

Glastonbury Newcomers' & Neighbors' Club Newsletter

December 2021

GNN Club NEWS

Membership

GNN welcomed two new member families in November:

Mike and Kate Fazzone moved here this past September from Milford. Kate enjoys skiing, baking, reading and is an HR Director at Ernst and Young, and Mike is a Dentist.

Deborah and Rob Maybruch have also joined this month, and we are looking forward to learning more about them!

Welcome, Fazzone and Maybruch families! We can't wait to meet you at future GNN events!

Club Planning Meeting

All GNN members are welcome to attend our club planning meetings to find out more about what is going on with the club.

WHEN: Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Home of Marlise Davis at 2033 Main Street, Glastonbury (allowed to park right in front of house)

RSVP: Facebook or email Jen at jphirui@icloud.com

Upcoming Club Events

- Dec 1-20: Family Social – Gingerbread House Competition!
- Dec 4: GNN Poinsettia Fundraiser – Pickup Poinsettias
- Dec 8: Community Enrichment – Toy Collection Deadline
- Dec 9: Club Planning Meeting
- Dec 11: Family Social – Teen/Tween Book Club
- Dec 11: Family Social – Pasta Snowflake Ornaments & Hot Chocolate Bar
- Dec 15: Ladies' Night Out – Hallmark Movie!
- Dec 17: Ladies' Night/Day Out Holiday Happy Hour!
- Dec 20: Family Social – Gingerbread House Competition Photo Submission Deadline
- Jan 10: GNN Book Club – The Christmas Train by David Baldacci

Applause! Applause! – SOCKTOBER JOY!

It was a joyous occasion for the children and sponsors of the Glastonbury Newcomers' & Neighbors' Club last month. We had the great honor of meeting the shelter coordinators of the Community Renewal Team (CRT). They shared with all of us the happiness that our sock donations bring to the families. **Thanks to our generous sock donations over the past four years**, we have kept many homeless men, women, and children's feet warm and cozy throughout the winter months.

This year I'm thrilled to announce that we collected over 2,600 pairs of socks! This marks our largest sock collection ever. Thank you so much for your continued support with our month-long sock drive. Also, a big thank you to all of the sock box drop off locations in town (*Educational Playcare, Edward Jones, Glastonbury Orthodontics, The Goddard School, Hair Today, Liquid Nirvana, Nayaug School, New Steps Dance, William Ravens*)!

Finally, we'd like to thank all the children who made such a smashing performance in the Socktober video!!

<i>Annie Argazzi</i>	<i>Autumn Meister</i>
<i>Charlotte Campbell</i>	<i>Davina Stoccatore</i>
<i>Jeffrey Campbell</i>	<i>Ryan Stoccatore</i>
<i>Sydney Campbell</i>	<i>Abigail Ukanowicz</i>
<i>Hudson Dingmann</i>	<i>Aaron Wagner</i>
<i>Allegra Davis</i>	<i>Nora Wagner</i>
<i>Kamea Davis</i>	<i>Lillian Wiksten</i>
<i>Winslow Davis</i>	<i>Isaac Zea</i>
<i>Hazel McCarthy</i>	

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THANK YOU

Community Enrichment – Holiday Giving to Families in Need

THANK YOU to all the families who have signed up to participate in this year's Giving Tree AND Toy Store. If interested, the Community Renewal Team (CRT) is also in need of toys for their Toy Store where CRT parents shop for a special gift for their child(ren) at no expense. (They particularly need gifts for older kids up to 12.)

AS A REMINDER, all the gifts need to be dropped off on or before December 8th to...

- Julie Campbell (271 Leigh Gate Road, Glastonbury) or
- Marlise Davis (2033 Main Street, Glastonbury in front door or table at the side)

Gifts should not be wrapped; they only need your family name on it. We will match the toys with the gift tags provided to us by CRT. Thank you for your generous toy donation this holiday season.

GNN Club **FAMILY** Events & Activities

Family Social – Teen/Tween Book Club

Our tween/teens are going to discuss the finale of “Dog Driven” by Terry Lynn Johnson. Just in time for the holidays, the next book will be A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg.

New York Times bestselling author Fannie Flagg has written an enchanting Christmas story of faith and hope for all ages that is sure to become a classic.

Deep in the southernmost part of Alabama, along the banks of a lazy winding river, lies the sleepy little community known as Lost River. After a startling diagnosis from his doctor, Oswald T. Campbell leaves Chicago to spend what he believes will be his last Christmas in the warm and welcoming town of Lost River. There he meets the postman who delivers mail by boat, the store owner who nurses a broken heart, the ladies of the Mystic Order of the Royal Polka Dots Secret Society, who do good things on the sly, like fixing up unattached men. And he meets a little redbird named Jack, who is at the center of this tale along with Patsy, a crippled little girl abandoned by her worthless parents. The townsfolk essentially adopt Patsy and orchestrate a minor miracle so amazing that those who witnessed it have never forgotten.

WHEN: Saturday, December 11 from 1:30 pm (before the Family Social craft)

WHERE: 2033 Main Street, Glastonbury; you can park directly on Main Street in front of our house

COST: Free

RSVP: Facebook or Email Rachel Ann at rmarαιο@goodwin.edu

NOTE: The Tween/Teen Book Club is fun and laid back. The reading schedule will be flexible and manageable for the kids.

Family Social – Pasta Snowflake Ornaments & Hot Chocolate Bar

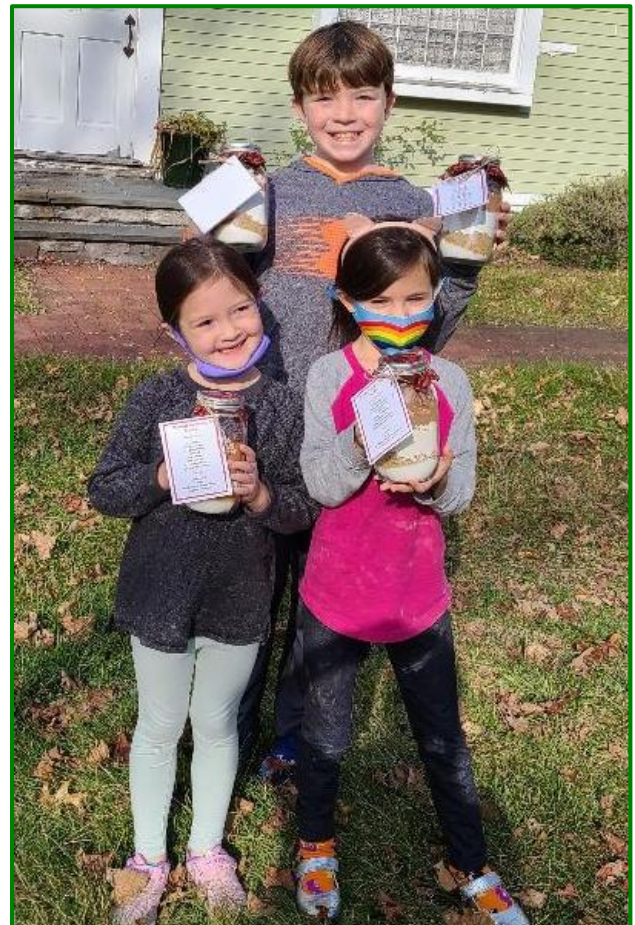
Everyone will be making their own creative, one-of-a-kind snowflake(s) out of pasta! All the materials will be provided. Also, there will be a toilet paper roll craft as well...think Santa or penguins.

WHEN: Saturday, December 11 from 2:00-3:30 pm

WHERE: 2033 Main Street, Glastonbury; you can park directly on Main Street in front of our house

COST: Free

RSVP: On Facebook or email Marlise at marliserandle@aol.com



Family Social – Gingerbread House Competition!

This event is open to kids and adults. We can't wait to see everyone's creativity. Remember the shape and size of the house can be whatever you envision.

Step 1: Purchase or make a gingerbread house. Kits available at local stores. (Note ages 6 and under can decorate a gingerbread man/women instead.)

Step 2: Assemble gingerbread house and decorate the house and scene around the house! Everything should be edible.

Step 3: Snap a photo of the decorated gingerbread house and email photo to Communications@GlastonburyNewcomers.org. Up to two photos per entry (i.e.; front of house and/or back of house). Deadline is Monday, December 20.

Entry Categories: There will be three categories.

- 6 and under (may do gingerbread man/women instead)
- 7-10 years old
- 12 and older, adults included

Judging: Everyone will be able to participate in judging all entries. The gingerbread houses and outdoor scene will be judged by the following criteria.

- Creativity
- Difficulty
- Overall Appearance

Prizes: There will be a prize for each age category.

Upcoming Family Social Events

Jan/Feb: Ice Skating

Feb: Kid's Cooking Class via Zoom

Mar: March Madness brackets



GNN Club **ADULT** Events & Activities

GNN Book Club – The Christmas Train by David Baldacci

Disillusioned journalist Tom Langdon must get from Washington to Los Angeles in time for Christmas. Forced to travel by train, he begins a journey of rude awakenings, thrilling adventures, and holiday magic. He has no idea that the locomotives pulling him across America will actually take him into the rugged terrain of his own heart, as he rediscovers people's essential goodness and someone very special he believed he had lost.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 19th at 7:30 pm

WHERE: Member Marlise Davis at 2033 Main Street, Glastonbury

COST: Free

RSVP: Facebook or email April at aprilroscow@yahoo.com

Ladies' Night Out – Hallmark Movie!

Next Stop, Christmas: Angie is determined to spend Christmas alone but her usual commuter ride turns into a Christmas train that drops her off in her home town in 2011. Stars Lyndsy Fonseca, Chandler Massey, Lea Thomps on and Christopher Lloyd.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 15 at 7 PM

WHERE: Member Michele's home, 148 Bellridge Road, Glastonbury

BRING: Please bring an appetizer or bottle of wine to share.

RSVP: Facebook or email April at aprilroscow@yahoo.com

Ladies' Night/Day Out Holiday Happy Hour!

Let's raise a glass to our great group of friends and neighbors!

WHEN: Friday, December 17 at 5 PM

WHERE: Cotton Hollow Kitchen at 840 Main Street, South Glastonbury

COST: Cost of drinks; GNN will provide appetizers

RSVP: Facebook or email April at aprilroscow@yahoo.com or Michele at micheleschin4@gmail.com

