



# Glastonbury Newcomers' & Neighbors' Club Newsletter

February 2023

## GNN Club NEWS

### Membership

I am delighted to welcome our two newest member families to GNN!

**Mike and Nia Chung Srodoski** and their son Alex (4) are both originally from New York and moved to Glastonbury in 2019 after 6 years in Minneapolis. Nia is a real estate attorney, and Mike is a class action litigator.

**Trevor Lyne and Krista Iwanicki** just moved to Glastonbury in January from Granby. Krista is an occupational therapist, and Trevor is a financial advisor who works from home and enjoys golf, sports, outdoors, movies, coaching, food & wine.

Welcome to all our new members! We are so excited you've joined the club and can't wait to meet you at future events!

### SAVE THE DATE – Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Please save the date for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. It will be on **Sunday, April 2 in the late afternoon**. Planning and details are forthcoming. If you'd like to help in the planning (teens and adults), we would love for you to join us! You can reach out to Marlise Davis at [marliserandle@aol.com](mailto:marliserandle@aol.com).

### Upcoming Club Events

- Feb 2: Club Planning Meeting
- Feb 15: GNN Book Club – Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict
- Feb 18: Family Social – Story Time!
- Feb 18: Family Social – Hike at Blackledge Falls, Glastonbury
- Feb 23: Ladies Day Out – Lunch at Mulberry Street in Manchester
- Feb 24: Ladies Night Out – Ladies Paint and Sip
- Mar 4: Ladies' Day Out – Coffee Date at Roanjena Coffee & Dessert
- Mar 10: Ladies Night Out – Traveling Vineyard Wine Tasting
- Mar 11: Family Social – Second Saturdays for Families | Women's History Month
- Apr 2: GNN Easter Egg Hunt

## Club Planning Meeting

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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, February 2 at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Michelle McCarthy's home at 36 Broadleaf Circle

RSVP: Facebook or email Jen at [jphirui@icloud.com](mailto:jphirui@icloud.com)

## Helping Hands

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It's during the difficult times when neighbors can rally together to help brighten someone's day and give true meaning to the Helping Hands Committee. If you know a Newcomers' & Neighbors' family who has had a baby, has suffered an illness, has had a death in the family, or simply could use a helping hand, please call or email so we can organize something for them. We rely on other member families to inform us when a helping hand is needed. Thank you! Please contact Julie Campbell at [juliecampbell@gmail.com](mailto:juliecampbell@gmail.com).



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## THANK YOU

## Applause! Applause!

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Our kids collected snack donations and packed 48 backpacks with the snacks, toiletries and warm articles of clothing. The backpacks were delivered to Connecticut Renewal Team's (CRT) East Hartford Community Shelter for Families and will be handed out to our homeless neighbors. GNN donated the backpacks. This community project was done in partnership with Connecticut Homeless Care Package Project (CTHCPP).

# GNN Club **FAMILY** Events & Activities

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## **Family Social – Story Time!**

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Join us for a toddler story time in the children's room at the library! We have the room reserved just for us. Parents or older siblings are encouraged to read a book in your best storytelling voice. Light refreshments will be provided.

WHEN: Saturday, February 18 from 10:00 to 11:30 am

WHERE: Welles-Turner Memorial Library children's room

RSVP: Facebook or Caitlin Paul at [caitlinpaul@gmail.com](mailto:caitlinpaul@gmail.com)

## **Family Social – Hike at Blackledge Falls, Glastonbury**

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Let's enjoy this great weather with a hike at Blackledge Falls, located in East Glastonbury at the Hebron Town line.

WHEN: Saturday, February 18 at 10:30

WHERE: 3874 Hebron Ave, Glastonbury (Drive towards Hebron. Black Ledge Falls will be on your left. If you see the Hebron Town Line sign, you have gone too far).

COST: Free

RSVP: Facebook or Marlise at [marliserandle@aol.com](mailto:marliserandle@aol.com)

## **Family Social – Second Saturdays for Families | Women's History Month**

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Visit the museum to learn about the trailblazing women artists represented in our collections. Discover their stories and design your own artwork recognizing their impact alongside illustrator Ann Marie Drury. Watch dancers from New England Ballet Theatre perform in the galleries.

WHEN: Saturday, March 11; we'll meet-up at noon where the kids will be doing the art project; event is from 12:00 to 2:00 pm

WHERE: 600 Main Street, Hartford; street parking

COST: Admission is free from 12:00 to 2:00 pm

RSVP: Facebook or Marlise at [marliserandle@aol.com](mailto:marliserandle@aol.com)

# GNN Club **ADULT** Events & Activities

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## **GNN Book Club – Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict**

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Clara Kelley is not who they think she is. She's not the experienced Irish maid who was hired to work in one of Pittsburgh's grandest households. She's a poor farmer's daughter with nowhere to go and nothing in her pockets. But the woman who shares her name has vanished, and assuming her identity just might get Clara some money to send back home.

Clara must rely on resolve as strong as the steel Pittsburgh is becoming famous for and an uncanny understanding of business, attributes that quickly gain Carnegie's trust. But she still can't let her guard down, not even when Andrew becomes something more than an employer. Revealing her past might ruin her future—and her family's.

With captivating insight and heart, Carnegie's Maid is a book of fascinating 19th century historical fiction. Discover the story of one brilliant woman who may have spurred Andrew Carnegie's transformation from ruthless industrialist to the world's first true philanthropist.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30 pm

WHERE: TBD

COST: F REE

RSVP: Facebook or email April at [aprilroscow@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilroscow@yahoo.com)

## **Ladies Day Out – Lunch at Mulberry Street in Manchester**

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Mulberry Street started as a tiny take-out pizza shop on South Main Street, and today it stands in the center of Downtown Manchester, CT as a cozy spot for friends and family to gather serving salades, pastas, sandwiches and pizza.

WHEN: Thursday, February 23rd at 12:15 pm

WHERE: Mulberry Street at 981 Main Street, Manchester

COST: Own meal

RSVP: Facebook or Michele at [micheleschin4@gmail.com](mailto:micheleschin4@gmail.com)

## **Ladies Night Out – Ladies Paint and Sip**

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Come enjoy some wine and apps while you create your customized charcuterie board! Space is limited, so open to the first 12 people.

WHEN: Friday, February 24 at 6:00 pm

WHERE: Desi's home at 49 Stanley Dr, Glastonbury

COST: \$60 per project, includes all supplies and customization

BRING: Appetizer or wine to share

RSVP: Space is limited so reserve your space by purchasing your board here <https://jaceydesign.as.me/schedule.php>

## **Ladies Night Out – Traveling Vineyard Wine Tasting**

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We are so excited we are teaming up with Donna for another fun Wine Tasting! This is a mini wine class where you will be trying new wines and learning about good food pairings. You will be trying 5 different wines and the pairings to go with each one. We'll have a great evening of everything Wine 101.

WHEN: Friday, March 10th at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Desi's home at 49 Stanley Dr, Glastonbury

RSVP: Donna Keller Savage on Facebook or donnascookin@gmail.com

COST: Free; ordering any wines is optional

ABOUT: Traveling Vineyard wines are from around the world and made in small batches ~ all have won an award. Prices are only \$15.99~\$29.99. Free shipping on any 6 or more bottles delivered right to your door.

NOTE: Everyone in attendance must be at least 21 years old.

## **Ladies' Day Out – Coffee Date at Roanjena Coffee & Dessert**

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Come have a coffee and chat! Drinks and light food are available for purchase. Stop by and say hi even if it is a quick visit between stops!

WHEN: Saturday, March 4 from 9 AM – 10:30 AM

WHERE: Roanjena Coffee & Dessert at 39 New London Tpke, Glastonbury

RSVP: Facebook or Michelle at quadruplem@gmail.com