



Newcomers News

Information for the members of the Newcomers Club of Hudson, Ohio

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Mayor and Columnist to Speak at September Monthly Program

Hi friends! I am so excited about our guest speakers. We have scheduled some dynamic Hudson men and women to share their careers, interests and life experiences with us.

Please join us on THURSDAY, September 18 at 7:00 PM at the Barlow Community Center as we welcome **Hudson Mayor Bill Currin**. Mayor Currin will be on hand to greet and meet us while he discusses his transition into Hudson's mayoral office. Currin, a former School Board and City Council member, was named mayor after John Krum resigned at the end of May.

Also, we have invited Hudson-Hub Times "Here & There" columnist **Michele Kisthardt**. Her unique and witty style has made her columns a must read. From Hudson restaurants to the ice-cream social and motherhood, I am sure you will find her perspective amusing and just a little reminiscent of Erma Bombeck.

Following the program, please join us for a ladies night out at Kepners Tavern from 9:30 PM until, well, who knows!

As always, our monthly programs are a great way to meet your friends and neighbors. Our special interest representatives, Mary Neher

Please note:
All Monthly Programs will be held on the third THURSDAY of each month at 7 PM at the Barlow Community Center.

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Upcoming Monthly Programs:
September 18, October 16, and November 20.

and Aimee Saeger, will be on hand so you can sign-up for some of our awesome groups like Bunco or Casual supper. A complete listing of all of our Special Interest groups along with an explanation of each can be found on Page 3.

So please mark the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM and join us at the Monthly Programs!

Kelly Buehl, Vice President

Hudson Newcomers is Going Online!

New Site will Feature Message Boards

It's true! We will soon have our own website featuring an online message board through which our members can communicate regarding various group activities. An interactive calendar will keep our membership up-to-date on all events. Other highlights of the site will be links to other Hudson and surrounding communities' sites which would benefit new and potential Hudsonites, Acrobat versions of this monthly newsletter, and Request for Information forms. The potential of this site is limitless! We look forward to the possibility of collecting membership fees and applications through the site if it proves successful.

Hudson Newcomer Board Member, Mary Kay Simpson, has generously agreed to provide the cost for hosting the site this first year at BeHosting.com, a Cleveland based company. Watch the newsletter for the unveiling of our place on the web!



Notes from our President

Getting Set for a Great Year

It's hard to believe that it is already September! Trying to get back in the fall routine is always adventurous. It was a pleasure meeting so many of you last month at our Annual Newcomers Get Acquainted Coffee at St. Mary's Church. It was great to see so many new faces in Hudson. **Welcome!** A special *thank you goes out to St. Mary's and their staff* for helping us prepare for our special event! A *thank you also goes out to Debbi Dukes and Tempe Zucker* for planning and organizing the terrific event. Great job ladies!

Please remember to renew your Newcomers membership this month! The first program of the year is around the corner at Barlow Community Center, and you don't want to miss it. Remember also that we will meet on the **3rd THURSDAY of every month** either at Barlow or a special location for our programs! Kelly Buehl has been preparing some fabulous speakers for our programs this year. It is going to be an exciting one! Check out our calendar of events on Page 8 for the scoop! Also, don't forget that a *Ladies Night Out* will follow each program as well! Check with Aimee Saeger in "Special Interests Groups" on Page 3 for details.

I look forward to seeing you at **Barlow Community Center on Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 PM!**

Anne Mau
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If you are interested in submitting an article, please contact Jeanne Bolewitz at 653-8333 or Amy Goodman at 463-3560. Deadlines are the 15th of the month prior to the newsletter distribution month.

If you or someone you know is interested in advertising in our newsletter, please contact Jane Golz at 653-5811. Space is allotted each month for four business card sized (3.5" x 2") advertisements.



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Special Interest Groups...

We've got a lot going on!

Book Club

Carol Hawkins, 650-4964

If you enjoy reading a variety of books, participating in lively discussions, and making terrific friends, then you will want to join our group! We meet once a month at a member's home, where we also have fun socializing and indulging in tasty treats.

Our upcoming selections include *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson and *Savannah Blues* by Mary Kay Andrews. For more details, give Carol a call. (Please leave a message and she will return your call.) New members are most welcome!

Bunco

Debbie Dukes 463-3560

This social, fun and mindless dice game is a great way to meet a lot of different women and have fun in the process.

Casual Supper

Sandy Palazzo 655-0960

Each group of six couples meets monthly to enjoy an evening together without kids and the hassles of restaurant dining. Each couple brings just one item to the hosts' home — an appetizer, dessert, salad or maybe a favorite wine.

Chick Flicks

Dianna Palmeri 342-7159

If you spell "relaxation" M-O-V-I-E, then a "Chick Flicks" outing may be just what you need! What better way to see all those tear-jerkers or romantic comedies that it's hard to drag "you-know-who" to! The next scheduled date is **Tuesday September 16th**. Why not treat yourself to an evening with friends, and popcorn in front of the big screen?



Contact Dianna at dspbaskets@adelphia.net or 330-342-7159 with any questions or to get on the e-mail/phone list. Details for the movie will be forwarded to you a couple of days beforehand. No

Chick Flicks Continued...

need to RSVP...just show up if you can (and feel free to bring a friend or two!)

Be sure to mark your calendar for **Thursday, October 9th**, too. We'd love to have you join the fun!

Community Service

Denise Hollenbeck 342-5849

This group is responsible for contributing to many projects within the community (i.e., Relay for Life, Ronald McDonald House Dinner project). Each month we will be updated on future projects. *Please see the Community Service notice on Page 4.*

Golf

Tempe Zucker 653-5705

The golf group is open to women of all levels. We play a relaxing 9 holes at area courses every one or two weeks during the summer and fall. Contact: Tempe Zucker 330-653-5705.



Ladies Night Out

Aimee Saeger 653-9156

Always an enjoyable evening away from home, this group meets at local restaurants and night spots for good food and kid-free, girls only conversation. Our first gathering will be after the Monthly Program in September at Kepner's on Main Street. Join us for food, drinks and maybe a little Karaoke!

Tennis

Eileen Fitz Gerald 342-7108

Thursday 1:00 - 2:30 PM. Babysitting is available on site. Beginning players are welcome. We play for laughs not trophies. This is a FUN Group. If anyone is interested in becoming a fulltime member of Western Reserve Racquet Club, I would be happy to introduce you to groups of players with your skill level.

Wine Tasting

Diana Foley 650-1889

A very UN-pretentious monthly get together for couples who are wine enthusiasts and for those who just want to try some great wines.

Anyone interested in participating in one of the Special Interest Groups can call Mary Neher 656-1770 or Aimee Saeger at 653-9156.



Get Acquainted Coffee a Success

Thank You Everyone!



Hudson gets Acquainted with the Newcomers Club

Hudson Newcomer's held the annual *Get Acquainted Coffee* at St. Mary's Church on August 22. This event helps our new neighbors get to know the many organizations and services available in the Hudson area as well as offering information on our own Newcomers Club.

Thank you to all of the local merchants who donated refreshments and flowers, including The Side Door, Stems, Perkins, Panera, Starbucks, Aherns Florist, and ACME!

We also want to thank everyone from the community who came and welcomed Hudson's new neighbors! Finally, thanks to the board members who assisted with many last minute details which helped make the event a success. We could not have done it without you!

Tempe Zucker and Debbi Dukes

Welcome to Hudson Day!

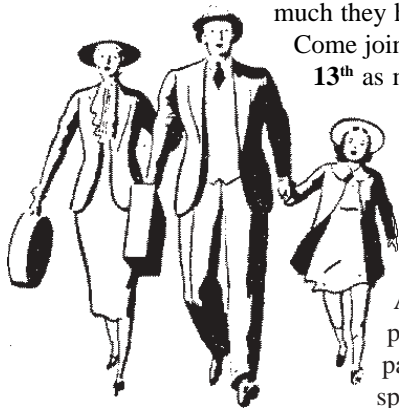
Upcoming Downtown Hudson Event

The Hudson Merchants are geared up for their second annual "Welcome to Hudson Day" to specifically show Hudson residents just how much they have available right here in town.

Come join the fun on **Saturday, September 13th** as many merchants and restaurants are planning special events, drawings, give-aways and more.

The shops along Main Street, the shops at Hudson Plaza (near Acme), Classic Additions (Morse Rd.), and the Antiques Gallery all will be participating. There will be face painting and balloons for the kids, special food and beverage treats for the adults, and entertainment and music for all.

Mark your calendars and don't miss this chance to see all that Hudson has to offer. For more information, check on the Learned Owl website (www.learnedowl.com) or phone The Learned Owl Book Shop at 330-653-2252.



Wanted: Household Items

A plea from our Community Service Group

There are so many struggling families. Your donations of furniture, appliances, beds and bedding can mean the difference between a child staying with their family or going into foster care.

As you wander around your home, consider what may be extra. What have you not used for years? What have you replaced recently but haven't parted with the original?

The Summit County Children's Services collects these items at the St. Vincent de Paul Society on State Road on the right of Marc's.

Schedule a pick-up, please call (330) 379-2077. (They will pick up when the donation is valued over \$200 of large items.)

Or call Tracey Mackay (330) 342-5527 for more information.



Life is a Caberet at Actors' Summit

Opening Night Gala September 19

Actors' Summit announces a special performance of *The World Goes 'Round, the music of Kander & Ebb* at its theater, 86 Owen Brown Street, one block north and two blocks west of the clocktower, in downtown Hudson, Ohio. The evening begins at 6:30 PM with food and refreshments. The opening night performance of *The World Goes 'Round* begins at 8:00 PM. A dessert reception with the cast follows the performance. Tickets are \$55 per person. Proceeds from the evening help to subsidize the year round operations of Actors' Summit. Reservations can be made by calling the theater at 330-342-0800.

Actors' Summit is a professional, non profit theater which has produced over thirty major productions during its four year existence. It has been the recipient of major grants from the Akron Community Foundation, the Hudson Community Foundation, the GAR Foundation, and the John S. & James L. Knight Foundation. During the 2002-2003 season Actors' Summit performed for over 12,000 people at its' home theater and for nearly 9,000 students and teachers on tour.

The Revue

The review, with music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb, was conceived by Scott Ellis, Susan Stroman and David Thompson. It features twenty-five fabulous songs by the most successful songwriting team since Rodgers & Hammerstein, including numbers from *Chicago & Cabaret* as well as songs written for Barbara Streisand and Liza Minelli. The Actors' Summit production features **MaryJo Alexander, Tricia Bestic, Thomas R. Cummings, Dana Hart, Kent LeMar, & Tiffany Sandels.** Musical Direction is by **Michelle**

Makhlouf. The production is directed by **Neil Thackaberry.**

Performance Dates and Tickets

Tickets for the opening night benefit performance are \$55 per person. Season subscribers may attend for only \$30 by exchanging their tickets for any other performance. *The World Goes 'Round* will have a preview performance on Thursday, September 18 at 8:00 PM. The run will then continue through October 5, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2:00 PM Sunday. Tickets are \$27.50 on Fridays and Saturdays and \$24.50 on Thursdays and Sundays. Students and Seniors receive a \$4 discount. Students under age 18 are admitted for half price. Group discounts, season subscriptions and discount coupon books are still available. Reservations for OPENING NIGHT, or for any regular performance can be made by calling 330-342-0800.



Web site

Actors Summit Theater can be found on the web at

www.actorssummit.org. Actors' Summit

is a professional, not for profit, 501-c-3 professional arts organization. We are seeking volunteers and board members. For more details please call MaryJo or Neil at 330-342-0800.

Actors' Summit is a member of PACT, The Professional Alliance of Cleveland Theaters. Actors' Summit is working under a developmental agreement with Actors' Equity Association (the Union of professional Actors and Stage managers.)



Did you know that Hudson boasts two local theater groups? The Actors' Summit (read the story to your left) and The Hudson Players which performs at the Barlow Community Center.



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Mayberry Minutes

"I thought I'd moved to Mayberry when . . ."

"It is like pulling teeth to have my parents take my son overnight – or even an afternoon. My next door neighbor, Tempe Zucker, offered to take my son. We had just met!"

Susan Oppelt



Be Our Guest ~

Katie Coulton of the Grey Colt

This month, we had the pleasure of speaking with Katie Coulton, owner of The Grey Colt – a woman’s fashion and accessory store on Main Street. Here’s what she had to say:

Q: First, tell me a little bit about the history of The Grey Colt.

A: Well, my family started the store in 1959. It was originally located further down Main Street, closer to where The Learned Owl bookstore is currently located. My mother moved the store to its current location in the early 1960’s. The Grey Colt was originally a family clothing store, but over the years has transitioned to a woman’s apparel and accessory shop.

Q: When did you first start working at the store?

A: Out of college

Q: What’s your favorite part about Main Street?

A: Definitely the community feel. People feel comfortable coming into my store not necessarily as customers, but as friends and neighbors. Main Street is a community within itself – a place where people talk and share their stories. Mostly, it’s fun. Unfortunately, in the wake of 9/11 and the recent flooding in Hudson, the stories have been very sad. Although, it makes me feel good that I can provide a place for people to come and share.

Q: What are your feelings about the redevelopment plans for downtown Hudson?

A: I have been a very involved and concerned member of the community when it comes to this project. Overall, I think that Hudson has probably grown to the point where it needs more than Main Street, but I think it’s going to be a tough project to pull off. It’s too bad there isn’t an existing warehouse that could be renovated in order to

maintain the character from the past. I worry about that.

Q: Any other concerns about the project?

A: The high rents and turnover. I worry about whether specialty stores will be able to make it. Overall though, I am maintaining a positive energy toward the project.

Q: Switching gears, where do you buy clothes for The Grey Colt?

A: New York. I make about 4 trips there a year.

Q: And, what are the hottest trends for fall?

A: Cargo pants, hand-knitted scarves, belts, and interestingly, your initials on everything from handbags, t-shirts to belts.

Q: And colors?

A: Pale pink is still going strong.

Thanks Katie for a great chat!

“People feel comfortable coming into my store not necessarily as customers, but as friends and neighbors.”

Ohio Trivia

Rainfall

With all this rain, you may have wondering if this summer was an especially soggy one. Well, take a look . . . this past July had the heaviest rainfall total since records have been kept in this area:

	Month/Year	Inches Rain
1	July 2003	12.472
2	Sept. 1926	11.983
3	July 1958	11.434
4	June 1924	11.125
5	July 1992	10.946
6	July 1943	10.857
7	March 1913	10.468
8	July 1990	10.039
9	May 1956	9.601

Wow! Gives new meaning to the phrase “100 year rains.”

Source: National Weather Service

Professional Theater in the Heart of Hudson!

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“And the World Goes Round”
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We offer an 8 play professional mainstage season, acting classes for adults and children, private acting coaching, a professional children’s theater program and a summer theater camp for young adults in June 2004.

Plus a New Years Eve Cabaret, and we’re in downtown Hudson!
86 Owen Brown Street at Clinton St. and Morse Rd.



Reference Table – Let's DO Hudson!

Why not grab a friend and explore Hudson's shopping?

Retail store	Description	Phone (330)	Location	Hours
Cambridge Mfg. Jewelers	Full service jewelry mfg. co.	655-5977	76 Maple Dr.	M-F 9-5; Sat 9-1
Children's Orchard	Children's resale boutique	656-5170	118 W. Streetsboro St. (Acme plaza)	MTWFS 10-6; Th 10-8:30, Sun 12-4
Co Co Michele's	Eclectic mix of antiques/home décor	650-5011	220 N. Main	Vary by season
County Sampler	260 booths of handcrafted items	650-4222	Next to JoAnn Etc.	M-Sat 9-9; Sun 12-5
The Duncan Gallery	Original regional and national fine arts	650-6199	Across from McDonald's	M-Sat 10-5; by appt.
Envi	Fashion forward clothing and accessories	655-5195	164 N. Main Street	M-F 10-6; Sat 10-5
Greenbrier Interiors	Home accessories and gifts	650-1234	219 N. Main Street	M-F 10-5; Sat by appt.
The Grey Colt	Women's clothing - a Main St. tradition since 1959	653-6355	150 N. Main Street	M-F 9:30-6; Sat 9:30-5:30
Hudson General Store	Gifts, greeting cards	650-0485	178 N. Main St.	vary
Hudson Massage Therapy	Burt's Bees, gifts, candles, jewelry	342-0233	190 N. Main St.	MTWSat 10-5; ThF 10-7, Sun 12-4
Hudson Toy, Train, & Hobby	Traditional toys	653-2997	144 N. Main St.	M-F 9:30-5:30; Th 9:30-8; Sat 9:30-5, Sun 1-4
Jewelry Art	Custom designs	650-9011	214 N. Main St.	M-W,F 10-5:30; Th 10-7:30; Sat 10-5
Jo-Ann Etc.	Crafting and home decorating needs	650-6228	5381 Darrow Road	M-Sat 9-9; Sun 10-6
Land of Make Believe (Sports Heaven)	Toys, games, puzzles, puppets	650-4438	190 N. Main St.	MTWSat 10-5, ThF 10-7, Sun 12-4
Learned Owl Book Shop	Independent, community bookstore	653-2252	204 N. Main St.	MWTh 9-8, T 8-8, F 9-5:30, Sat 10-5:30, Sun 1-5
Riley's Clothiers	Classic fashions	656-3343	100 N. Main St.	M-F 9-6, Sat 9-5
Vignettes	Elegant, whimsical gifts	342-7017	140 N. Main St.	M-Sat 10-5
Wildlife Garden	Nature and garden lover's delight	342-3488	130 W. Streetsboro (Acme plaza)	M-Th 9-7, F-Sat 9-5:30, Sun 12-4
Windmill Pointe	Children's furniture and gifts	342-4665	116 W. Streetsboro (Acme plaza)	MTWFSat 10-6, Th 10-8

If you have an idea for a "Handy Dandy" Reference Table, offer your idea to Amy Goodman, Features Editor. Give her a call at 330-463-3560 or better yet, mention it to her at one of the Monthly Programs!

Newcomer News

Hudson Newcomers Club

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October 1

Deadline for Barn Bash Forms and Monies. See insert for details.

October 9

Chick Flicks - See Page 3 for details.

October 16

Monthly Program 7 PM Barlow Community Center

October 24

Fall Social - Barn Bash at The Heritage Barn in Stow 7 PM. See insert for details, directions, and reservation information.

The Hudson Newcomers Fall
Social

BARN BASH AND BBQ
Friday, October 24, 2003
7:00 - 12:00 PM

The Heritage Barn
5238 Young Rd, Stow

Featuring live music from
CLEAV PEAVY
From the Old Whedon Grille

See the insert in this newsletter
for further details and
information on how you can join us
for this great social event!

Reservation forms are due no
later than October 1st.