

Spring is finally here, along with your May Newsletter!

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President's Letter

It is hard for me to believe that my two-year term as President of the Norwich Women's Club is drawing to a close. Over the last two years the Club has certainly continued to make a difference in the Norwich community, thanks to its supportive membership and dedicated board. Two years in the life of the Norwich Women's Club is not long, but the Club has accomplished a lot.

Elaine Waterman (along with a group who handle key areas of the sale)

New Sales possible. The Sales are critical to funding for the NWC Scholarship Fund.

Funding in hand, the Scholarship Committee (comprised of co-chairs Karen Ward and Martha Graber plus three community members) reviewed numerous qualified applications and awarded over \$70,000 in scholarships for the past two academic years.

With two more special, enjoyable and successful Spring Gala events under our belt, the Club was able to award a host of Community Projects Grants. Thanks to Lily Trajman for chairing this year's Gala and to Carol Loveland for heading up the Finance Committee that awards the much sought after grants.

Looking ahead, I hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Tuesday, June 13 at the Partridge House on Main Street. More details are in this newsletter and evites will be coming out soon. The June meeting is a bit business and mostly a great opportunity to enjoy time with good company. You can also turn in your dues for the upcoming Club year—June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018—at the meeting and save a stamp. Please also consider making a donation to the scholarship fund and/or the community projects when you pay your dues. NWC's fundraising is successful, but there are more requests than funding every year.

What would a summer in Norwich be without Concerts on the Green. Three concerts are scheduled for this year. The NWC and the Lion's Club will be adding a special touch at the first concert on June 16 – they are providing burgers, etc. as treats to concert goers. Get your lawn chairs ready.

Thank you all for your support of the Norwich Women's Club – a dedicated, hard-working, and fun-loving group. Have a wonderful summer.

--Sue Kaufman

This year's fabulous salad luncheon and Annual Meeting—with a review of Club activities in 2016 – '17, the presentation and approval of next year's slate of officers, and a look at what's ahead—will be held at Norwich's newest B and B, the Partridge House at 383 South Main Street, from 11:00 – 1:00. Please bring salad ingredients in a bowl ready to put on the table, along with a serving utensil. The NWC Board will provide the greens. There will also be wine, soft drinks, and homemade desserts. It's a great time to see friends and learn about the Women's Club. Hope to see you there!

--Barbara Kenny and Sue Pitiger, Social Chairs

COMMUNITY PROJECTS GRANTS 2017 - 2018

The NWC Community Projects Committee met in early May to review 30 grant applications from community organizations. Requests totaled \$49,234, against \$33,322 in funds that were available for distribution, gathered from a combination of money received from donations with dues, the Spring Gala, the Wine Tasting event, and phonebook sales. We were able to fund 37% of the grants at 100% of the requested amount.

The NWC Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 13, and the list of grant recipients will be announced to the NWC membership at that time. Notifications will be sent out after the meeting to all organizations who applied for funds. Thank you for all the support of this project.

--Carol Loveland, Finance Chair

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR NEARLY NEW SALE VOLUNTEERS

These volunteers generously gave of their time, their energy, their hard work, and their cheerfulness. We cannot thank them too often. Without them, we know there

--Elaine Waterman, Nearly New Sale Chair

Claudia Adami, Anne Alford, Dianne Amme, Mary Anderson, Sandie Anderson, Celina Barton, Sharon Beaufait, Canny Bensen, JoAnn Berns, Licia Berry-Berard, Carole Bibeau, Natalie Billings, Debbie Birenbaum, Megan Bogonovich, Lydia Bos, Christine Bothe, Isabelle Bradley, Megan Brendel, Erica Brinton, Annette Brown, Arnie Brown, Laura Brown, Lin Brown,, Lucinda Brown, Charlie Buell, Judy Butler, Stephanie Carson, Debbie Carter, Nancy Carter, Suzanne Champlin, Devra Chicoine, Ann Christiano, Lisa Christie, August Chu, Nicole Chu, Wendy Cole, Andrea Colgan, Michael Crandall, Sophia Crawford, Nancy Cressman, Candace Crosby-Rogers, Walli Croteau, Frank D'Aprile, Stephanie Davis, Carole Dempsey, Nancy Dennis, Ruth Dixon-Vestal, Margo Doscher, Martha Drake, Marguerite Dunn, Annah Dupuis, Deb Dworak, Karin Dwyer, Lee Emerson, Clare Forseth, Lori Fortini, Keith Fossett, Colleen Fox, Phyllis Fox, Carol French, Peter French, Carolyn Frye, Milton Frye, Carolyn Fryer, Sally Gage, Andrea Gaines, Gigi Gallaway, Kacey Gardner, Anne Garrigue, Bruce Genereaux, Janet Garety, Nancy Golder, Terry Goletz, Michael Goodrich, Mary Lee Goodwin, Bonnie Gordon, Ginny Gray, Linda Gray, Lizzie Gray, Mary Ann Greene, Abbie Griggs, Peter Griggs, Diane Guidone, Martina Hackett, Deborah Hall, Laurie Halpern, Jen Hamilton, Naomi Hartov, Tracey Hayes, Beth Hazlett, Gail Heaslip, Cheryl Herrmann, Ellen Hobson, Becky Hooper, Ellie Huke, Dana Ireland, Patricia Jackson, Annie Janeway, Corlan Johnson, Penny Johnson, Maura Jones, Sue Kaufman, Carolyn Keck, Barbara Kenny, Sean Kenny, Joanne Kent, Barb Kline-Schoder, Pam Kneisel, Karen Kniffin, Joyce Knights, Jacqui Kumph, Karen Kuntne-Woodward, Rita Lajoie, Toni Lamonica, Bonnie Lawlor, Mary Layton, Glynis Leon, Nancy LeSourd, Victoria Levin, Cheryl Lindberg, Allison Litten, Carol Loveland, Tammy Lowe, Renie MacArthur, Lorinda MacLeod, Barbara Macnamee, Betsy Maislen, Sarah Martel, Natalia May, Isabel McCarthy, Penny McConnel, Susan McGrew, Mary McKenna, Kim Meredith, Melanie Michel, Lisa Milchman, Chrissy Morley, Robin Morley-Ploof, Deb Movizzo, Amy Nartowicz, Candace Nattie, Jill Niles, Chelsea Nolan, Margo Nutt, Teresa Oden, Nancy Osgood, Mary Otto, Jan Peltzer, Ann Perbohner, Irina Perreard, Carolee Perry, Marcia Peterson, Patty Piotrowski, Sue Pitiger, Dominica Plummer, Beth Reynolds, Michael Reynolds, Patti Rich, Christine Richard, Maureen Ripple, Libby Robbie, Heidi Rogers, Arline Rotman, Gail Sanders, Georgie Sawyer, Edye Scheier, Shannon Schutz, Nan Schwartzman, Ivy Schweitzer, Rebekah Schweitzer, Deb Scribner, Eileen Shaevel, Cindy Shannon, Gail Slider, Sydney Smith, Tracy Smith, Patricia Spellman, Abby Spina, Peter Stanzel, Judy Sterndale, Amy Stringer, Melinda Stucker, Karen Summer, Meghan Teachout, Hetty Thomae, Gail Torkelson, Lily Trajman, Ceci Tseng, Susan Tucker, Deb Van Arman, Kate Van Arman, Jonathan Vincent, Priscilla Vincent, Shannon Wallis, Karen Ward, Ann Waterfall, Heidi Webster, Marie Wesson, D.C. Whitfield, Mariah Whitfield, Carol Williams, Marcia Williams, Reeve Williams, Sybil Williamson



NEARLY NEW: Spring Sale Results

Another successful spring sale was wrapped up on Sunday, May 7 under a sunny sky after four and half days of rain, rain, and more rain. To all the volunteers, consignors and shoppers alike, a thousand thank yous for your continued support. Here's the answer to your most asked after- sale question: Gross sale total is \$21, 595.50.

The left-over clothing was neatly bagged by category and labeled for pick-up on Monday by the Listen Center. These bags of Nearly New clothing were then delivered to the Listen Center in Cannon.

Thank you volunteers, consignors and shoppers alike for yet another successful sale. Mark your calendars for the fall sale dates: Oct. 20, 21, 22.

Digital Update

There were 25 digital pre-consignors in this spring's group. Many had excellent feedback and several also offered suggestions regarding the process after submitting their Google spreadsheet. All found the experience to be easy and less time consuming. We are hopeful that more pre-consignors will try the digital pre-consignment option. Going digital is the ultimate goal, with consideration for those pre-consignment folks who aren't computer comfortable. Look for digital news in the September Newsletter.

An umbrella was left behind in the Tracy Hall Conference Room after clean-up. If it is yours or you know someone who might have left it behind, please call 649-1558, Elaine Waterman, to claim it.

--Elaine Waterman, Chair



NWC Members Enjoy Drinks and More Following Northern Stage Matinee of *Mamma Mia*

What a wonderful tonic *Mamma Mia* was for the 28 women from the Norwich Women's Club who attended this group event on May 11th. Great singing, great dancing, great choreography and set design. The cast clearly had as much fun performing as we experienced watching their

Over glasses of wine and Women's Club treats—waiting for us after the show in the private space of the new theater above the seating area, we were joined by cast members and learned more about them and their work on the play. And they were just in-between-shows, with another performance in the evening!

As an added bonus 14 women moved on to Elixir Restaurant down the street, where we had our own room, a 10% discount on food, and more time to enjoy each other's company. I am pleased to report that several of the women took advantage of the "Arlinitini" still on the Elixir menu!

This event was such a success that we think it will remain as a staple on the Women's Club annual programming. Do plan to join us next year!

--Arline Rotman and Isabel Mc Carthy, Program Chairs

Membership

A warm welcome to new members **Carol Chickering** and **Megan Tompkins**.

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You will have received your reminder to pay your annual dues of \$20. You can pay by check, payable to NWC, using the enclosed remittance envelope, or by credit card via our website www.norwichwomensclub.org. Do you plan to attend the Summer Meeting on June 13th? You could save yourself a stamp and bring your check then.

Your dues not only meet the Club's operating expenses and entitle you to a copy of the membership directory, but allow us to bring you more programs, as well as discounts on the book and author lunches, museum trips and the Spring Gala. Above all, membership gives you the pride of knowing that your club does so much for our community through its Scholarship and Community Projects Funds.

Details of membership can be found on our website. And I'm always happy to

Sophia Crawford
Membership Chair
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MEMBER PROFILE: MARGO DOSHER

Margo Doscher has always considered herself a Vermonter even though she was born and raised in New Jersey. Her Vermont identity, she says, grew out of her family's spending every summer in Newfane.

The youngest of three girls, Margo was the only child to ask to go to private school. In 7th grade her parents enrolled her in an all-girls day school because they thought she should be free to follow her own path. When she was ready for college, she applied only to the women's schools then known as "the seven sisters," a label distinguishing them from the all-male Ivy League group of colleges.

At Wellesley College, she majored in Political Science and noted that the vibrant and supportive environment of a women's school allowed for full intellectual growth and independence. Graduating in 1967 (two years ahead of another Wellesley graduate named Hillary Rodham), her Wellesley experience

One year after graduation Margo married her first husband and moved from Boston, where she had taught in a private school, to Maryland. There she taught 5th grade in a public school in Prince George's County while her husband worked at NASA.

In 1971, when her husband got a job at CREL and they moved to Thetford, Margo became a true Vermonter. Her husband started a well-drilling company and Margo managed his office until his tragic death from an accident in 1978. Their sons were seven and three at the time. Always interested in social services, Margo also worked part time at Planned Parenthood and taught Human Sexuality at the New Hampton School.

Margo moved to Norwich in 1980 when she married Paul Doshier, who worked in executive education at Tuck. Leaving teaching behind once again for social services, Margo worked at Upper Valley Youth Services as Coordinator of Public Relations from 1985-1989. At the same time she ran successfully for the School Board in 1984, where she served for five years, chairing it from 1985-1988. "I wanted to serve on the School Committee because my children were in school then and I strongly supported teachers."

Uncertain of what she wanted to do next, she flirted with the idea of running for the State Legislature and rejected it. She also considered going to law school but thought that would be too tedious and required too much sitting!

After much thought she realized she had always loved teaching. She interned at the Upper Valley teacher Training Program in 1989-1990 and became certified to teach.

She did not seek re-election to the School Board and applied for a job at Marion Cross. She was hired to teach 4th grade by Milton Frye, who wisely told her he appreciated her liberal arts education. She taught 4th grade from 1990-2006. Deb Hall told me "parents always hoped their children would be in Margo's 4th grade class!" By all accounts she was a great teacher.

Margo said, "teaching at Marion Cross was a fabulous experience. Great kids, great fun, great parents. It was a very supportive environment where teachers

them outside and have a nature lesson.” She gives a lot of credit to Milton Frye for creating such a warm environment.

Her older son lives in Montana with his wife and two girls. Her younger son lived in France for three years and, although Margo misses the trips to France, she is thrilled that he now lives in Norwich with her two grandsons, ages four and six. Like most grandmothers she joyfully helps with childcare. Although Margo is always exuberant about everything, she really lights up exclaiming, “The boys are a total delight! Laughter increases exponentially with children.”

Margo joined the Women’s Club about five years ago, saying that the women were interesting—and fun—and good cooks! Always ready for new experiences, she knew that the women cared about the town, and she thought the scholarships were great. She particularly remembers the museum trips to Art in Bloom and the Peabody Essex in Salem. Who could not like the great mixture of culture and the fun on the bus? She currently serves as the Women’s Club voter information chair, responsible for our Candidates Forum.

In addition to serving on the school board, Margo was on the Police Study Committee appointed in the wake of the controversial handling of a highly publicized domestic violence case. She later co-chaired a diverse group appointed to study and make recommendations about the Public Works department. Margo often seems to chair committees, which she attributes to her skills in moving things along, being pragmatic and result oriented. She also volunteered at the Haven for many years, working at the food shelf, and enjoyed getting to know people there.

Margo loves Norwich and considers herself very lucky to live here. “It is a wonderful town, filled with caring, welcoming, casual and down to earth people. It has wonderful trails which private property owners open for walkers, it is dog friendly, beautiful and feels very safe. In fact, she says, “The Women’s Club epitomizes all the wonderful things in the Upper Valley.”

--Arline Rotman

- Tuesday, June 13th, 11:-00-1:00pm, Annual Luncheon, Partridge House
- June 16th, 6-8pm, Summer Concert, Brian Cook Band, Norwich Green
- July 28th, 6-8pm, Summer Concert, The Flames, Norwich Green
- Aug 18th, 6-8pm, Summer Concert, Pillsbury Slow Boys, Norwich Green
- Monday, August 28th, 10-11am, Coffee and Conversation, Norwich Inn
- October 19th-21st, Fall Nearly New Sale, Tracy Hall

For more information on these events, find us on Facebook or www.norwichwomensclub.org. All welcome!

--Jaci Allen, Public Relations



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