



Glastonbury Newcomers' & Neighbors' Club Newsletter

March 2022

GNN Club NEWS

Community Enrichment – Easter Egg Hunt...How Can I Help?

Our 6th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt is right around the corner. Please check out how you can be a part of this EGG-citing event!

DONATE: We are also looking for donations of *candy, healthy snacks and toys to fill the eggs*. All items need to be shipped/dropped off on or before March 27th. We have two drop-off locations: 1) Davis home at 2033 Main Street, Glastonbury; or, 2) Campbell home 271 Leigh Gate Road, South Glastonbury.

If you are able to make a donation, let us know: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4eafa92b-abf94-gnneaster>

An Amazon toy wish list can be found at: <http://a.co/3J45ZwO>

VOLUNTEER DAY OF EVENT: We are looking for volunteers (i.e., *teens, tweens and adults*) to help set-up and clean-up the day of the egg hunt. Set-up begins promptly at 9:00 and clean-up follows after the egg hunt is complete. Sign up here. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4eafa92b-abf94-gnneaster>

VOLUNTEER TO STUFF EGGS: We have 1,500 eggs to stuff this year! Mark your calendars for our Egg Stuffing Party on March 27 (details below).

Upcoming Club Events

- Mar 3: Adult Social – Axe Throwing at Axe It!
- Mar 16: GNN Book Club - Things You Save in a Fire by Katherine Center
- Mar 23: Club Planning Meeting
- Mar 23: Family Social – March Madness Brackets
- Mar 27: Community Enrichment – Egg Stuffing Party
- Mar 27: Family Social – Ice Skating at Bolton Ice Palace
- Mar 31: Ladies Day Out – Lunch at Maggie McFly's
- Apr 2: Community Enrichment – GNN Easter Egg Hunt
- Jun 11: Adult Social – Lobsterfest Is Back!

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: Wednesday March 23 at 7:00 pm

WHERE: TBD

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

Applause! Applause! for Three Teens for Fundraising Project

Recently, Lilian Wiksten, Paige Fletcher, and Kamea Davis took part in a fundraiser at Smith Middle School called The Pulsera Project Club. The club raised over \$2,500, which more than doubled the amount from 2020! There were about 25 Smith students from both 7th and 8th grades in the club. Led by a Spanish teacher at Smith, club members organized a fundraiser in which they sold Pulseras (meaning bracelets in Spanish) and purses during school lunch waves. The pulseras were hand-woven by Guatemalans and Nicaraguans. Over the course of two weeks, club members sold almost 500 pulseras and 30 bags. Then, they counted up the money and sent 100% of it back to the Guatemalans and Nicaraguans who made them. The money helps these artisans buy everyday items necessary to live.



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Community Enrichment – Egg Stuffing Party

Calling all teens/tweens and adults to come and stuff the 1,500 Easter eggs for this year's Easter Egg Hunt!

WHEN: Sunday, March 27 at 11:00 am (rain or shine)

WHERE: Campbell Home at 271 Leigh Gate Road, South Glastonbury

COST: Free

RSVP: On Facebook or email Julie Campbell at juliemancampbell@gmail.com

Community Enrichment – Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt

We are very excited about our 6th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. The Hunt is limited to the first 125 kids who RSVP and each year we have had a waitlist! We limit the number to ensure everyone has a personal and memorable event.

WHEN: Saturday, April 2, 2022 (rain date Sunday, April 3)

WHERE: Location of the Hunt is in Glastonbury and will be communicated to registrants.

COST: Free. Each child will get a minimum of 10-12 eggs.

RSVP: When you register, please include each child's name and age.

AGE GROUPS

There will be three different age groups, each with their own hunt.

BABY CHICKS: Two and under in a small roped off area

HOPPERS: Three to five years old in the open field; each child will have a special egg with their name on it to find.

BAD NEWS BUNNIES: Six and older will have an activity that includes running and a word scramble. If needed, a stand-in for the running portion is welcome.



GNN Club **FAMILY** Events & Activities

Family Social – Ice Skating at Bolton Ice Palace

Let's go ice skating! Covid restrictions at indoor ice rinks have been lifted, so...bring your own skates or rent them and let's have some ice fun. After our skate we will enjoy some hot chocolate and snacks.

WHEN: Sunday, March 27 from 4:30-5:30 pm

WHERE: Bolton Ice Palace at 145 Hopriver Road, Bolton

COST: \$10 per skater for an hour; \$4 skate rental

RSVP: On Facebook or email Rachel at studentprep12@gmail.com



Family Social – March Madness Brackets

It's March Madness time! We are going to do our own Sweet 16 bracket for GNN members only! There will be two winners:

Adult: The winner will receive a \$50 gift card to a local restaurant of your choice. Each adult can submit one bracket.

Child: The winner will receive a \$20 gift card to Pinwheels. Each child can submit one bracket.

In the event there is a tie, the total number of points scored will determine the winner. This is how we plan to score:

- In the Sweet 16, four points for each winner.
- In the Elite 8, six points for each winner.
- In the Final Four, 10 points for each winner.
- In the Championship Game 16 points.

WHEN: Sweet 16 is from March 24 to April 4

DEADLINE: Email completed brackets to communications@GlastonburyNewcomers.org by Wednesday, March 23

COST: Free

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



GNN Club **ADULT** Events & Activities

GNN Book Club – Things You Save in a Fire by Katherine Center

Join us for our monthly book club. Everyone is welcome even if you haven't finished (or started)! We will be discussing Things You Save in a Fire by Katherine Center.

Cassie Hanwell was born for emergencies. As one of the only female firefighters in her Texas firehouse, she's seen her fair share of them, and she's a total pro at other people's tragedies. But when her estranged and ailing mother asks her to give up her whole life and move to Boston, Cassie suddenly has an emergency of her own.

The tough, old-school Boston firehouse is as different from Cassie's old job as it could possibly be. Hazing, a lack of funding, and poor facilities mean that the firemen aren't exactly thrilled to have a "lady" on the crew - even one as competent and smart as Cassie. Except for the infatuation-inspiring rookie, who doesn't seem to mind having Cassie around. But she can't think about that. Because love is girly, and it's not her thing. And don't forget the advice her old captain gave her: Never date firefighters. Cassie can feel her resolve slipping...and it means risking it all - the only job she's ever loved, and the hero she's worked like hell to become.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00

WHERE: Bin228 gastropub at 63 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury

COST: Cost of your own beverages and food

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

Ladies Day Out – Lunch at Maggie McFly's

Join the ladies for lunch at a local craft eatery and bar, Maggie McFly's.

WHEN: Thursday, March 31 at 11:45 am

WHERE: Maggie McFly's at 40 Glastonbury Boulevard, Glastonbury

COST: Own meal

RSVP: Facebook or Michele at micheleschin4@gmail.com

Adult Social – Lobsterfest Is Back!

Save the Date! After 3 years, Lobsterfest is back! GNN has pre-reserved two tables of 10 for this June 11, 2022 event. Details and contact information will follow soon!

If you're new to town since then, this is a long-standing annual tradition with about 2000 people in attendance. This is an outdoor event with tables under a large open sided tent. Dinner is included with drinks BYOB. There is a DJ so get your dancing shoes on! The ticket price reflects that this is the Rotary Club's largest fundraiser and they are working on a lot of great projects for the town including building a splash pad at Addison Park.

WHEN: Saturday, June 11 at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Glastonbury Elks Club at 98 Woodland St, South Glastonbury

COST: Ticket Donation \$100 per person

MENU: Steamers, lobster or steak, potato and salad

RSVP: Forthcoming