



President's Notes

November 2008

Dear Members,

We had our November meeting this past Wednesday morning. It was an impromptu location at the Dunkin Donuts versus the James Library due to a calendar mishap. It turned out fine and we were able to get some coffee too!

The Halloween Fun Day was a success and the Turkey Trot is this coming Sunday, November 16th at 10:00 am at the Norwell High School. Volunteers are always welcome! If you are a runner, or a walker, or simply want to enjoy the community camaraderie – please join us. *Remember to bring a non-perishable food item for the pantry.* During these tough economic times, the food pantries are being hit very hard. Demand has increased and we all need to help out with the contributions.

This Friday night, 14th, will also be our third Middle School Dance. It is imperative that the chaperones keep an eye on the restrooms. We will no longer be able to use the Town Hall facilities if the restroom facilities are abused as they have been during the last two dances. Mr. Sulc is planning on speaking to the 7th and 8th graders to remind them that it is a privilege having these dances.

Membership dues should be submitted by the end of November - especially if you want your information in the Yearbook. You can mail your \$30 check to the Norwell Women's Club c/o Jessica Chase, Membership Chair. We are still searching for additional members for our 50th year – so let's spread the word!

Next month's meeting is the annual "Cookie and Ornament Swap" on Tuesday, December 2nd at the home of Kathy King Tedeschi. The meeting is being held at 7:30 pm and it is a great way to get into the holiday spirit. Bring a plate of cookies and/or an ornament; you can leave with a new assortment of cookies and/or a fun "Yankee swap" of an ornament. Please RSVP to Melanie Johnson at meljo_bc95@msn.com or Sally Schiller at kschill@comcast.net. Let Melanie or Sally know if you will be bringing an appetizer, dessert or wine and please bring a friend or two! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me any time.

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). We would like all checks for current members by November 30th so that we may print an undated yearbook for all members.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on December 2nd at 7:30 pm at the home of Kathy King Tedeschi for our annual ornament and cookie swap (17 Tara Drive). Please RSVP to Melanie Johnson (meljo_bc95@msn.com) or Sally Schiller (kschill@comcast.net). Please bring an appetizer or bottle of wine to this very fun social gathering. Wine tasting tickets will be on sale at this meeting and always sell out very quickly.

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 January 23rd 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 7th and 8th graders that their help is always welcome. Thanks in advance for your help!

Turkey Trot

The Norwell Women's Club 3rd Annual Norwell Turkey Trot 5K is scheduled to be held on Sunday, November 16th at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine, at Norwell High School. We encourage every member of the Women's Club and their family and friends to join us in running or walking the Turkey Trot! Entry forms are posted at www.norwellwomensclub.org or if you ran it last year and provided your email address an entry form will be emailed to you. The entry fee is \$15. We have asked that all entrants bring a can of food on race day to be donated to the Norwell Food Pantry. There will also be a children's race for kids 8 and under, \$5 per family. There will be a massage therapist, physical therapist, and acupuncturist there providing free services! So come and enjoy the fun! Please contact Michele Curtin at shel_curtin@hotmail.com or 659-7403 with any questions.

Norwell Garden Christmas Luncheon

Each year at Christmas time we have a luncheon for the Norwell Gardens. We provide lunch and hand out gifts while the Decibels sing Christmas carols. **Please note that the date has been changed to December 12th** from December 5th. Lunch is served from 11:45 - 2:00 pm. Please contact Micci Fitzgibbons at miccifitz@aol.com to volunteer or to bake something.

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.

Festival of Trees

Friends of Cranberry Hospice has once again invited the NWC to be a part of the annual Festival of Trees. The event will be at Plimoth Plantation Friday December 5 - Sunday December 7, 2008.

www.cranberryhospice.org/festival Our theme to decorate a tree this year will once again be "kitchen stuff." After the three day event we will be donating the "kitchen stuff" to Norwell's Pantry to be given to families in need. I'm asking NWC members to donate items and support hospice & Norwell's pantry. It can be a can opener, dish towel, spatula, bowls, forks, cookie sheets, etc. Your donation will be put to good use and will be greatly appreciated! You can drop your items off at: Liz McCarron, 161 Old Oaken Bucket or call her at 781-659-2431 and she will be happy to pick up your donation. Please deliver before December 1st.

The Norwell Food Pantry, Adopt-a-Family & Kids-in-Need Program

Brochures about our services will be going home with report cards for all students of Norwell Schools. Please take a minute to take a look at all the services we provide. If you know of families in need, please let us know. It is a very discrete process. More information on the program can be found at:

www.FriendsofNorwell.org.

We are currently signing up people to Adopt-a-Family for the holiday season. You can send Reiko an email if you are interested: reiko.beach@comcast.net. Specifics will be emailed to you after Thanksgiving. Drop off for gifts will be Tuesday, December 16th, 10-2 and Wednesday, December 17, 12-4.

As you all know this season, the economic outlook is not very bright, and the Food Pantry, and all our programs are expecting more requests than ever before. To assist as many Norwell residents as possible we ask that you consider donating non-perishable goods, there is a box at Town Hall; a monetary donation through our web site; gift certificates to the mall, Wal-Mart, or grocery stores at the \$20-\$25 range.

We are grateful for all the support the Women's Club gives us; thankful for all the businesses that support our work, especially , **Eastern Bank, Trader Joes, Panera Bread, Norwell Chamber, Tri-Town Rotary, Norwell VNA, Friends of the VNA, TRB Design and Image Resolutions**. And we would be nowhere without all the private citizens, adults, and students that seem to always step to the plate when we need them to. Thank you all!!

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. 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).

Wine Tasting

Save the Date! The wine tasting is scheduled for Friday night January 30, 2009. We are in the process of getting our committee together. If you are interested in helping out with this fun night, please contact one of the co-chairs. We will be having a committee meeting at the end of the month. Last year was a huge success for the club. We are looking to all members for donations and sponsorships. Please let us know if you can help. If you have any questions please contact, Jen Burnham (Jeneburnham@yahoo.com), Nicolle Whyculis (nwychulis@yahoo.com) or Mary Lou Dynan (mldynan@comcast.net.) We hope to see some new faces at the WT meeting.

Fashion Show

Mark your calendars! The 2009 Women's Club Fashion Show will be Wednesday, April 1, at Indian Pond Country Club. If you have any ideas or feedback for the show, please contact Beth Noterman at Elizabeth.noterman@US.ING.com or 781-659-0421, or Heather Creel at creel35@comcast.net or 781-378-1607.

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 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, the Chatter, and the Norwell Mariner.

December:

12/2 Cookie/Ornament Swap Kathy King Tedeschi's 17 Tara Drive 7:30pm

12/5 Norwell Gardens Luncheon

January:

1/13 Monthly Meeting Middle School 7:30pm

1/23 7th and 8th Grade Dance Town Hall 7:30pm

1/30 Wine Tasting Dinner Barker Tavern

February:

2/12 Monthly Meeting Pat Bigger's Home 2 Loring Drive 7:30pm

March:

3/16 Monthly Meeting Middle School 7:30pm

3/20 7th and 8th 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 7th and 8th Grade Dance Town Hall 7:30pm

5/21 Year End/50th Anniversary Dinner Blackstone's @ Indian Pond CC