



Ellington Women's Club

Next meeting Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00 PM

Ellington Senior Center
40 Maple Street

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HAPPY SPRING!

Looking back at this time last year, we all thought last winter was challenging, but I'm sure everyone would agree, this year wins the prize. Fortunately, we did not have to cancel any meetings, but I was certain we wouldn't see grass until June!

Again, here we are looking forward to yet another year and it's that time to select another Nominating Committee for the Slate of Officers. Also, sign-up sheets will be circulated for the upcoming year's committees. Please come ready to volunteer on the Nominating Committee and to be involved with our wonderful club.

As last year, this meeting will follow our District Day banquet, so we will have lots to talk about.

Hope to see you all at our April 1 meeting!

Karen Antonetti



FOOD PANTRY

Pat Tardif

I am proud to mention that Karen used our Food Pantries Project as the subject of her President's Report for District Day!

At the March meeting you donated 61 lbs. of food, 1 gal. apple juice, 3 gals. pancake syrup, shampoo, toothpaste, bars of soap, paper towels, and assorted toiletry samples.

The Crystal Lake Food Pantry has given us their Wish List for April which we share with both pantries: pasta sauce, soups (large & small cans), tuna, brownie mix, peanut butter & jelly, maple syrup, crackers, and macaroni & cheese. The "yellow box" will be in the Senior Center from Tuesday, March 31 until after our meeting on April 1 at 8:30 pm.



March Program

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

The Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps is 53 years young and was started by a group of individuals who wanted to assist town residents in need. They currently have a group of volunteers who do duty time nights and weekends along with paid staff who do week days. The Ellington Rescue Post also has young members who assist the adult crews in providing emergency care. Their group has been around about 45 years.

Chief Peter Hany will be our guest speaker in April and will share a few first aid and emergency care thoughts with us as well as giving us some hands-on experiences.

Connecticut Trolley Museum

VIP Info for May 5 Meeting

Joan Robinson



A reminder that our May 5 meeting will be held at the CT Trolley Museum in East Windsor. The evening will include museum history, current exhibits, trolley ride and our monthly business. The cost for the evening is \$250. At our October meeting it was agreed that members would cover the cost. In order to keep the cost at \$8.00 pp we'll need 31 members attending the evening. Please bring your checkbook to the April meeting. If you are unable to attend in April but plan to attend the May meeting please let me know ASAP. We will need an accurate count at the April meeting so that we will know if the cost will be \$8.00 pp or if that will increase due to the lack of 31 women attending in May. Thank you,

Fundraising Update

Pancake Breakfast

After several emails and research into holding a pancake breakfast fundraiser this spring it was decided to put it on hold until additional research is completed and/or someone volunteers to chair the fundraiser.

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I saw a patch of brown grass today and was inspired to write. I know that's stretching it but I am getting anxious. I have not scheduled the cleanup for the Herb Garden since I'm not sure when Mother Nature will melt all the snow but I thought I would "plant" some ideas for you to think about for our summer garden tours.

Hartford Blooms Garden Tours is scheduled for June 6 – 14 and a tour book is \$10. There are many gardens on the tour to visit but we can choose one or two and then choose a place for lunch some of which will be recommended by the tour.

Three Sisters Sanctuary is in Goshen, MA about an hour and a half away. Along with the gardens, there are statues, water features, stone art and wandering paths. There is a restaurant, Elmer's, open on the weekend but weekday hours vary. I'm sure there will be other restaurants in the area if we want.

The third item is *Middlebury Consignment Shop*. Three floors of gently used and new furniture and accessories. I have personally sampled the food in the restaurant and I would highly recommend. Weather permitted they have both indoor and outdoor dining. If anyone is familiar with the Mackenzie Childs collection, there are two rooms full. Quite a spectacle to see. Most of us won't be buying because of the price but it is always nice to look at.

Just some things to "take root" as we await spring.

Diane Harrington

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