

November: Seventy Six located at 52 West 8th, Holland. Wednesday, November 10 at Noon

December: Crazy Horse located at 2027 N. Park Dr., Holland. Thursday, December 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 will remain on a break until restaurants are able to handle larger groups in a safe manner. The email for diners is 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. The book for October is Finding Chika by Mitch Bloom. November's book is Educated by Tara Westover. Email bookdiscussion@hollandnewcomers.com with any questions.



Membership

Our membership chair is busy organizing the new list for 2021-2022. The completed list will be emailed to all current HAN members. Please proof your personal information when you receive the listing. And report any needed corrections to the chairperson at membership@hollandnewcomers.com. Our list is never shared or made public.

Ladies Night Out

In October we will come together for an evening at the movies at the Holland AMC theatre. 'BOND. JAMES BOND' is back. In 'No Time to Die' Bond has left active service for a quiet life in Jamaica. His retirement is interrupted when an old friend, CIA officer [Felix Leiter](#), asks for his help in the search for a missing scientist. Stay tuned for an email with more information once the theatre publishes show dates and times.

Mark your November calendar for a paint party at Paint A Pot on 8th st in Holland. We have a private party room reserved for November 2nd at 2 p.m. and can bring snacks and drinks to enjoy as we create!

From the company's website: *You come in and pick out a piece of pottery. Next, you pick the paint colors that fit your taste. Finally, sit down and paint your piece of pottery. The process is extremely simple. Just sit down and relax. It's art therapy for the young and old! One week later... You pick up your pottery or we'll ship it to you. Your finished item is microwave, dishwasher, and oven safe. Our finished pottery is non-toxic so it's safe to eat from.*

Prices start at under \$10, depending on your choice of pottery. Christmas ornaments are available starting at \$8. There's something for everyone!



The company's website, www.paintapot.net, provides additional information and ideas. Just go to 'more' and then 'art gallery.'

For the month of December we will resume our annual Wine and Wreath party. Though the event is no longer held at the Ellerbroek landscaping location in Holland it is still coordinated by Linda Ellerbroek, along with her niece Rachel Sabella, at Rachel's location in Hamilton. This event will take place on Thursday, December 2, at 5 p.m. The cost is \$40/wreath or porch pot, or create 2/\$65! For more details please click on this link: <http://wineandwreathparties.com/>

Additional information regarding each of these events along with reservation details will be sent out soon by email.