



Ellington Women's Club

Next meeting Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00 PM

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Happy Holidays to All!

We have a new member to install this month! A huge welcome to Loretta Nelson!

Reporting data is on the horizon. Here is a brief list of the areas we have fulfilled in the past.

Food Donations, Leadership (e.g. District Day), Veterans, Auxiliary, Prayer Shawl, Memorial Maintenance, Winterfest, EWC Committee, etc.

In saving space in this newsletter, please email Karen your contributions to EWC in 2014-2015. List the name of the activity, hours spent on the activity and any cost involved. Email Karen at: karen_bluemoon@yahoo.com

Karen will have forms available at the December meeting if you prefer not to email her your contributions.

DECEMBER EWC MEETING

by Joan Robinson



Everyone is invited to bring their favorite or special Christmas Tree Ornament to the December meeting. We'll explain why at the meeting.

ADOPT A FAMILY

Sponsored by Ellington's Human Services

Thank you from all of us here at Ellington Human Services for participating in this holiday program. Your generosity is instrumental in making this a joyous holiday for your Ellington neighbors.

Please note the wish list below is only suggestions. No one is expected to provide each request. If you find that a certain request is too costly, maybe a gift card toward that purchase would be more appropriate. Your willingness to adopt a family is greatly appreciated.

Please bring your new and unwrapped gift to the December club meeting. Joan will bring all gifts to Human Services. Any questions please reach out to Joan at 860-463-4251.

The Club's Adopt a Family has 5 family members.

Dad, Shirt size X-Large, Pant Size 36, favorite color black - did not ask for anything special

Mom, Shirt size X-Large, Pant Size 12, favorite color blue - did not ask for anything special

Kids:

Boy, age 16 request: Gift cards from P.C. Richard's, Game Stop and/or Walmart
Boy, age 13 request: the same, Gift cards from P.C. Richard's, Game Stop and/or Walmart

Girl, age 8 shirt size 14-16, pant size 12-14, favorite color Rainbow, wish list Kinetic Sand, indoor soccer ball, Pokemon, Remote Control Dinosaur, or car or helicopter, little glass chetah

The Club's Adopt a Senior/Single

The female's wish list is short, shirt and pant sizes are large and she likes the color blue. Her request is a sweat shirt & sweat pants. She has asked for nothing else so let's be creative for her.



ELLINGTON ANNUAL WINTERFEST

Many thanks to Ann B. and Rita for locating a coffee pot at a tag sale. Thanks also to those who have already signed up to bake and volunteer. If you have not done so plan on doing it at the December meeting. Just a reminder snacks need to be individually wrapped.

Dot has acquired the Town Hall Annex again this year.

Please drop off your donation of food at the Town Annex between 2:00 - 4:00 pm on the day of Winterfest, December 5.



C.I.P. (Maintaining Veteran Monuments)

In May we plant red, white, and blue flowers around the two veteran monuments in front of the Library in time for Memorial Day. In addition to our flowers one of the veteran groups in town has a ceremony and places a basket of flowers and some American flags in front of them. However, nothing seems to be done for Veterans Day in November. So, the American flags that were taken up when the plants were cleaned out by the monuments were put back in time for Veterans Day. A ceremony is held in the cemetery but nothing is done by the monuments which are seen all day, every day by townspeople. With that in mind, I suggest as part of my committee's maintenance of the monuments that we place wreaths in front of each monument for Veterans Day. This suggestion will be brought up at our December meeting.

FOOD PANTRIES UPDATE

Pat Tardif

The donations to the food pantries for November totaled 67 lbs. of food. The collection included laundry detergent, toothpaste, toiletry samples, two \$7 Big Y turkey coupons, and two \$25 Big Y gift cards.

For our December collection keep in mind Christmas and items appropriate for that meal. Remember there are 30 other days in the month for which "ordinary" food is needed. The yellow box will be in the senior center from Tuesday, December 1 until after the meeting on Wednesday the 2nd. In December we will again be giving two gift cards to Ellington Human Services for Christmas food baskets.

ELLINGTON WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

Cathy Rowe

The annual Phipps and Schoelzel Scholarships are available to Connecticut women pursuing an advanced course of study in institutions of higher learning. The General Federation of the Women's Clubs sponsors these scholarships. Feb. 10, 2016 is the deadline for submitting an application. If you know of someone that may be eligible please contact Cathy Rowe; 860-402-2824 or crowedy@yahoo.com for the details.

SECRET SANTA HOLIDAY GIFT for Veterans at the Rocky Hill Veterans' Home

Any donations should be brought to the December club meeting.

Dot Shackway suggestions for gifts:

Pants/Slacks (all sizes) - Dockers' style (washable), jeans, lounge pants, sweatpants, Big Man elastic waist pants, etc.

Shirts/Sweaters - Dress shirts, sports, flannel, polo style, etc.

Shoes (men's sizes 7-15), slippers, sneakers, loafers, etc.

Outerwear - Baseball caps, jackets, gloves, windbreakers, winter hats, scarves and fleece vests, etc.

Accessories - Batteries, reading glasses, magnifiers, postage stamps, umbrellas

Other popular gifts - Board games, small boom boxes, craft kits/models, gift certificates, movies, DVD only, rechargeable razors

REMEMBER, new, unwrapped gifts only! Check expiration dates, no used items. Gift Certificates are most appreciated by our Veterans

- Big Y, West Side Market, Stop & Shop
- Local restaurants on Berlin Turnpike, Red Lobster, Outback, Ruby Tuesday, Friendly's, etc.
- Movie theater gift certificates (Showcase Cinemas)
- Kmart, Big/Tall Men's, Kohl's, Wal-Mart, Marshall's, TJ Maxx

Money donations are welcome: Please make out checks to CT DEPT. of VETERAN'S AFFAIRS – SECRET SANTA Program and send to Catherine Cook, Director of Community Affairs, Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, 287 West Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067.