



Glastonbury Newcomers' & Neighbors' Club Newsletter

October 2021

GNN Club NEWS

Membership

GNN was happy to welcome several new member families in September:

Jennifer and Sean Ring and their sons, Alex (6) and Zach (1) moved here from Wethersfield, and Jen also grew up in Glastonbury. Jen works in accounting at Travelers, and Sean is a high school social studies teacher. They enjoy puzzles, board games and reading.

Millie and Jeff Starratt and their baby girl Olivia (1) moved to Glastonbury in Spring of 2020 from Boston. Millie is in pharmaceuticals and Jeff works in sales training. They enjoy travel and spending time with their family.

Jennifer Jin and Warren Chen moved to Glastonbury from Utah last summer with their baby girl, Alicia. Jennifer enjoys playing music, cooking, yoga, singing and dancing. They are interested in getting to know some more people in town through GNN.

Welcome to all our new members! We are looking forward to getting to know all of you and seeing you at future events!

Upcoming Club Events

- Oct 1-31: Community Enrichment – Glastonbury's 5th Annual Socktober Sock Drive
- Oct 11: Family Social – Pumpkin Picking, Painting and Carving
- Oct 20: Club Planning Meeting
- Oct 27: DATE CHANGE GNN Book Club - We Ride Upon Sticks by Quan Barry
- Oct 23: Family Social – Teen/Tween Book Club
- Oct 23: Family Social – Halloween Craft
- Nov 3: Ladies Night Out – DIY Seasonal 3D Wooden Sign
- Nov: GNN Poinsettia Fundraiser
- Nov: Family Social – Hike
- Dec: Ladies Night/Day Out – Holiday Happy Hour

Community Enrichment – Glastonbury’s 5th Annual Socktober Sock Drive

Sock + October = Socktober

Happy 5th Year Anniversary of Socktober! We cannot believe our sock drive that started back in 2017 would make such a huge impact on our community, club, and children. Every year, our sock drive has grown with more Socktober activities and sock box locations expanding across town. The overall amount of NEW socks that we have collected and delivered to the homeless men, women and children’s shelters has also expanded each year. It has truly been a rewarding experience for so many.

This year we teamed up again with many local businesses to host sock boxes. Our kid-created socks boxes are located at:

- **Edward Jones**
- **Glastonbury Orthodontics**
- **Hair Today**
- **Liquid Nirvana**
- **New Steps Dance**
- **William Raveis**

We also had a Socktober poster contest in September. This year’s winner was **Vanessa Berger!** Her poster can be viewed on each sock box as well as signage for our event. Finally, many GNN children rolled up their sleeves, got into character for this year’s Socktober Video...Bravo! Go here to see it: <https://youtu.be/l6kaSQXOjIA>

Now that it is October and our “sock drive” is in full swing we need your help. Here are a few ways to help...

1. Drop off some socks at one of our sock boxes hosted by a local business.
2. Share our magnificent Socktober Video on social media with family and friends.
3. Drop off one of our Socktober flyers in your neighbor’s mailbox

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4. Order socks online by going to our organization’s Amazon wish list: <https://glastonburynewcomers.org/socktober-sock-drive>
5. Make a monetary donation via VENMO to Julie Campbell (@Julie-Campbell-91)

At any point during our month long “sock drive,” if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email Julie at juliemanuckcampbell@gmail.com

Remember, a small act of kindness, like donating a NEW pair of socks, makes a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.



Community Enrichment – Love4Luke Donation

Jen Phillips and Julie Campbell had the honor and privilege of meeting the Dunn Family last month. The family's beautiful twin daughters (Kelsey and Riley) made us laugh and smile. During our visit with the family we learned about the tragic loss of their son, Luke. Luke passed away six years ago due to cancer. Heartbroken, Mary Jo and her husband, Shane, were compelled to keep Luke's memory alive. Together they created a foundation called "Love4Luke." This foundation supports other families who are suffering similar losses. The Dunn's story was truly heartwarming and inspirational. In honor of Luke, the Glastonbury Newcomers' & Neighbors' Club made a donation of \$100 to his foundation. If you would like to learn more about "Love4Luke" or make a donation, please visit <https://www.love4luke.org>.

To the Dunn Family, thank you for sharing your story and for "paying it forward" to other families.



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, October 20 at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Home of Jen Phillips at 18 Forest Lane, Glastonbury

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

COMING SOON... GNN POINSETTIA Fundraiser

GNN is bringing the holiday spirit to you through a Poinsettia Fundraiser! This fundraiser is for everyone... members, non-members and businesses. Do you need a hostess gift, employee gift or do you want to decorate your home or business for the holidays? We have the poinsettia for you in red, white or pink.

WHAT: Poinsettias are "Florist Grade Plants" Grown by a Family-Owned CT Farm. Pots will be foil wrapped and plants will be sleeved.

WHEN: Order from Monday, November 15 through Monday, November 29th

Pickup on Saturday, December 4 from 10-2 (note we can work with individuals if this date/time doesn't work)

WHERE: Pick up will be in Glastonbury at 703 Hebron Ave (across from Jefferson Radiology; take a left on Citizen Dr, then first right into parking lot)

OPTIONS: Choose between red, white and pink

More details are to come.

GNN Club **FAMILY** Events & Activities

Family Social – Pumpkin Picking, Painting and Carving

Come celebrate Columbus Day and join us for a great fall Pick and Paint a Pumpkin at Dondero Orchards! GNN will provide paints (washable) and snacks for the family.

WHEN: Columbus Day Monday, October 11th from 10:00-11:30 am

WHERE: Dondero Orchards at 529 Woodland Street, South Glastonbury

COST: Event is free for members and nonmembers; the only cost is the purchase of a pumpkin(s); each family will pay Dondero Orchards for their selected pumpkin(s) by weight.

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

Family Social – Teen/Tween Book Club

Our tween/teens read “Dog Driven” By Terry Lynn Johnson! For our next meeting, they will finish discuss the book and select a new book to read.

The Teen Book Club is fun and laid back. The reading schedule will be flexible and manageable for the kids (so if you miss a week no worries!).

WHEN: Saturday, October 23 from 10:30-11:30

WHERE: Davis Home at 2033 Main Street, Glastonbury (you can park right on Main Street on our side of the street or the front drive way if there is space).

COST: Free

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

Family Social – Halloween Craft

We are going to do a Halloween banner the entire family can contribute to making. We will supply the beads, wooden banner plaques, jute rope and paint pens. To make it easy, the wooden banner plaques will be pre-painted black, white and orange.

WHEN: Saturday, October 23rd from 10:00-11:30 am

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

GNN Club **ADULT** Events & Activities

GNN Book Club – *We Ride Upon Sticks* by Quan Barry

We will discuss *We Ride Upon Sticks* by Quan Barry. Come join us whether you've read all, part or none.

In the town of Danvers, Massachusetts, home of the original 1692 witch trials, the 1989 Danvers Falcons will do anything to make it to the state finals—even if it means tapping into some devilishly dark powers. Against a background of irresistible 1980s iconography, Quan Barry expertly weaves together the individual and collective progress of this enchanted team as they storm their way through an unforgettable season.

Helmed by good-girl captain Abby Putnam (a descendant of the infamous Salem accuser Ann Putnam) and her co-captain Jen Fiorenza (whose bleached blond “Claw” sees and knows all), the Falcons prove to be wily, original, and bold, flaunting society's stale notions of femininity. Through the crucible of team sport and, more importantly, friendship, this comic tour de female force chronicles Barry's glorious cast of characters as they charge past every obstacle on the path to finding their glorious true selves.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 27th at 7:30 pm

WHERE: TBD (check Facebook or email April)

COST: Free

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

Ladies Night – Out Paint Night

Let's get into the winter spirit with a good old-fashioned paint and sip party! We will be sipping, chatting, and snacking as well as distressing, sanding, staining, painting and assembling your laser cut 3D project of choice.

Details: Paint and sip PARTY! Create a fun seasonal 3D wood sign. Appetizers and wine will be provided members will pay for their own sign (link below). 10% of all proceeds will go back to the club. Limit to first 15 people to sign up.

WHEN: November 3rd time 7pm

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

COST: There are five sign designs to choose from, which range from \$48 to \$75

RSVP: Please sign up by October 28th. Go to this link and select and pay for the sign you would like to do.

LINK: Link can also be found on our FB Chat page or in the weekly email.
https://www.etsy.com/WalkingSunDesign/listing/1098863605/gnnc-paint-night-event-113-7-pm?utm_source=Copy&utm_medium=ListingManager&utm_campaign=Share&utm_term=so.lmsm&share_time=1634055162173