

## NWC November Newsletter

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75 Norwich Women's Club Members Enjoy Fun, Drinks and  
Hors d'oeuvres at October 6 Fall Gathering Party

**And voted the best recipe at the fall gathering was...**

### **Curried Chicken Balls, from Barbara Kenny**

- 1 8 oz. package cream cheese, softened
- 4 TBS mayonnaise
- 2 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1 ¼ cups almonds, finely chopped
- 3 TBS chopped chutney
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp. curry powder
- 1 cup grated coconut

Blend cream cheese and mayonnaise. Sauté almonds in 1 TBS butter until lightly browned, or you can brown in oven at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

Add almonds, chicken, chutney, salt and curry powder to cream cheese mixture. Shape into walnut sized balls. Roll each ball in coconut. Chill until



## President's Note

Sue Kaufman

Dear NWC members,

November to me means it is time to really start thinking about seasonal feasting and spending time indoors. I'm always glad to have lots to do while the daylight is limited.

The fall has sped past with a host of NWC activities that were enjoyed by many of our members. In October we started the month with a special **fall gathering** at Mary Otto's house, then our beautiful **garden** waved good-bye for awhile, NWC had another successful fall **Nearly New Sale**, and we hosted a great day-trip to the Institute of Contemporary Art in the seaport district of Boston. November started with **Coffee and Conversation** on the 7th.

The next Club event is the Norwich Women's Club **Holiday Gathering**, which will be at the Norwich Historical Society on Thursday, December 1st. Those who have come to a NWC holiday party in past years know that cheery holiday attire, good food and great company contribute to make this a special Club event. Hope you can join the group for this year's party. Please bring your smile, a friend and a can of tuna for the Haven.

The NWC is definitely a fun group and at the same time we are able to accomplish an amazing amount for the community. Thank you for being members of the Norwich Women's Club and lending your support in the way that works for you. Please continue to check our website -

[www.norwichwomensclub.org](http://www.norwichwomensclub.org) - and our Facebook page for new NWC pictures, highlights of prior activities and many upcoming events.

Cheers—I'll end by wishing everyone a healthy fall and early winter and a Happy New Year!

Sue

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Members Melanie Michel and Barbara Kenny select their next pour at the NWC annual September Wine Tasting at the Norwich Inn, sponsored by Dan and Whit's

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## Nearly New News

### Fall Sale Workers

#### Fall '16 Nearly New Sale Results

"How did we do?" is the first question asked right after the sale closes. We did an impressive \$24,300 in gross sales. Definitely not a record breaker for a fall sale, but a decent sum to return 50% to consignors and the rest going to the Norwich Women's Club Scholarship Fund after expenses.

keener vision. Over the past years, many items passed inspection that shouldn't have and those items ended up in the reject box; typically two to three large full bins. When an item is discovered by a volunteer or shopper to be substandard, the tag is pulled and marked with an R on the front of the tag and a brief description of the reason on the back. Those tags are then sorted in number order and referred to in case a consignor has a question regarding an item not selling; also, the reasons for rejection are reviewed so we can improve the inspection process. I am so pleased to report that just eight items were found lacking this sale! Barely a quarter container full! Let the lights shine on!

Reducing the number of items to be pre-consigned and consigned by 20% definitely helped ease the overflowing rack problem; volunteers found hanging garments easier prior to the sale and many shoppers commented on how much easier it was to shop; also moving tall racks off to the sides of the space provided a clearer view of rack signage.

#### Future of Digital Pre-consignment

Still in the experimental stage, a small number of pre-consignors accepted an invitation to consign on line as part of our Beta test group. Though still a few kinks to work out, the digital team is working on problems and improvements to move the process forward to a larger group. Will keep you posted.

## *LOOKING AHEAD*

### **Norwich Women's Club Calendar**

- **Thursday, Dec 1st, 5:30-7:30pm**, Holiday Party, Norwich Hist Society
- **Monday, January 2nd, 10-11am**, Coffee and Conversation, Norwich Inn
- **Monday, February 6th, 10-11am**, Coffee and Conversation, Norwich Inn
- **February TBA, Book and Author Luncheon**, Norwich Inn

- **Friday, March 17th, 6pm**, Spring Gala
- **Monday, April 3rd, 10-11am**, Coffee and Conversation, Norwich Inn
- **Thursday, April 27th, 2pm**, Mama Mia! theater outing, Northern Stage
- **Friday-Sunday, May 5-7th**, Spring Nearly New Sale

--Jaci Allen

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## Time to Get Out the Holiday Bling!

On Thursday, December 1, we have the perfect event to kick off your holiday month - the NWC's Holiday Party!

This is always a special event featuring the finest of treats prepared for you by your board members. We'll serve wine, soft drinks and a rumored bowl of some potent holiday cheer. Since the party's from 5:30 - 7:30 at the Norwich Historical Society, you can stop on your way home from work or after your last errand. Norwich NWC members, area women, new gals in town - this is for all of us.

Happily, the Holiday Party coincides with the first day of the "19 Days of Norwich, 1% For the Haven" festivities. We are asking each of you to bring TUNA for the Haven's food shelves. Bring one can. Bring several. But bring tuna for those in need.

Check out our party invitation in this newsletter for details. Plan on coming, gals. It won't be holiday time without your good cheer!

Thursday, Dec. 1, 5:30 - 7:30, NHL, Norwich.

--Sue Pitiger and Barbara Kenny



**You're invited!**  
**NWC Holiday Party**

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Norwich Historical Society

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**NWC Social Chair Looks Ahead**

We know how to have fun!

Maybe you've heard, but I can tell you that the bus trip to the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston this fall was terrific. The architecture of the museum itself was worth the trip. With a large part of the building cantilevered out over Boston Harbor, it is stunning. The art was fascinating and promoted good discussions led by our excellent guides. Of course, the party on the bus—muffins on the way down, drinks and luscious snacks on the return—was a hit too.

Our next program will be the annual Book and Author Luncheon, in February. We are close to clinching an author, and you'll love the book! As soon as our plans are finalized we will let you know who, when, and what.

Arline Rotman and I are wearing big smiles when we talk about our April plans. We again are offering discounted tickets (\$40 instead of \$45) to see Momma Mia at Northern Stage on April 27th, at a 2:00 matinee. There will be a wine and cheese reception for us at the theatre. And again, we will be having dinner at Elixir with 10% discount on food. Stay tuned for specifics.

--Isabel McCarthy

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Mary Otto, Editor

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