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Newsletter



Nancy Shucofsky, President

It's going to be a busy few weeks but, as always, well worth it! The *3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser* is upon us! Since this is our club's biggest fundraiser, this event requires all of our members' participation in one form or another. Whether it's helping ahead with decorations, making desserts or appetizers, getting donations for our Silent Auction, selling tickets for the event, volunteering to help set up or clean up, working at the event, or just getting the word out to people you know, there are many ways you can help! If you haven't been at our club meetings, or if you aren't able to help the night of the event, Nancy or Sally would be happy to hear from you and direct you to ways in which you can help!

Lu Herman, Treasurer

Nancy S. and I met to review the budget, and we were able to add \$500 to Fairview Assistance, as there is a need. Please continue to turn in receipts attached to a Reimbursement Request form. Please use the tax exempt forms when purchasing for the club, every little bit helps! I will have extra forms at our meetings if you need some. Thanks!

Lynn Coletto - Hospitality and Social

Thank you to Diane Faile, Lynn Coletto and Kathi Kowalski for the beverages and treats at the January meeting. After one or two of Kathi's home-made brownies, we were all definitely stress-free!

**February 20th at 6:30pm is the Annual Soup and Chili Night.** Current sign-ups are below: We still need volunteers to cover dessert and beverages.

Soup or Chili: Helen David, Barb Kadleck, Lizz Wilson and Mary Jo Campbell

Salad: Carol McAlonis and Carol Deitch

Corn Bread/Rolls/Oyster Crackers and Butter: Sally Lisowski, Kathy Kazaroff and Billie Jane Vannucci

Parmesan Cheese: Sally Lisowski and Paula Deal

Shredded Cheddar and Diced Onion: Lynn Coletto

Sour Cream: Linda Hamaoui

Dessert: OPEN

Beverages: OPEN

Update on Cathy Collings: Her surgery is scheduled for February 7, 2012. Her husband Chuck will let me know about a date for the meal.

# Ways and Means



## Diane Faile & Helen Davis, LUNCH WITH SANTA

Thanks again to all of you for making the Lunch with Santa so successful. In serving 225 guests, we raised at least \$1300. Please remember to think of those donors who helped our cause. **Great job Ladies!**

## Nancy Shucofsky, Spring Plant Sale



Please calendar the date! **Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> between 10 and noon** is the scheduled date for picking up plants at the Bain Park Gazebo. Order forms will be available in next month's newsletter and at the March meeting. Dean's Greenhouse always offers high quality flowers, vegetables, herbs and hanging baskets.



## Nancy Cause & Sally Lisowski, Wine Tasting

**February 11th** is fast approaching. We still have tickets to sell. Please ask your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers if they are interested in attending. Remember, you have to have a ticket to enter the event, so be sure to purchase yours soon. We are putting the bidding numbers on the back of the tickets. We need to know the names and phone numbers of those attending. We will check them in when they arrive on Feb. 11th. The fundraiser is only 3 weeks away. Tickets must be sold by the week before the fundraiser. The Gemini center needs a final head count so they know how many tables to plan for. Please get your tickets this week. We cannot sell tickets at the door due to the assigned seating. Call me or email Nancy with how many tickets you need along with the names and phone #s of those attending. For those who already bought tickets, we still need a lot of the names. Let Nancy know who goes with what ticket number, please.

As with every other fundraiser, we need your help. Please give us a call or email with what you can do. We will be able to get into the Gemini center to set up on **Saturday the 11th at noon**. We are trying to get in the night before, but we are not sure if we can at this time. Please come and help set up or help in the kitchen or set up the silent auction. Many hands make light work. And of course, we will need help during the event and definitely after the event is over. The chairs will be very tired and can use all the help they can get so they can go home too.

We won't have another general meeting before the event, so make sure you check your emails often. We may have some important information to give you, especially closer to the event.

## Lu Herman, Wine Tasting - Food



Hi Ladies, Barb K. has graciously offered to help us! Can't express my thanks for her expertise and experience! We met last week, and have a game plan! Thank you to all who signed up to help with the fundraiser. I will be in contact shortly. The menu will be similar to those of the past, focusing on appetizers and desserts. Thanks again!



## Helen Davis & Carol McAlonis, Silent Auction

Thank you to so many members for your donations to the Wine Tasting Silent Auction. If you still have an item to donate please contact Carol or myself.

Auction items can be something you solicit from a business, including gift certificates, products or services. Donations can also be items you make yourself. Some examples include handmade quilt, theme baskets, a meal for the next day, craft items...anything you have a talent for or enjoy could turn out to be an item to donate. If you have a relationship with a business please ask them for a donation. If you ask a business for a donation please let one of us know so we do not ask the business twice.

We need everyone's help to make this a great success. Remember the more we make the more we will have to help others in need.

You can drop off your donation at one of our houses or give us a call and we will pick up your item. We would like to have the donations in a week before the auction. ***By February 5<sup>th</sup> would be great.***

## Nancy Cause, Parliamentarian

In January, we formed our nominating committee. Thank you to Barb Kadleck, Billie Jane Vannucci, Kathy Kazaroff, Sally Lisowski, and alternates Lu Herman and Carol Deitsch for serving on the committee. We will be calling soon to form the next club year's board of directors. Please consider serving on the board. It is very rewarding and you get to see what's going on in the club before the general membership. If you cannot be on the board, there are plenty of other positions we will need filled. Please review your black books to remind you of the committees. We will vote on a new board of directors at the April general meeting.

Any bi-law changes need to be turned in to me in writing no later than the February general meeting. If there are any proposed changes, I will get them out to you in advance to review and we will vote on them at the April general meeting.

## Kathi Kowalski, Programs

Thanks again to Carol Pehotsky for presenting January's program on how to destress in this hectic new year. We all felt so relaxed at the end of her talk!

February's general will feature the *Chili and Soup Potluck*, with more work on *Favors on Trays*. If you haven't yet volunteered for a dish, let Lynn Coletto know what you can bring. The more, the merrier!

**Happy Birthday!!**



February 23 - Carol Deitsch