

## WOODFORDS CLUB

### Welcome to Woodfords Club! A brief Q&A:

#### 1. How many people are in the Club?

Currently, we have approximately 150 members ranging in age from 20 something to 90 something.

#### 2. What are the main activities?

Friday dinners have been the main draw for many years. Bridge, pool, and now games, are popular activities. Ping pong, bowling, book club, and cooking lessons have been fun. You are welcome to introduce something new.

#### 3. What are the fees?

Dues are payable twice a year in January and July. Individuals pay \$100 twice a year – for a total of \$200/per year. Two adults in a household pay \$190 twice a year for a total of \$380/per year. Use of the Club facilities for group activities may incur a fee. Contact the Rental Manager if that is of interest.

#### 4. What are members' responsibilities?

For dinners, it has been a tradition for each member to assist in serving a meal at least twice a year (and when serving, the fee for the meal is not covered). As you know, the building is old and requires a lot of maintenance. Periodically, we have workdays and members are asked to participate at least twice a year. Participating on a committee is voluntary.

#### 5. Are children allowed?

Children (under the age of 16) are welcome and must be supervised by an adult at all times.

#### 6. Who manages the Club?

There is an elected Board usually made up of 9 Directors who are elected by the membership, Officers that are elected by the Directors, and the immediate past president who together manage the Club.



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#### 7. How do I get on the Board?

To become a Director, you need to be elected by the majority of the members. The Directors each serve 3-year terms. 3 new Directors are elected every year, usually at the March members meeting. Officers are elected by the Directors after the March elections.

#### 8. When are Club meetings?

- a. There are monthly members meetings starting on the second Friday in October through April at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Special members meetings are convened when needed. Notices are sent out in advance.
- c. Board meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Special Board meetings are convened as needed. Members are welcome to sit in on those meetings and make comments, usually toward the end.

#### 9. How can I participate?

There are various committees that you can volunteer to join. Some current ones are: Building Maintenance, Dinner, Aesthetics, Budget and Finance, Membership, Fundraising, Bylaws, and Website. Since dinners are a main event at the Club and volunteers to serve, plate, and cook are always needed. Because this is such an old building, we are in great need of access to professional maintenance people. We are not looking for free labor here, just reliable people we can hire when needed.

#### 10. Please tell me more about the dinners.

Club dinners have been a main tradition at the Club. They were offered every Friday from October through April. At the moment, we have cut back to two dinners a month.

#### 11. Are there Bylaws?

Yes. There are Bylaws, House Rules, and Board Rules. The documents are posted on our website. You may also ask the Secretary for copies. The Bylaws have documentation on how these may be changed.

#### 12. How is the Club financed?

The dues members pay do not cover the cost of the building. The Club has been able to continue existing by renting space. The banquet hall is used for such events as weddings, showers, birthdays, dances, and bridge games. The other rooms often have recurring renters such as Toastmasters, Photography Club, Quilters, and Group Counseling. The Club even rents out the kitchen and parking spaces. All these functions are handled by our Rental Manager.



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13. Can I rent space for a family event? Yes. Please speak with the Rental Manager, Dave Magee. He can be reached at: 712-2441 and dmagee1@maine.rr.com

#### 14. Can I bring in another member?

Of course. We want to grow the membership. New members must have a sponsor and two other signees on their applications.

#### 15. Is there a Club website with Club information?

Yes. The website is **woodfordsclub.com**. There is a Members Portal that can only be accessed by Club members who have created a site account. Once you are a member, an invitation to create an account is sent to you.

#### 16. Whom do I contact with questions or to sign up for a committee?

The Board and its committees are at your service. The Board and Committees document has contact information. It can be found on the website under Members Portal/Club Documents.