



NORWICH WOMEN'S CLUB

Community Service since 1907
SEPTEMBER 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Norwich Women's Club (NWC) and its members are very special. During my tenure as President I hope to spread the word, increase our visibility and attract new members, including some younger women.

NWC members certainly do not fit the stereotypical vision of traditional women's club members. We don't wear white gloves, although we might wear hats just for fun! What makes our members special is our ability to work hard and smart, do a great job at anything we undertake, while always remembering that work should be fun. In other words, we always have a good time at everything we do, and everything we do is first class!

Here is a quick reminder of some of the great work we do. The profits from our semi-annual Nearly New Sales provide post-secondary school scholarships for Norwich residents. Last year we gave out over \$31,000, including a scholarship for an older woman returning to school. In addition to providing a breath of spring just when we need it, the proceeds from Floribunda allowed us to provide twenty community grants as well as funding for eight of our own projects. In total we distributed \$18,651. People are always surprised that our totally volunteer organization can accomplish so much. There are over 270 people who volunteer to work at the Nearly New Sale, which is coming up soon. I hope you have signed up to volunteer this year.

What many Norwich residents, or even some of our members may not know, is the varied role the NWC plays in enlivening the village. We plant and maintain the beautiful flowers in the triangle near Tracy Hall, are responsible for the wonderful Friday summer night concerts on the green, host a candidates' forum before our town elections, and help to produce a Citizen's Guide to Voting, local officials and boards. In other words, we improve the quality of life for everyone in Norwich.

All of you can help me to achieve my goal by keeping the NWC front and center in your minds. If your friends and neighbors don't belong to the NWC, invite them to join. Bring them with you to the Fall Welcome meeting on October 5. Tell them about the upcoming Museum Trip to Salem on October 27. Last year several people joined the NWC after taking one of our wonderful museum trips. Check out our new and improved website at www.norwichwomensclub.org for more information about all that we do and share the information

The beauty of membership in the NWC, apart from the incredibly affordable annual dues (\$15) is that each member can be as active or inactive as she chooses. She can do nothing; she can attend social meetings, become involved in committee work, or serve on the Board. We welcome any and every woman who has an interest in our town. I hope to see you on October 5.

NWC Calendar

Fall Meeting: Tuesday 10/5
4:30-6:30pm at the home of
Arline Rotman

Peabody Essex Museum:
Wednesday 10/27 7:30am
Huntley Meadow

Nearly New Sale Friday-Sunday
10/15-10/17
Tracy Hall

Holiday Party: Thursday 12/2
4:30-7:30pm

Floribunda Gala: Friday 3/18
Tracy Hall

NWC Board Meetings: Mondays
Norwich Public Library at 6:30pm
10/11/10
11/8/10
1/10/11
2/14/11
3/14/11
4/11/11
5/9/11
6/13/11





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2010 FALL/WINTER NEARLY NEW SALE COMING SOON

By Elaine Waterman

The kids are back to school and fall is definitely in the air which can only mean the FALL NEARLY NEW SALE is just weeks away. It's time to think about consigning, volunteering AND sprucing up your winter wardrobe with quality clothing purchased at the sale.

Volunteers are needed from set-up on Wednesday, October 13th: thru clean up on Sunday, October 17th. You can help us reach our goal of 270 volunteers by checking your calendar and responding to the volunteer e-mail recruitment or the phonathon call *even if you are not going to be available*. It saves time, energy and boosts the karma for the sale.

The Holiday Dress & Gown Boutique and the Costume Shoppe will again be featured and we are hoping to expand the men's clothing section with more male consignors or their agents, aka wife, girlfriend or significant other. Please encourage the males in your life to consign and shop the Nearly New.

The success of this sale not only depends on quality clothing, but it also depends on **you** getting the word out to friends and family about this phenomenal fall event to consign and shop. So many of our "regulars" not only spruce up their family wardrobes but they also do their Christmas shopping at this sale.

Check out the NNS link at www.NorwichWomensClub.org or e-mail NearlyNewSale@NorwichWomensClub.org to volunteer

Consign – Shop – Volunteer!!!

WANTED

CLEAN shopping and grocery bags
For the Fall Nearly New Sale.

Put them in the Conference Room "safe" when you come to work your shift.





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GARDEN REPORT

This spring, 2 Club members joined us planting at the garden on Main Street. We welcomed Dana Ireland and Anne Silberfarb, both experienced gardeners. Thanks to our team members, Nancy Golder and Carol Loveland.

The flowers did well this year and as usual, many people complimented us as we worked. This is not a scientific report, but there seemed to be more men than usual this year saying, "nice flowers" or "garden looks great"! We appreciate compliments from anyone.

Look for the fall mums soon.

Thanks for your support,
Mary Ann Holbrook

Peabody Essex Museum Trip October 27, 2010

Don't Miss this one!!

A fantastic opportunity to view the Emperor's Treasures from The Forbidden City and much more of the Museum (2 tours included).

Opportunity to walk about the town of Salem, MA (home of the Witch Trials) as they gear up for the annual Halloween Fest.

Lunch in small groups either in Museum Cafe or the many restaurants in town (not included in price).

Complimentary snacks in the am, wine and cheese on return bus.

Leave Huntley Meadow @ 7:30
Return circa 5:30.

Cost for bus and tours \$55.00-
checks payable to the Norwich
Women's Club-send to Noelle Vlitt,
PO 345, Norwich, 05055





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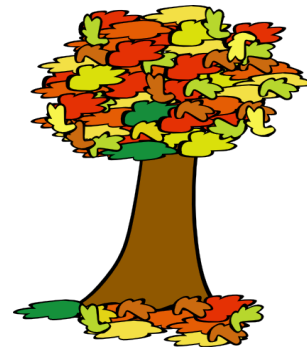
From the Membership Committee

Welcome new members: Anne Day, Lisa Green, Melanie Michel, June Morgan, Holly Sateia, and Rosalie Wyman. As a non-profit service organization, a strong membership allows us to be successful in supporting our community. We disbursed \$31,000 in scholarship funds and \$18,000 in community projects funds last year. When others sat back, you volunteered and became involved. You are awesome! Both old and new members can help us grow, by inviting a friend to join us for the Fall Meeting on October 5th, 4:30-6:30 PM.

The membership committee would like to thank all those members who have promptly paid their annual dues for 2010-11 and we ask that if you haven't yet sent in this year's dues, please, please help us complete this process by dropping yours in the mail. You save the club both money and time when you pay promptly.

We look forward to having fun socializing with all of you at this year's various events, as well as working together on our three fund raising events.

Karen Woodward
Nancy Golder
Co-chairs



FALL MEETING JOIN US FOR OUR FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY OCTOBER 5TH
4:30 to 6:30.

95 DOUGLAS ROAD

Everybody welcome... bring a friend. Lots of fun....

Parking for those who are able is on
Douglas Ridge

