

NORWICH WOMEN'S CLUB

Community Service Since 1907

FEBRUARY 2013

President's Message

Congratulations to the Fraser family. Did you wonder how we could match the enthusiasm for Mr. G, our first Norwich Citizen of the Year for Community Service? Well, we have done it again!

The universal acclaim and excitement that accompanied our announcement of the Fraser family of Dan & Whit's as this year's winner has been overwhelming. As one person said, where would Norwich be without Dan & Whit's?

Here is what else has been said:

- **GREAT JOB** on the citizen of the year election. For generations, the Frasers have all done so much for our community, taking on leadership roles for the town, serving as mentors and job trainers for our young people, supporting various charitable efforts and creating such a strong sense of community through D&W... I am so proud to know them and so proud of the NWC for selecting them. **WOW!**
- No one could ever measure what they give to this town. As a family they give to the community as a whole without hesitation. The countless donations, never ending support to those in need, the new support of non-profits through wine tastings, endless hours training teenagers in their first jobs, early openings and late closings, holidays... they are always there for us.

When Dana Ireland first heard of their selection, she was so excited that she ran out and brought a bouquet of balloons to the store with her great big grin and hearty congratulations.

I am sure each person in town has a wonderful story they could tell about the Fraser family. So save your stories to deliver them personally as we celebrate them at Tracy Hall on March 15th.

Arline



NWC CALENDAR

Coffee at the Norwich Inn
Monday 02/04/13 & 03/04/13
10-11 am

Author Luncheon
At the Norwich Inn
Monday 02/25/13
11 am

NWC Annual Gala
Friday 03/15/13
Tracy Hall

Nearly New Sale
Tracy Hall
Friday-Sunday 05/03-05/05/13

NWC Board Meeting Schedule
Norwich Public Library
Monday 6:30 pm
02/11/13
03/11/13
04/08/13
05/13/13

MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome to new members Marni Adhikari, Ana Paula Alexandrescu, and Barbara Pachner.

Your membership dues give you discounts on our Museum Trips, the Book and Author Luncheon, and the Spring Gala.

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a member, you and she will find more information on our website - www.norwichwomensclub.org. I am always happy to answer any questions: 802-649-2662.

Sophia Crawford, Membership

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Coffee and Conversation

We are offering coffee and conversation at the Norwich Inn – we do hope you will join us on February 4th, from 10am to 11am, and on Monday, March 4th, at the same time.

This is open to anyone whether or not a member of the Women's Club, so do bring a friend and encourage any newcomers you know. However, to help us best plan, please RSVP to Sue Spademan, SSpademan@gmail.com.

We thank the Inn for their warm welcome.

Nearly New Sale Gearing Up for Spring Sale

Planning for the Spring Sale is now underway. As was announced in the fall, after 15 years of service, Pricilla Vincent will be coaching Claudia Adami through her first sale as pre-consignment coordinator. Though Claudia presently has two pre-consignment distributors, Wendy Cole and Elaine Waterman, working with her, a third distributor is needed.

This position is perfect for the volunteer who has allergies to dust and would prefer to meet people one to one in a relaxed setting. Helping with the distribution of packets counts as your NNS volunteer shift qualifying you to shop the Workers' Sale prior to the Grand Opening.

Find out more about the distribution commitment by contacting Claudia at 649-7229 or cadami@comcast.net before you dismiss it as a possibility. FYI – the pre-consignment window is April 12 – 26 and you do not have to be in Upper Valley for the entire three-week period



Book/Author Luncheon, Monday, February 25, 11 am, Norwich Inn

Mark your calendars for enlightenment, food, fun, and fellowship! Our annual Book and Author Luncheon this year features local author Cynthia D. Bittinger, speaking on her important work, *Vermont Women, Native Americans, and African Americans*, Vermonters' histories that have gone untold.

Doors will open at 11, we will sit down at 11:30, and Cynthia will speak with time for questions. After her talk, we will lunch and chat. Bring an old friend or a new neighbor!

The luncheon, with a choice of entrée and a glass of wine, dessert, coffee, tip and tax, is \$27 for members, \$32 for non-members. Send your check, payable to Norwich Women's Club, to: Dana Ireland, 44 Bramble Lane, Norwich, VT 05055.

Sorry, no payment at the door – reservations required - as the Inn need a firm number to set up tables and prepare meals.

The Norwich Bookstore will be present and selling Cynthia's book at the luncheon. Thank you, Penny and Liza.



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TOP TEN REASONS YOU NEED TO GO TO THE SPRING GALA

10. What else do you have to do on March 15 anyway, a lousy mud season Friday night?
9. You get a discount for the ticket(s) if you're a NWC member - \$35/\$70.
8. You can get a chance to strut that hot outfit you didn't buy at LL Bean.
7. Or you can defy the norm and wear the fleece top anyway.
6. All you have to do is reply to the e-vite – how easy is that?
5. You can pat those Frasers on the back and thank them for smiling and being nice to you.
4. You have a shot at winning one of the fab auction prizes.
3. You can bid up that annoying frenemy and drop out, just as she's nailed with the highest bid.
2. You won't have to cook that night – good eats at the Gala. And you can drink!
1. You won't feel gully about being in the NWC and staying home to watch a movie instead of coming!

