

NORWICH WOMEN'S CLUB

Community Service Since 1907

DECEMBER 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the bustling and busy holiday season upon us, and the beginning of a New Year not far off, it is good to take time out for reflection.

I am so grateful to live in the Upper Valley. It seems to me to be an oasis amidst a world full of turmoil, rancor, a decline in civility, and clashing values. Vermonters still care about their neighbors and community, value education, and have exhibited both incredible resilience and generosity when faced with the unprecedented destruction brought about by Irene.

As Calvin Coolidge famously said in 1928, commenting on the recovery from the great floods of 1927:

"If ...support of our institutions should languish, it could all be replenished from the generous store held by the people of this brave little state of Vermont"

The NWC is filled with women who exemplify all that makes Vermont so special. Consider how many women volunteer so much of their time to the Nearly New Sale, the Spring Gala, and so many other worthy causes. The old adage "if you want to get something done, ask the busiest people" certainly applies to our members. The countless volunteer hours allow us to distribute more scholarship funds than any other Vermont non-profit. We expect that the newly designed Spring Fundraiser will earn enough for us to continue supporting so many worthy community programs.

I am proud to represent the Norwich Women's Club, which is held in high esteem. Within the Upper Valley we are known as an organization that makes a major contribution to improving the quality of life for so many people.

Have a wonderful holiday season, enjoy each day, and look to the New Year with renewed energy.

Wishing you all peace, prosperity, happiness and good health.

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NWC CALENDAR

Holiday Gathering
12/8/11 Thursday at the home of Brooke Adler
5:00-7:00 pm
253 Main Street

Spring Gala
3/16/12 Friday
Tracy Hall

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

MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome to new member Janet Rae.

If you are bringing a friend to our Gathering on Thursday evening, she could become a member immediately! There will be membership forms there to complete, and she can pay her \$15 dues by cash or check.

Sophia Crawford
Membership Chair

Help save the NWC money -- make sure we have your correct email address! Send any updates to info@norwichwomensclub.org

Thanks!

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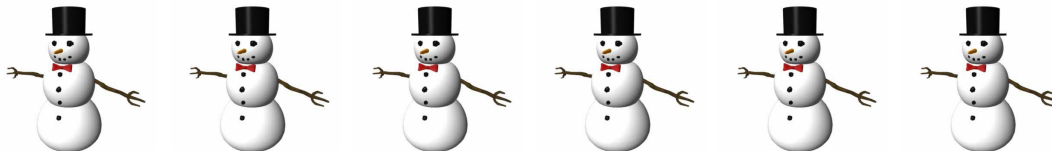
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NWC PROGRAMMING

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. (See back page for more info)

Debbie Carter, Holly Sateia, Dana Ireland



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS!

FOOD COORDINATOR NEEDED

Your expertise is needed to talk with local caterers, choose a menu and become part of the Spring Auction and Gala Reception team while helping to raise money for Norwich Women's Club Community Projects. Please call Carol Loveland 649-1549 or e-mail cloveland@wavecomm.com. Great opportunity for new members to get to know some very creative women and meet new friends.

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ANNOUNCING
THE FIRST ANNUAL
NORWICH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
FOR
COMMUNITY SERVICE
PRESENTED BY THE NORWICH WOMEN
AT THE
SPRING GALA
MARCH 16, 2012

Candidates will be members of the Norwich Community who have made significant civic, cultural, or humanitarian contributions to Norwich or the larger community.

Nominations will be accepted via e-mail or by hard copy to SusanPitiger@comcast.net or to 95 Meetinghouse Rd., Norwich from January 2 through January 20, 2012.

Nominators should include their own name and contact information, the name of the nominee, and a description of qualities that qualify their nominee for this honor. A nominating form may be downloaded from the NWC website, though nominations can be made without that form.

The winner will be announced by mid-February. The NWC is proud to inaugurate this prestigious award.

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

RECYCLE REQUEST

Please save your clean, large shopping bags and large vendor plastic bags in which you brought home your holiday goodies and gifts for the Spring 2012 Nearly New Sale. Large bags are usually in short supply for our large purchase shoppers.

