



HEART AND HOME TIMES

December 2007
Newsletter

PRESIDENT—Amy Panek
V.PRESIDENT—Cheryl Romeo

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Newcomers!

just wanted to send a quick reminder about a few things.

1. We will be meeting on Wed. December 5th at 7:00 for our Holiday Club Party and "Make It. Bake It. Grow It" Auction. Please bring something you made, baked or grew..or something that you bought that somebody else made , baked or grew. If you want to put together a themed gift basket to be auctioned you can do that as well. This meeting has always been a club favorite so bring those checkbooks and come shop for some gifts for those hard to buy-for people.

Remember: This meeting will be held at the firehouse on the corner of Rte. 188 and Bowers..NOT at our regular location.

2. Please remember to bring your orders for jams and cookbooks. We will be filling all orders the night of the auction.

3. There will be a movie nite on Tuesday, Dec. 4th at the Seymour Cinemas. We will be gathering at 5:30/5:45 at Albertos for dinner and then heading over to the cinemas. Please let Karen know if you plan on attending. Movie listings can be found on www.moviefone.com.

4. We will be collecting batteries for Toys For Tots at the December meeting. Please bring any batteries, especially AA and C for us to donate to fill all those battery operated toys the children receive.

5. Adult Social Holiday Party Saturday, December 15th at Alana's house. More info to come.

6. Children's Activities-Children Gift Making Get-Together Saturday, December 8th. Contact Kathy Saracino for more info. That's it for now.

If anyone has any craft show signs laying around either bring them to the December meeting or please drop off at Amy's work, PRO Scientific Inc., 99 Willenbrock Rd. Oxford. Also, please inventory all craft show bins and drop off at the warehouse so they can be stored away.

Amy

Special Reminders

Adult Social 12/15
Holiday Party
Alana Flach's House

December Meeting: 12/15
Note Change in meeting location*
Quaker Farms Firehouse

Childrens Activities

December 12/19
Caroling at Shady Knoll
10:30 am Lobby

January 2008 1/12
Adult Social
Game night Doreen
Harmens house



December is our all-time favorite, "Make-It, Bake-It, Grow-It" Auction. For those of you that may not know what this is, everyone brings something they made, baked or grew. Don't worry if you are not crafty. You can always make up a cute themed holiday basket filled with goodies. (Shhhh...we won't tell anyone that you didn't make them.) We then auction all these items off to club members during this fun evening of holiday cheer. All proceeds from this auction go towards sponsoring a family for the holidays.

Just a reminder, this meeting is held at the Quaker Farms Fire Department on Route 188 (the fire dept by the church) not at Church.

VICE PRESIDENT - Cheryl Romeo

As the Christmas chaos fast approaches, I have made a promise to myself to do the things that I feel truly matter. If that means less baking, less housework, less decorating so be it. The world will not come to an end because I decided to commit to this. Maybe we should all reflect on what this Holiday Season means to us and our families. Most of us as women have a disease to please and we end up frazzled, tired and angry.. We need to value our commitments to ourselves as much as we value our commitments to the outside world. So my wish for all of us is to take a minute out of your busy day and decide what is worth the effort this Holiday Season and what you can just letGO.....The world will not end, if you don't make Auntie Mabel's holiday fruitcake.

Be Kind to Yourself and have a very Happy Holiday.
Cheryl

TREASURER - Joan Hawley

Nothing to report



NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE - Tara Stachacz

Please be sure to have any submissions to me by the 25th of each month so I can be sure to include them in the newsletter. Remember you can send good wishes and congratulations to fellow members in the Personals area.

SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL - Therese Kennett

To be determined

HANDICRAFTS -



PROGRAM -

January is White Elephant Bingo

Don't forget to bring any unusual items that may have shown up during the holiday gift exchange. I know I can sure trade my electric ice cream scoop.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - Kathy Saracino

December- we will be having a craft day for kids of all ages. This will give the kids a chance to make some Christmas gifts for mom, dad, grandparents, etc. I will have sign up sheets at the November meeting so I have an idea of the number of kids and ages. I am hoping to have the craft day at the church. Just need to confirm a date. There will be a nominal cost for each craft. Kids can sign up for more than one. If you can't make the meeting, give me a call- 881-5511 or e-mail KSara9@aol.com to sign up your child.

January- I am looking into High School Musical ice show tickets. More details to follow.

Thanks,

Kathy

ADULT SOCIAL -

Doreen Harmon & Alana Flach

ADULT SOCIAL - DECEMBER

We hope you can join us for at least one of the events we have planned throughout the year. It's a great opportunity to make new friends and spend time with old ones!

Thanks,

Doreen

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We encourage you to join us for at least one of the Adult Social events - they are a great way to get to know your fellow club members in a fun social setting.

MEMBERSHIP - Chairperson needed

We are still looking for more benevolent women who live in Oxford and Seymour to join our wonderful group of ladies. So, if you know someone who would benefit from membership in NNSO and who would be a benefit to NNSO and our communities, please invite them to attend the next meeting on November 7th.

NNSO is thrilled to welcome all our new members. We hope to include interviews With each of our new members in the coming months in our newsletter.



SUNSHINE -

***December - Collect batteries for Toys for Tots program.
Also, you can bring any “extra” new unwrapped
toys to be donated to the Birmingham Group.***

**Also, please remember to save those pop tabs and bring them to the meeting for
the Ronald McDonald House.**

HISTORIAN— Ann Gamauf

Be sure to send a copy of any pictures to Ann for the scrapbooks.



Please be sure to submit any pictures to me to include in the newsletter.

Thanks,
Tara



HOSPITALITY -

I am looking for people to bring some tasty holiday treats for our December meeting. If you have yet to fulfill your hospitality commitment , please offer to bring something for the next meeting.

We ask each member to sign up for one meeting a year.

PUBLICITY

We are still looking for a chairperson who will take over publicity duties. These duties include submitting monthly meeting programs to the newspaper and making sure they are posted on the sign on 67 in front of Center School/Fire House.

Shady Knolls Caroling

We will be going to Shady Knoll Convalescent Home in Seymour in December. If anyone would like to join us the date is Sunday December 9th at 10:30am. We will meet in the lobby. Absolutely, children are invited!

We will carol through the halls and distribute holiday cards to the clients. The more the merrier.

If you can join us please contact Pat at pjd29@aol.com or 888-9028.



COOKBOOKS

We will have cookbooks for sale the December meeting. Make sure to grab a few copies for those hard to buy for people!

Jam

We still have a large selection of jams that can be used for Teacher and holiday gifts.



CRAFT SHOW



Save The Date:

We are looking at October 18, 2008 We hope to have this date confirmed for the January meeting.

Chairs Needed

If you are interested in Co-chairing the show or chairing an area please contact Amy at panek9995@sbcglobal.net

TREES OF HOPE



Trees of Hope Benefit Event:

Trees of Hope is an annual display of elegantly decorated themed holiday trees, a holiday boutique, and entertainment by local musicians, individual performers, and student choirs. At the conclusion of the event all of the trees on displayed were raffled off.

Many come to celebrate with us as local businesses, corporations, community groups, schools, municipal offices, families, and individuals donated artificial trees for the Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut 's "Trees of Hope" fundraising event. **Admission is free for all.**

This year, the Trees of Hope will be held December 1-9th 2007, at the Long Wharf Maritime Center, 545 Long Wharf Drive New Haven, Connecticut.



