

NORWICH WOMEN'S CLUB

Community Service Since 1907

JANUARY 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where will you be on March 16th?

The positive energy emanating from the wonderful "can-do, can't fail" women involved in planning our new one-night Spring Gala is positively inspiring.

Their efforts have given me a new understanding of how a 100% volunteer organization can raise and give away approximately \$50,000 every year!

NWC women are professionals in every sense. The planning, coordination, responsible delegation and attention to detail for the Spring Gala are unbelievable. It proves what dedication and talent can accomplish. This group of women, like all NWC members, is a marvel to work with.

You can join them. You will find the experience both enjoyable and satisfying. If you look through this newsletter you will find many opportunities to become involved in this exciting event. We need help with such things as PR, soliciting auction items, working on the set-up or cleaning up before and/ or after the event, talking up the nominations for the first ever Norwich Citizen of the Year for Community Service or nominating someone yourself, and making sure that this is an event that neither you nor your friends will want to miss. If you can't figure out how you can help a phone call (649-1549), or e-mail to Carol Loveland, cloveland@wavecomm.com our super-organized and extraordinarily energized chair, will quickly put you in the loop.

Ledyard Bank has provided us with a generous grant that will allow us to have the event catered. The Selectboard unanimously approved our request for a waiver allowing us to serve beer and wine. Tracy Hall will be transformed into an inviting and beautiful fairytale land that night by the creativity and talent of so many members. With customary NWC frugality, the tables will be draped with cloths, runners and sashes left over from daughters' weddings, other tablecloths and accessories will come from members closets, volunteers have offered trucks and drivers to deliver necessary items to Tracy Hall at no cost to the Club. All of these cost saving measures will help us to maintain our level of funding for community grants.

Please help us to make this event an outstanding success. Mark your calendars now for March 16.

Arline

NWC CALENDAR

Spring Gala
3/16/12 Friday
6:30pm-9:00pm
Tracy Hall

Spring Nearly New Sale
5/4/12-5/6/12
Tracy Hall

NWC Board Meetings: Mondays
Norwich Public Library at 6:30pm
2/13/12
3/12/12
4/9/12
5/14/1



MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome to new members Lydia Bartholow, Kim Holzberger, Jennifer Hopkins, Eileen Shaevel, and Mary Winants.

Do you have friends who would like answers before they decide to join? Please ask them to check our website or contact me directly – 802-649-2662 or sophiaj Crawford@gmail.com.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Joan White on December 22nd. Our thoughts are with her family.

Sophia Crawford, Membership Chair

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NWC PROGRAMMING

Our next Program event will be the author luncheon to be held on Monday, March 5 at the Norwich Inn. Local newly published author Katharine Britton will be speaking. Her book My Sister's Shadow was named the "hottest book for the hottest months of 2011" by Liza Bernard of the Norwich Bookstore. Stop by the bookstore to get her book, and then join us in March for her talk.

Debbie Carter, Holly Sateia, Dana Ireland

SPRING GALA IN UNDERWAY

The new venue for the Spring Fundraiser is well underway and the committee is awesome. Would you like to join us? Ideas are flying and the prospect of a successful Spring Gala is keeping the energy level high. Do you have some ideas to share? Contact me or anyone else on the Board or the Committee and become a part of the new adventure.

January is a critical month as the nominations need to be in by January 20 and the Norwich Citizen of the Year will be named by the end of the month. All auction items will need to be in place by the end of January as well!

February brings publicity with posters, the website and media coverage all including the winner's name. Tickets will go on sale at the same time and will be available at the door if there is space available.

By March 16, in Tracy Hall there will be spring in the air. Come join your neighbors, break that cabin fever, and honor our first Norwich Citizen of the Year for Community Service, bid on the fantastic auction items that will be on display as there will be something for all ages to enjoy. Join us for hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, beer or wine and lots of good cheer.

See you there
Carol Loveland
649-1549
Chair of Spring Gala 2012

CALL FOR AUCTION ITEMS

Dear NWC members,
As a newly appointed board member of the NWC, I have the honor to work on this year's Silent Auction for our Spring Gala event. Our goal is to make this one evening a huge success and we are counting on your help. We are in search of new and fun auction items. If you or a friend or family member have a good resource, contact for us that can help raise money for our community projects for this year, please send it our way!

Contact me via email with your idea(s) so we can make sure not to "double dip". My email is belgamco@comcast.net. We can help to coordinate from there.

Our deadline for auction items is January 31st. We will need a detailed description for every item so the bidders know exactly what they will receive.

Thank you so very much for your help and for helping our community,
Yours in service,
Genevieve Verlaak-Graham,
Silent Auction Chair



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NORWICH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

By now you must all be aware of the newest NWC initiative - the Norwich Citizen of the Year for Community Service. We want our club members to be involved in this.

Surely you know someone who has done a wonderful job serving the community either in a humanitarian, civic, cultural or educational way. Surely you'd want that person recognized! This can be a man or woman, boy or girl, even a whole family! Send us your nomination.

To nominate the winner you can print out a nomination form from our web page, www.norwichwomensclub.org. Or you can e-mail us your nomination to info@norwichwomensclub.org. Just be sure to include your name and contact info, as well as the nominee's, and your reasons for nominating this person. Or you can call me at 649-1684 and we can chat it out. But nominate, please. There must be 100 people who come to mind when you think of a member of the Norwich community and community service. Why, it can be a man or woman, boy or girl, even a whole family!

The nominating period is ongoing, until 5 Pm on January 20th. The 2012 Citizen of the Year for Community Service will be announced in early February, and will be feted at the Spring Gala on Friday, March 16 at Tracy Hall. The NWC will be making a substantial cash grant to the charity of the winner's choice. This is an honor well worth winning.

This effort is being co-sponsored by Ledyard National Bank, to whom we are most grateful for a large grant. Feel free to contact me with questions, or any member of the Awards Committee.

Submitted by Sue Pitiger

AWARD COMMITTEE: Gail Broughton, Martin Butler, Phil Dechert, Cheryl Herrmann, Heidi Lang-Moran, Sue Pitiger, and Jay Van Arman.



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FIRST ANNUAL

Norwich Citizen of the Year For Community Service AWARD

Now Accepting Nominations January 2 – 20, 2012

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Any member of the Norwich community who has made an *exceptional* humanitarian, educational, civic, or cultural contribution to Norwich, the Upper Valley, or the world at large through community service

WHO MAY NOMINATE? Any resident of Norwich

WHY NOMINATE? We will honor the winner at the Spring Gala at Tracy Hall on March 16, 2012, sponsored by

the Norwich Women's Club and Ledyard National Bank
The winner will receive a cash grant for the charity of his/her choice

HOW TO NOMINATE? Tell us why this person deserves recognition
Print out a nomination form at www.norwichwomensclub.org and mail it to:
NWC, P.O. Box 191, Norwich, VT 05055 or
Email your name and reasons to info@norwichwomensclub.org

DEADLINE: JANUARY 20

BE A PART OF THIS FIRST EVER TOWNWIDE EVENT!

*Award Committee: Gail Broughton, Martin Butler, Phil Dechert,
Cheryl Herrmann, Heidi Lang Moran, Sue Pitiger, and Jay Van Arman*