

SC! Let's Talk Meeting Notes: July 8, 2026

Seniors Connect! (SC!) meets weekly on Wednesdays from 11am to 1pm in the Normanskill Room at the Guilderland Public Library. Seniors Connect! offers an opportunity to share laughs, discuss interesting topics, and connect with others in a friendly and informal setting. The meetings are drop-in style, casual, come when you can.

Upcoming Meeting

July 15, 2026 – SC! Let's Talk Photography

Normanskill Room

Many of us have expressed an interest in photography. Maybe we'd like to learn how to get those pictures OUT OF our phones and made into prints. We might enjoy studying the work of Ansel Adams or Annie Leibovitz.

Do you know something about the history of photography? Those ancient cameras? If you love to take pictures, do you focus on people, nature, or cataloging your travels? Have you taken any photography classes locally or online? Do you know of photographers willing to mentor a newbie? Let's keep the subject wide open. It will help us clarify our interest(s) in the art of photography.

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Attendance: 25

Facilitator: Rich B.

Notetaker: Marlene

Greeter: Bud

Topic: The Declaration of Independence

Rich suggested the **Declaration of Independence** as a topic and agreed to facilitate the meeting. The topic was timely given our country is celebrating its 250th birthday. The Continental Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, However, the actual signing ceremony for most of the 56 delegates took place on August 2, 1776 at the Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia, PA.

Rich managed to alternate between providing historical background and addressing comments from the group. A good facilitator, he kept us focused on the Declaration, itself, our country's *mission statement*. We could have stayed another hour or two.

References:

[The Declaration of Independence](#)

(Our U.S. Mission Statement)

[Common Sense](#) by Thomas Paine

[**Gettysburg Address**](#) by Abraham Lincoln
(Relevant to our discussion of the word *democracy*)

New Book: [The Greatest Sentence Ever Written](#) by Walter Isaacson
In-depth look at the development of the Declaration of Independence as a document.

Other books mentioned:

[Busy: How to Thrive in a World of Too Much](#) by Tony Crabbe
[Corporation are People Too: \(And They Should Act Like It\)](#) by Kent Greenfield
[Culpability](#) by Bruce Holsinger, Stacy Carolan, et al.

See you on Wednesday!

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