



Officers of the East Greenwich-Cowesett New Neighbors Club are (from left) Shirley Weiss, treasurer; Elaine James, second vice-president; Barbara Kennedy, president; Joyce Phipps, first vice-president; Laine Courtney, secretary.

'New Neighbors' form for fun, fellowship

To help newcomers feel at home and make friends in East Greenwich, a group of 13 women, most of whom have lived in the area for only about six months, have joined together to form the East Greenwich-Cowesett New Neighbors Club.

Independent of any church group or another organization, New Neighbors is a social club which will aim to acquaint residents with what East Greenwich and Rhode Island has to offer in services and opportunities.

Hospitality coffees will be planned for the second Thursday of each month. The first will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 10 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Unitarian Church, 119 Kenyon Avenue, East Greenwich. Speakers will be featured at these meetings.

Some of the special interest groups planned for members are: creative arts; sports; bridge; gourmet cooking; and whatever members show an interest in.

Also under discussion are tours of the state's points of interests. The tours and special interest groups will meet on Thursdays other than those slated for Hospitality Coffees.

"We also hope to hold several Couples Social events through the year such as a Patio Party in the summer and perhaps a fall and spring dance," said Margaret Kimmerlein, a publicity chairman for the new club.

Keeping true to its name, the club will limit its membership to residents who have been in the area for two years or less. Unlike

other clubs, "New Neighbors" doesn't want to hang on to its members forever. After two years in the club, the new neighbor is expected to have made social and personal contacts and to be well-launched into enjoying life within the community.

"This is strictly a social group," Mrs. Kimmerlein noted, "and there will be no fund-raising type of events. Our sole purpose is to get people acquainted with each other and the community."

Barbara Kennedy, who moved to East Greenwich within the past year, felt that there was a need for this type of organization. She enlisted the aid of Joyce Phipps and together the two women laid all the groundwork for launching the organization.

They got together a steering committee of 13 members, who met on March 26 and again on April 8 to firm plans for the club.

The steering committee will also serve as the organization's first executive board: president, Barbara Kennedy; first vice-president, Joyce Phipps; second vice-president, Elaine James; secretary, Laine Courtney; treasurer, Shirley Weiss; Chairman of standing committees, Sue Murray, Patsy McCornack, Carol Kelleher, Maxine Kohli, Rose Marusak, Karol Kingston, Sue Flagg and Margaret Kimmerlein.

"New Neighbors" interested in joining this organization are asked to call Elaine James at 885-2112 or Sue Murray at 884-2598, and to come along to the Hospitality Coffee on May 10.

RHODE ISLAND MINERAL HUNTERS

The Rhode Island Mineral Hunters April meeting was held recently Charles Wood of Johnston, Rhode Island, conducted an instructional demonstration on lapidary skills. Mr. Wood started 17 years ago to learn the art of Cabochon, then added faceting. To date he has exhibited and won several awards for his excellent work.

Mrs Bernice Rogers presided over the business meeting.

Tentative schedule for the May meeting will be a talk on geology.

The Annual Banquet will be held on Monday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at the Eileen Darling Restaurant on Rte. 6, Seekonk, Massachusetts. Any one wishing to make reservations may call Mr. or Mrs. Robert Perlman, 190 Massachusetts Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island. The invited guest speaker is Mr. Joseph Stachura, 1776 House, Quaker Highway, Massachusetts. He will talk and show slides on his winter trip to India.

A field trip is planned to Portsmouth fossil site on the east side of the Bay. The date is April 21 at 10 a.m. Go to the end of Cory's Lane off Rte 114 in Portsmouth. All interested persons are welcome.

The R.I.M.H. meet the first Monday of each month at the Fairlawn American Legion Post, Legion Drive in Pawtucket at 8 p.m.

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 18

Troop 18 held its weekly meeting last Tuesday, April 2. Some of the boys helped our new members, Vito Macera, Tom Jencks and David Huling in how to become Scouts.

Scout Leader, Mr. Black, passed out camping skill awards to Mike Guertin, Bob Bonneau and Steve Macera. Home repairs and woodworking merit badges were awarded to Pete Goluse.

The meeting ended with a ceremony.

Steve Macera, Scribe

EAST GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS' CLUB

The East Greenwich High School Boosters' Club has come a long way in just four short months. Thanks to the community, parents, teachers and, most important of all, the high school students, membership is now over 600, the Lettermen's Night on May 29 is to be fact,—the crosscountry team at the high school will receive championship jackets for their Class C title.

The success has been due in part to the following: the refreshment committee who sold at the basketball games—John DePasquale, chairman; Mrs. Joan DePasquale; Tom Odell; Mrs. Mary Ellen McKiernan; Mrs. Nancy Kirwin and Mrs. Maureen Hurd.

Mothers who baked included the committee members and Mrs. Beverly Holmquist, Mrs. Shirley Booth, Mrs. Carolyn Laskowski, Mrs. Nan Blackburn, Mrs. Eumice Harvey, Mrs. Eleanor Sinnigen, Mrs. Barbara Harrison, Mrs. Ann Greer, Mrs. Rita McDonald, Mrs. Ruth Ann Kenan, Mrs. Marie Carpenter, Mrs. Joyce Anderson and Mrs. Joyce Odell.

Named above are only some of the members who have helped in one capacity or another. We hope to recognize others in future items....A special thanks to all.

There will be a special meeting Tuesday, April 16, at the high school at 7:30 p.m. to set in motion

some necessary plans for the coming year and to finalize others. The Junior Class will be needing items for a Yard Sale on April 20, if you have anything to donate please call Mrs. Odell before that date. This will help with the post-prom dance.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS

The Ho-Ho-Kam Camp Fire Girls had a very pleasant trip to East Greenwich Library recently. We did resource information on Indian lore. The Ho-Ho-Kam Indians lived on the reservation that is now owned by actor, Dick Van Dyke.

We had a "Cahoon" at Eldredge School for awards from the Candy Sale. The girls did a skit "The Litter Bug Convention." It was a big success.

During February vacation we went to Providence and visited the Rhode Island National Hospital Trust Bank and the Providence Police Department. We took the train home. This was also a new experience. We wrote thank-you letters for this wonderful day that our group shared and the knowledge obtained.

The girls had a surprise Birthday Party for Mrs. Maureen Hawes, our leader, and presented her with a lovely flowered plant. Refreshments were served.

In March, the girls enjoyed a hay-ride at Goddard Park. The officers for the month are: president, Vickie Hawes; vice-president, Mary Alice Reardon; secretary, Jeri Hart; treasurer, Darman Bahl; scrapbook, Lori Wright; clean-up, Kathy Burke, Ammie Gates, and Kathy Courtney.

We all welcomed a new member, Joan Dushkewich. Group leader is Mrs. Maureen Hawes assisted by Mrs. Patricia Reardon.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Claude Trottier, president, has appointed Mrs. Howard Russell, Jr. to head a May breakfast committee. The meal will be served on Wednesday, May 1, in the First Baptist Church House at the corner of Peirce and Montrose Streets from 6 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Reservations are being accepted by Betty Carlson at 884-5269. Mrs. Earl Shaw will be furnishing hundreds of hand-made crepe paper May baskets to be sold at the breakfast.

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