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A Newsletter of The Northford Women's Club

Voices & Visions



From our President Mary Ellen Collett



The May general assembly meeting will start at 7:00 sharp. We will be handing out the volunteer awards and the club scholarships. Please try to be there by 6:45 if possible.

It's hard to believe that this year is flying by so fast. The June dinner is quickly approaching. Please sign up to come if you haven't already. It should be a fun time.

If you are having trouble selling your quilt tickets, please check with Elissa or Michele on places you might be able to go to sell them.

Memorial Day Parade:

We have reserved the state banner for the Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 25th. I hope that you all can come and march with us and the North Branford Women's Club. It is being held on the North Branford side of town this year. We will meet on Commerce Drive at 9:30am.



1st Vice-President Jennifer Mirto

Membership needs your help. If everyone could really talk up our club to friends, neighbors, co-worker, etc., you may be surprised that many would want to join. Remind them that we are not "little old ladies" that sit around all day. Stress the fun, (book club, exciting speakers, movie and game night). Encourage them to get out there and volunteer (President Obama's encouraging everyone). The more we brag about our club, the more they will want to join.

Treasurer Florence Pierson

Savings	\$ 733.00
Checking	\$ 1719.63
CD	\$3300.44

Anyone who needs a check must fill out a reimbursement form. I have more if you need them.

Gossip Corner

By Ellen Bailey

Do you have a gossip corner inside your home
A place to spread rumors or create your own
A place where prattle can be spread around town
A place that allows others to drag someone down

Unfounded gossip can travel in many directions
Overcoming obstructions and evading correction
It can negate happiness and put sorrow in its place
It can erase a smile and put tears on someone's face

Smearing others and tarnishing their reputations
Should be left to those of a younger generation
We who are older and are supposed to be mature
Should not abet in spreading this kind of manure

Quell the gossip that tries to enter into your home
Do not give it more legs on which to further roam
Replace it with mentions of truly honorable deeds
And demonstrate to others your personal integrity

Programs

Carmel Genera

May 19th is awards night. Kathy Delfino will be presenting two scholarship awards, one to Brittni D'Urso, daughter of Lisa D'Urso and one to Cole Manceri, son of Donna Manceri. Rose Lynch will be presenting awards to children of school age for their volunteer hours.

Meeting starts at 7pm. Please make every effort to arrive on time, awards will be first.

Please bring one item on the food bank list to the meeting. Someone will have a good meal because you did. Thank you.

Education

Rose Lynch and Toni Savino

Student Service Awards and Scholarships will be awarded on May 19th at our monthly meeting. Families and friends are invited to participate. Refreshments will be served after a brief ceremony.

Corresponding Secretary

Kathy Delfino

We received a thank you letter from Mid State Medical Center for the Memorial we sent for Robert Smith.

We sent a sympathy card to Lisa D'Urso for the loss of her grandmother.

We received two thank you notes from families that we donated Easter baskets to. We received a thank you note from Wanda Williams, from St Andrews Church for the \$350 contribution to their church in July, 2008. We also received a thank you from Jamest Raeanne Crisco, for our donation for their son, James Crisco, for medical expenses.

Two club member's children will receive scholarship checks from our club. Brittni D'Urso, daughter of Lisa and Tony D'Urso, will be attending The Hartford Conservatory and will study dance and minor in health and nutrition. Cole Manceri, son of Donna Manceri, has been accepted at Gateway Community College and will study to be a radiologist.

Congratulations Brittni and Cole!

Charity

Elissa Orio & Michele Sumecki

If anyone has tickets to turn in, please bring them to the general assembly meeting and give to Michele or Elissa. We want to get a idea of how many tickets are being sold. Thank you.

We are doing two fund raisers in August - Cyndi Basil is handling them for the Charity Committee - Yankee Candle and Virginia Dinner Peanuts. We will pass out books to everyone in August and need them back by the end of the month. Please do your best.

Is anyone interested in selling anything at the Potato Festival? We are open to ideas.

What do you think of re-usable grocery bags with Northford/North Branford on them?

I found some online (variety of prices - \$2-\$4 a bag) Do you think people will pay \$5.00 for a bag?

Do you want to do another bus trip? Let us know.



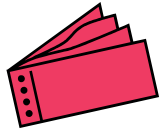
District Day Craft Winners

FIRST PLACE: Carla Dextraze, leaded stained glass, Liz Boissard, won twice, once for her quilt and once for her needlepoint pillow, Mary Smith for her mixed technique pillows, Carmel Genera for her Christmas decoration and Donna Goettler took THREE first place awards for her photography.

SECOND PLACE: Patty Meglio for her oil painting and Florence Pierson for her decorative painting and her holiday decoration.

Congratulations Everyone!

Sell the most raffle tickets and win this!



Membership Dues 2009 - 2010

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please make your check for \$28 payable to Northford Women's Club and give to Florence Pierson. Thank you



Patty Meglio May 9th
Kim Wollman May 9th
Cyndi Basil May 18th
Sandy Pekari May 18th

Club Awards Ballot

Please place your vote at the May general assembly meeting for the following awards:

Best at her job (a board or committee member): _____

You can count on me (always there to help however she can): _____

Most club spirit (any member): _____

(All awards will be presented at the end of the year dinner in June.)



Important Dates:

May 18th Midnight Run 6:15 to 6:45
 May 19th **General Assembly Meeting @ 7:00**
May 25th **Memorial Day**
 June 2nd Board Meeting 7:00

The food bank could use any of the following items:

Macaroni & cheese, tuna fish, Spaghetti sauce, cereal, toilet tissue, instant and canned potatoes, canned vegetables (peas and corn), canned tomatoes, tomato paste, pudding, jello, jelly, soap, condiments, pasta (spaghetti and rigatoni), small cans of beef stew, pop-corn or any other snacks for children. Crackers, cake mixes, frosting, and canned fruit.

Ladies please do whatever you can. If we all bring just 1 item on the list, we will have 30 or more donations. Thank you.



Happy Memorial Day!

Hospitality

Theresa Hammond & Paula Morris

Our General Assembly Meeting is on May 19th at 7:00. The hostess is Kim Wollman and the co hostesses are Kathy Delfino and Carmel Genera. Please arrive at 6:15 to set up the chairs and tables. The awards recipients will arrive at 6:45. Thank you

The June Board meeting on the 2nd will be at the home of Mary Ellen Collett. Returning and new board members please join us at 7 PM at Mary Ellen's house. Mary Ellen will provide dessert, returning board members are requested to bring an appetizer.

Our annual June dinner will be held at Amato's, 730 Forest Road (The Northford Gathering), on June 8th. We will begin with appetizers at 6:30 and dinner starting at 7:00. We will have the use of one of the rooms at the restaurant, and the dinner will be "family style" with plates of food passed. Here is the menu: stuffed breads, Antipasto, and fresh tomato salad for appetizers, individual salads, penne ala vodka, chicken marsala, green beans almondine, and eggplant rollatini. Dessert, soda, coffee and tea will be included. Cash bar will be available. The cost will be \$29.50. Please fill out the form below and pay by the May general assembly meeting. Checks can be made out to The Northford Women's Club. We will also be collecting donations for a raffle that evening as well. Please bring donations to the May general assembly meeting. Thank you and hope to see you there.

Name: _____

_____ Will attend the June dinner on June 8th.

_____ Paid by check. Write check number: _____

Please make check payable to the The Northford Women's Club for \$29.50 (Payment will not be accepted without this form) Thank you

Home Life

Alison Young & Lisa D'Urso

This months Home Life activities include the book club at Jens on the 20th, the Memorial Day parade on the 25th and Movie Night on Tuesday the 26th to go and see 'Angels and Demons'. If you need more information please contact me. Thank you, Alison

Northford Page Turners

We will be meeting at the home of Jen Mirto at 7PM on May 20th. The books that we will be discussing are:

'Eggs in Purgatory' by Laura Childs, 'Dog on It' by Spencer Quinn and 'Comfort Food' by Kate Jacobs. All are a fun read. See you there.



Midnight Run

Florence Pierson

Midnight Run will be held on Monday, May 18th @ 6:15 to 6:45. Sandwich lunches, juice boxes, blankets, jackets, men's clothing, underwear, socks & hats are all needed. Toiletries would also be helpful.

Thank you





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Publicity **Patty Meglio**

An article about the May meeting and our annual raffle went out to the TotoketTimes, The Sound and The Advisor.

I sent in a short announcement about the Flags for Soldiers event to Totoket TV.

I created new flyers for the raffle for distribution to stores and businesses. See Michelle if you need one.

I created the design for the T-shirts for the Memorial Day Parade and other events.

I updated the Website with new photos and articles.

<http://www.geocities.com/northfordwc/>

Newsletter/Publications **Carla Dextraze**

I would like to hear any ideas or suggestions that members may have for next year's newsletter.

Articles of interest, recipes and items for 'Member Spotlight' are always welcome.

Thank you for getting your reports to me on time. *Carla D.*

Collections

Branford Animal Shelter

Canned dog food for adult dogs, medium to large rawhide chews and baking soda. The Branford Animal Shelter takes North Branford & Northford animals. Please give your items to Laura Pearson.

Yale New Haven Hospital

Magazines that are newer than 3 months and paperback books. Please give to Paula Morris.

New Haven Animal Shelter

Sheets & towels. Please give to Alison Young.

Campbell Soup labels & Box Tops for Education please give to Kathy Tobin and **soda can flip top rings** to Kim Wollman.