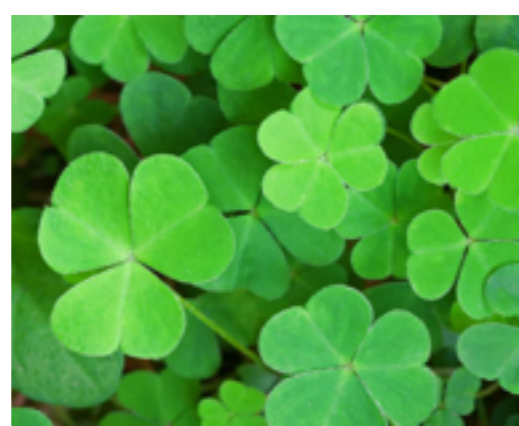


OXFORD NEWCOMERS

and Friends



LAST CALL FOR 2022 DUES!

Dues for this calendar year are due **MARCH 15**. Please pay on time to avoid missing out. See the information below on how to pay. Fourth and final reminder.

Happy St. Patricks Day !

ONC&F MARCH 2022 CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE: ONC&F members and first-time visitors who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (at least two weeks past your final shot) are welcome to attend in-person ONC&F events and gatherings.

Tuesday, Mar 2, 1:00 pm, **Mary Poole Bridge Club**, OU-Methodist
 Thursday, Mar 3, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
 Friday, Mar 4, 9:00 am, **Women's Coffee**, Panera
 Monday, Mar 7, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
 Tuesday, Mar 8, 11:30 am, **Ladies Who Lunch**, Opa !
 Tuesday, Mar 8, 2:00 pm, **Better Read than Dead**, Howell Activity Center
 Wednesday, Mar 9, 10:00 am, **Educational Program**, NE MS Electric Power
 Thursday, Mar 10, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
 Monday, Mar 14, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
Thursday, Mar 17, St. Patrick's Day
 Thursday, Mar 17, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
 Thursday, Mar 17, 1:00 pm, **Needlers**, Coach Howell Activity Center
 Friday, Mar 18, 9:00 am, **Women's Coffee**, Panera
 Monday, Mar 21, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
 Monday, Mar 21, 4:00 pm, **Reading Faulkner**, Zoom
 Tuesday, Mar 22, 1:00 pm, **Mary Poole Bridge Club**, OU-Methodist
 Wednesday, Mar 23, 5:00 pm, **5 O'Clock Off the Square**, Walk-Ons
 Thursday, Mar 24, 2:00 pm, **Book Club One**, Zoom
 Thursday, Mar 24, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
 Monday, Mar 28, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon
 Tuesday, Mar 29, 11:30 am, **Lunch Bunch**, Newks/Jackson Ave.
 Thursday, Mar 31, 7:00 am, **Men's Breakfast**, The Beacon

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CALENDARS FOR EVENTS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.

Questions? See below for program details and contact information.

2022 DUES ARE DUE: Roses are red, violets are blue -- and we will be, too, if you don't pay your **dues by March 15**, and we have to drop you from our rolls.

The ONC&F membership year runs January to December, and 2022 dues of \$20 per person are **due now**. As a reminder, no one who paid membership dues in 2020 was asked to pay dues last year. We are cautiously optimistic that 2022 will soon support gathering with ONC&F friends on a regular basis. Click [here](#) for the link to the renewal form and information on where to send it and your check. If you have questions, please reach out to Membership Chair Nellanne Davis: (662) 380-5672 or nellanned@aol.com

VACANCY FILLED: ONC&F NEWSLETTER EDITOR

DeeDee Rafnson will be editing our newsletter going forward. Please send your information to deerafn@bellsouth.net

5 O'CLOCK ON (OR OFF) THE SQUARE is when ONC&F members meet to mix and mingle over adult beverages of choice. The cocktail hour offers a great opportunity to say hello to old friends and meet new ones. On Monday, Mar 23, 5:00 pm, **5 O'Clock Off the Square**, Walk-Ons, a sports bar with a Cajun flair. No reservations, so get there a few minutes early. **RSVP** to Bonnie Siebert at bonnie1017@aol.com.

***Due to Ash Wednesday, SEC Basketball Tournament, and Spring Break, we will be having only one get together in March*

BETTER READ THAN DEAD (NOTE NEW MEETING DATE) will meet at the OPC Coach Howell Center on March 8, 2:00 pm. The book for discussion will be **The Guest List** by Lucy Foley. On an island off the coast of Ireland, guests gather to celebrate two people joining their lives together as one. It's a wedding for a magazine: the designer dress, the remote location, the luxe party favors, the boutique whiskey. Every detail has been expertly planned and will be expertly excuted. But perfection is for plans, and people are all too human. As the champagne is popped and the festivities begin, resentments and petty jealousies begin to mingle with the reminiscences and well wishes. The bridesmaid not-so-accidently ruins her dress. The bride's oldest friend (male) gives an uncomfortably caring toast. And then someone turns up dead. Who didn't wish the happy couple well? And perhaps more important, why? The book for April is **HEARTBURN** by Nora Ephron. All are welcome! If you would like to join in, just email chair Nancy Muller at maytarie@att.net. Or just show up!

BOOK CLUB ONE: March's book selection is *After Visiting Friends; a Son's Story*, by Michael Hailey, and unforgettable true story of a son's search to discover the decades old truth about his father's mysterious death.

Book Club One will meet on Zoom on Thursday, March 24th (our customary third Thursday of the month) at 2:00 pm. Click [HERE](#) to join us, or go to <https://Zoom.us> and enter Meeting ID: 680 808 8404. All Newcomers and friends are welcome! Chair: Debra Guyton, debraguyton@bellsouth.net, (251) 490-6690.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: Please join us on Wednesday, March 9th 10:00 am. Charles Wilson Reagan, Professor Emeritus of History and Southern Studies at the University of Mississippi, where he taught from 1981-2014, was Chair of History and Proessor of Southern Studies and served as Director of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture from 1998-2007; will present *The Southern Way of Death. Whether you're a native Southerner or a genuine newcomer to this area, you will not want to miss this interesting presentation by one of the foremost experts on Southern Culture.*

Please note, that instead of being held at the Chamber of Commerce, this program will be held at the spacious, new auditorium at the NE MS Electric Power Association located on 10 PR 2050 - off Hwy 30, just east fo Hwy 7 North. (Across from Tractor Supply). There is plenty of convenient parking in the front lot, near the double door entrance to the auditorium. Questions? Contact chair Don Mason, dmason222@gmail.com

LADIES WHO LUNCH is a group of ONC&F ladies who meet the second Tuesday of each month at varied local restaurants in and around Oxford. Join us on Tuesday, March 8th at 11:30 am at OPA!, 306 S. Lamar Blvd. An RSVP text is appreciated but not mandatory; please send to Susan Coley 478-867-0103

LUNCH BUNCH will gather on Tuesday, March 29th at 11:30 am at Newks/Jackson Ave. Located in Bopping center. Lunch Bunch is for singles and couples -- a fun time to visit with other ONC&F members over your midday meal. All are always welcome! Questions? Contact Buck Ladner, ladner2003@yahoo.com or (662) 801-1371

MARY POOLE BRIDGE CLUB meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (March 8th and 22nd) in room 214 at OUUMC. All skill levels are encouraged, we love to guide new players! Please contact Carol Rawlings in advance at (731) 610-0251 or marypoolebridgeclub@gmail.com, so she can make sure everyone has a seat at a table.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Men gather for breakfast every Monday and Thursday at 7:00 am at The Beacon, 1200 N. Lamar Blvd. Come when you can. All are welcome. Join us for fun and great fellowship. Questions? Contact Buck Ladner, ladner2003@yahoo.com or (662) 801-1371

NEEDLERS will meet at the OPC center on March 17, at 1:00 pm. Bring your knitting needles or your stitching needles and come have fun with a group of passionate ladies. We are always open to new members. Contact Nancy Muller, maytarie@att.net for more information. Or just show up!

OXWINE will resume in March! If you'd like to host during the spring or early summer, or have questions, please contact Michelle Harvey, mmautheharvey@att.net -- and stay tuned for details!

READING FAULKNER will meet at 4:00 pm on Monday, March 21st via Zoom. We will be discussing the 5th and 6th sections of *The Collected Stories*, "The Middle Ground" and "Beyond." To join the Zoom meeting, click [HERE](#) or go to <https://Zoom.us> and enter Meeting ID: 680 808 8404. To join the group or for more information, please contact Dianne Fergusson at (662) 236-4670 or sdsferg@bellsouth.net

WOMEN'S COFFEE: Please join us for coffee, friendship and lots of conversation on the first and third Fridays in March (March 4th and February 18th) at 9:00 am at Panera Bread, 1902 Jackson Avenue. Hope you will join us...we miss you when you are absent. Chair: Nellanne Davis, (318) 447-0038 or nellanned@aol.com

OXFORD PARK COMMISSION is hosting trips to Waco, TX, Oklahoma and Arkansas. For more information, click on this link: [OPC TRIP](#)

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