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## President's Notes

February 2009

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Hello Ladies –

Well we are smack dab in the middle of winter, let's all hope spring comes soon! We are in the official 50<sup>th</sup> year of our club and we have many events scheduled to highlight our successes as a philanthropic organization. We have 29 new members this year and are excited for the new energy membership growth brings. Thank you to Wendy Bawabe for updating our logo to include the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary banner.

The wine tasting event on January 30<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! Over \$12,000 was raised! Thank you to Jen Burnham, Mary Lou Dynan and Nicolle Wychullis. You all did an amazing job and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you also to Kathy King Tedeschi for finding the guest speaker, Lisa Sylvester. Lisa's story brought meaning to the work we all do in raising money for local charities. Lisa and her family personally benefited from the Norwell Food Pantry and were helped through a very difficult time. Lisa, I would like to thank you for sharing your story with us all.

The time is getting close for the upcoming Fashion Show being held on April 1<sup>st</sup>. ***Everyone should buy their tickets now on line!*** This year's event promises to be one of the most entertaining and fun! The theme is "Back in Black" and everyone should wear black and white. The event is being held at the Indian Pond Country Club, there will be silent auction items, a Community Board as well as "schwag bags" at every chair. The chairwomen, Heather Creel, Yvette Sullivan and Karin Gilmartin could use all of our help getting the word out there, tickets sold and obtaining new and fun auction items.

Shortly after the fashion show, is the Bunny Breakfast. Please contact Alison Ryan to volunteer to help in that fun community day! Also, please take a look at the Board/Committee list and sign up for a position next year – we need everyone's help!

The yearbooks have been printed and are being distributed by Karin Gilmartin at our meetings and events. Pat Bigger is focusing on the Year End/Anniversary Dinner so if anyone has the contact information for past members, please give Pat a call and she can add them to the mailing list.

The March meeting is scheduled for Monday night, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Middle School at 7:30 pm. We are looking for a host of our April meeting which has not been scheduled as of

yet. If you are willing to have the meeting at your home, please contact any members of the Executive Board. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me any time.

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Warmest Regards,

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### **Membership Update**

For those who have not yet paid this year's membership dues please forward \$30 to Jessica Chase (30 Wildcat Lane). Please encourage your friends or neighbors to join!

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Norwell Middle School at 7:30 pm.

### **Fashion Show**

Back in Black! Annual Spring Fashion Show April 1st 6:30pm Indian Pond Country Club, Kingston

Tickets are on-sale now at [nwcfashionshow.eventbrite.com](http://nwcfashionshow.eventbrite.com), or you can access it from a link from our club website. Go on-line for details and to reserve your seat. A limited number of front row seats are also available. Guests are encouraged to "come join the fun in your best black and white!"

Special offer from Black House White Market: If you buy an outfit from this store and just say it is for the NWC fashion show, you get a 10% discount!

Thirteen fabulous retail stores (8 new to the show!) will be showcasing their latest spring looks. Models will walk the runway to great music and spotlights with a variety of fashions to appeal to everyone. This year we are raising the runway and extending it 40 feet out into the audience. This will bring the show out to you and every seat will be a good one. We have many exciting new features that will just have to be a surprise that night!

If you would like posters or flyers to display or give out/mail, please let us know and we can get them to you. If you have media ideas or connections, contact Yvette Sullivan, Publicity chairperson at [yvette165@gmail.com](mailto:yvette165@gmail.com).

We have streamlined our donations efforts into individual silent auction items and the Community Board. The Silent Auction will feature popular things that appeal to women.

We need our members to think about unique ways we can each contribute. Everyone has a talent and knows other people who do. Please let us know if you can make or buy something to donate or have a great idea. Of course we will still take offers from valued businesses in the community too. We are also preparing incredible "Schwag Bags" for guests to take home. If you know of anyone who would like to donate a gift or sample or coupon offer to the bags, we need 400. Contact Karin Gilmartin at [karin.gilmartin@comcast.net](mailto:karin.gilmartin@comcast.net).

The "Buy It Now" Community Board will again feature items that are \$25 and \$50. These will not be displayed, but listed on a card. Ideas from last year included 3 deliveries of homemade cookies, a Fiesta dinner for 6, a handmade bracelet, a night of babysitting, an hour or two of gardening consultation, custom party invitations, etc. Be creative! Contact Kim Warner at [ekjwarner@comcast.net](mailto:ekjwarner@comcast.net).

Lastly, we will have a full-color program book that contains write-ups of all the fashions you see at the show. Ads are available in the book for anyone who would like to promote their business here. Prices are \$25 for 1/3 page, \$50 for 1/2 page and \$100 for a whole page. Just send in your business card or a previously-created ad (in PDF, EPS, or JPG format). Make checks payable to "Norwell Women's Club". Contact Amy Gianino at [apgtoods@aol.com](mailto:apgtoods@aol.com) to purchase an ad.

Congratulations to Katherine Hearn who won our "Name the Drink" contest and a new cookbook at the last club meeting. Her idea will be on the menu as our Signature Drink of the night. You'll want to be sure to enjoy a yummy "Fashion Passion Martini" at the show.

Our committee has been working hard to make this show the best ever. Thank you to everyone who has donated their valuable time and energy. If you would like to attend a planning meeting, please join us on Fridays: February 27, March 6, and March 20, 11:45 at Merchants Row--all are welcome. We need your input!

Please contact me with questions or feedback. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you at the show! Heather Creel [creel35@comcast.net](mailto:creel35@comcast.net) or at 781-378-1607

### **Bunny Breakfast**

The Bunny Breakfast will be Saturday, April 4th from 8:30-9:45 at the Norwell Middle School. I need volunteers to run the event, arriving at 7:45 until 10am. The volunteers work the front door and at the food tables. Please let me know if you are available for this event. If you are not available that morning, please bake or donate some food for the event. In the past we have had mini-yogurts, muffins, cookies, cupcakes, fruit, etc. I need the help of all our members to make this a successful event. I have enough volunteers for set-up Friday afternoon (thank you for signing up). Please email Allison Ryan at [allisonhryan@comcast.net](mailto:allisonhryan@comcast.net).

## **Yearend/Anniversary Dinner**

Come help us celebrate NWC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!!

**When:** Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 PM

**Where:** Blackstone's Room @ Indian Pond Country Club

This is our 50<sup>th</sup> year and we are pulling out all of the stops to celebrate in a grand way. Please mark your calendars and call a past member to join us. We are in the process of tracking down many past officers and members. If you know of any of our members who have moved away and can provide Pat Bigger (781-659-3465 or Tpbigger@aol.com) or Christine Gillis (781-659-4481 or seagirley@aol.com) with the members' new address, email or phone number, please contact Pat or Chris. We have already tracked down several of our founding members who have shared many interesting stories with us. Also, if anyone has any pictures of past events and would be willing to share them, please notify our chairwomen.

We will send out an email to current members and will send invitations to past members that will include instructions on placing reservations. We are hoping to continue our online capabilities.

## **Publicity**

Members are welcome to submit items for publication to Patti Nelson, marshman59@aol.com or 781-659-6620 for the Norwell Mariner, a minimum of *two weeks prior* to the publication coming out on Thursday. Please indicate if you would like to run the announcement/item just that once or several times leading up to the event (I can usually tell by what it is). Should you want something to be included on the cable channel, please do the same. For other publications (e.g. Patriot Ledger), include the appropriate email address for submission.

## **Youth Dances**

The next youth dance is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 10:00 pm. Please contact either Diane Daly at diane.daly@comcast.net or Dianne Malloy at dimalloy@yahoo.com to chaperone this dance or to sign up for a future dance. The dances remain one of the club's major fundraisers, and much help is needed for their success. Please also encourage your friends who have 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders that their help is always welcome. Thanks in advance for your help!

## **Baking for the Norwell Knoll**

It has been a tradition for many years for members of the Norwell Women's Club to provide snacks on the first Monday morning of each month to the residents of the Norwell Knoll for a coffee social. The address is 329 Washington St. and the food can be left on a table in the first room on the left as you enter the building. Please email Micci Fitzgibbons (Miccifitz@aol.com) or call her (659-5972) to sign up for baking.

## **The Norwell Food Pantry and Adopt a Family**

The Pantry is extremely low on inventory, especially toiletries, cleaning supplies, juice boxes, and snacks for school. Please stop by the town hall to drop off donations in the food pantry box located outside the auditorium.

## **The Closet**

The Closet is located on the third floor of the Town Hall and is open on Thursdays from 2 – 3:30. We provide clothing and household items for the shelter and those in need. The Closet is in need of winter clothing, children's boots, hats, and mittens. We are always in need of volunteers to help sort through and hang new clothing donations. If you would like to help out please email Micci Fitzgibbons (miccifitz@aol.com) or Chris Gillis (seagirley@aol.com). Some of the items that people have asked for are pots and pans, water glasses, towels, XXL mens shirts, mens Lshirts, mens 36x32 jeans, mens size 11 shoes and sneakers, mens size 10 shoes, mens L t-shirts, womens size 10 shoes

## **Community Updates**

### **Norwell Sociables:**

The Norwell Sociables celebrated 10 years! The Norwell Sociables is an organization designed to welcome new residents and help them become acquainted with their new hometown and neighbors. Members may participate in book clubs, wine tastings, playgroups, cooking classes and many more. Membership is \$15 for the year. If you are interested please contact Maria Johnson 659-4262 or at Samanthalucia@aol.com.

**Norwell Women's Club**  
**Schedule of Events**  
**2007-2008**

*Please note that this schedule was coordinated with the Norwell School calendar, various PTO meetings and key non-profit organization. These dates are subject to change and all changes will be announced on our website, [norwellwomensclub.org](http://norwellwomensclub.org), the Chatter, and the Norwell Mariner.*

**March:**

- 3/16 Monthly Meeting Middle School 7:30pm
- 3/27 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Town Hall 7:30pm

**April:**

- 4/1 Fashion Show 6:30pm Indian Pond CC
- 4/4 Bunny Breakfast 8:30 – 9:45 am Norwell Middle School
- TBD Monthly Meeting 7:30pm

**May:**

- 5/13 Monthly Meeting Middle School 7:30pm
- 5/15 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Town Hall 7:30pm
- 5/21 Year End/50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Blackstone's @ Indian Pond CC