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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO: The Newcomers Club of Weymouth

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WHAT IS IT?

The Newcomers Club, a group of new mothers in Weymouth, formed in 1952 with 14 charter members. The group was initially called Welcome Wagon because it was affiliated with that organization. The women had all recently moved to the area, and the young, stay-at-home mother wanted to meet new friends and get together for coffees, meetings and social occasions. The Welcome Wagon organization had a rule that members had to move on after several years in order to make room for new members, so the group's first members formed an alumni chapter, which they called the Newcomers. There were 70 members at the group's peak.

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In 2011, there were 40 members of the club, with 20 or so still active. The other members would keep in touch from where they lived, including assisted-living residences and Florida. The active members were still meeting regularly to play card games, share a meal and conversation.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

Muriel Savoy Moloney, one of the club's members, said that the club is still active and meeting regularly, with about 18 members in their 70s, 80s and 90s. The club remains an active civic group, donating money to various causes during the holidays. Many of the current members are involved with the Weymouth Council on Aging. "We still meet, we still do social things. Some of us have been friends for 60 years and we're still that way," Moloney said. "We have a young attitude, it keeps us going. We hope we're around for a long time yet."

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