



Glastonbury Newcomers' & Neighbors' Club Newsletter

September 2022

GNN Club NEWS

Membership

GNN is delighted to welcome 4 new member families from August and the beginning of September:

First are **Erin Ryan** and her husband, **Greg Schwamb**, and their children Ryan (3) and Kate (1). Erin is a registered nurse. She and Greg have lived in town for four years but he is active duty military, so he was deployed for the first couple of years they were here, and then COVID hit. Erin is from Manchester originally and Greg is from Houston. They lived in Old Saybrook prior to moving to town.

Erin and Greg also referred **Kyle Bagnall** and **Laura Orsini** to GNN. We are still looking forward to learning more about Kyle and Laura's household.

Jennifer and Stephen Bidwell and their sons Jack (11) and Henry (9), moved here 6 weeks ago from Irvine, CA. They have lived in CT before, but this is their first time living in Glastonbury. Jen is a Physician Assistant who enjoys sports, outdoor activities, running, and plants/gardens. Steve works as an Operations Manager.

Belma Erdogan-Haug and her family have just joined as well, and we are excited to get to know them all.

Welcome to our newest members! We are so excited to have you in the club and look forward to seeing you at future GNN events and are looking for

an opportunity to meet people, which has been a challenge during COVID.

Upcoming Club Events

- Sept 11: Family Social – Bergen House Septemberfest
- Sept 14: Club Planning Meeting
- Sept 19: GNN Book Club – A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
- Sept 22: Ladies' Day Out – Lunch at Maggie McFlys
- Sept 24: Ladies' Day Out – Coffee Hour at RaonJena Coffee & Dessert
- Sept 26: Community Enrichment – SOCKTOBER Sock Box Decorating
- Oct 1-31: Community Enrichment – Glastonbury's 6th Annual Socktober Sock Drive
- Oct 2: Family Social – Meet up at Jessica's Garden Ice Cream and Lobster Shack
- Oct 8: Family Social – Apple Picking at Scott's Orchard and Nursery
- Oct 10: Family Social – Pumpkin Picking, Painting and Carving
- Oct 13: Ladies' Night Out – Bunco Night!
- Oct 19: Club Planning Meeting

Community Enrichment – Glastonbury’s 6th Annual Socktober Sock Drive

Sock + October = SOCKTOBER

It’s SOCKTOBER Time! This year marks the 6th Anniversary of our annual sock drive. We can’t believe it! We are excited to participate again in this nationwide event. SOCKTOBER is a month-long sock drive that takes place during October. It is a kid-inspired community project that teaches compassion and kindness. Did you know that socks are the least donated items to homeless shelters? With winter right around the corner, we are calling on all GNN kids to come help us collect NEW socks for the many men, women and children in area homeless shelters.

SOCKTOBER Sock Box Decorating

Come decorate sock collection boxes that will be dropped off at Glastonbury businesses in town. We will supply all the materials and pizza for lunch. Friends of GNN members are welcome to come and help out.

WHEN: Monday, September 26th at 11:00 AM

WHERE: Wells Turner Library Friends Room

RSVP:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4EAF92BABF94-socktober1>

BRING: Smiles, creativity and community spirit

SOCKTOBER Sock Box Host

October will be our 6th annual SOCKTOBER! To date, we have collected over 8,200 pairs of socks for local homeless men, women and children. Is there a business you frequent that would like to host a sock box? Some of the best locations are businesses that have weekly/daily classes such as preschools, martial arts, dance studios, etc.

A flyer with more information, which can be used to talk about SOCKTOBER has been circulated in an email and located on Facebook.

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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 19 at 7:00 pm

WHERE: TBD

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

Membership – Renewal Time

Welcome back to another year of fun with Glastonbury Newcomers and Neighbors! September 1st marks the beginning of our new season, and hence it is now time to renew your yearly membership if you joined GNN prior to June 1, 2022. If you joined after June 1, you are all set until next September. If not, membership dues are \$35 for the year, and renewal is easy:

- Go to our GNN Club website www.glastonburynewcomers.org
- Click on the **JOIN** heading at the top of the page
- Select **ANNUAL FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**
- The system will prompt you to join/renew through PayPal using a PayPal account or a valid credit card. It's that simple! Membership is \$35 for the year.

Even during this unusual year, collection of dues is critical to GNN to cover club expenses including advertising, liability insurance, and website maintenance. In addition, the club contributes funds to purchase items and/or donate through our helping hands/community enrichment program, bake sale fundraiser, and club events to keep member participation fees for these occasions affordable.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful year filled with GNN activities for adults and families, and your efforts to keep your membership current are much appreciated.

Join a GNN Planning Team

We are looking for some new talent and enthusiastic volunteers to ADD to our existing Team. We encourage our members to share their talents, participate in committees and host events as it strengthens the spirit of the club. Each month we have a social Club Planning Meeting where we discuss ideas and make plans. Let us know what might interest you! Below is a list of our current team. Please note we encourage co-chairs and committees to help divvy the work and make the experience fun.



OFFICERS

President: Jen Phillips

Treasurer: Michelle McCarthy

Secretary: Christina Lumbreras

Membership: Lauren Berger

Communications: Marlise Davis

ACTIVITY CHAIRS

Adult Social: OPEN

Book Club: April Roscoe

Community Enrichment/Helping Hands*: Julie Campbell, Desi Meister, Luciana Wiksten

Family Fun*: Marlise Davis, Michelle McCarthy, Christina Lumbreras

Ladies' Activities: Michelle Schindler (Daytime), April Roscow (Evening)

* Denotes committee

If you have any questions, please talk to any of the members mentioned above or email us at communications@GlastonburyNewcomers.org.

GNN Club **FAMILY** Events & Activities

Family Social – Bergen House Septemberfest

Join us for some entertainment and a drink! Bergen House is a bar that serves mead and is a great community partner. They are having a Septemberfest to celebrate their anniversary.

Stu Jones of the Almost Whole Damn Family Band will be playing, and the Ice Box food truck will be serving ice cream for purchase. They plan to have non-alcoholic drinks on tap as well including lemonade and ginger ale. Outside food is permitted, and Bergen House is family friendly.

WHEN: Sunday, September 11 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM

WHERE: Bergen House at 725 Main St, Middletown

COST: Cost of own drinks

RSVP: Facebook or email Shannon at shanproc@yahoo.com

Family Social – Meet up at Jessica’s Garden Ice Cream and Lobster Shack

Join us at Connecticut's hidden gem for lobster rolls, mac & cheese and Gifford's homemade ice cream. Jessica's Garden is a unique outdoor destination with fairy gardens, woodland trails, a bass pond, a tree swing and fun structures to explore and climb.

WHEN: Sunday, October 2 at 2:00pm

WHERE: 198 East Hampton Road, Marlborough (just 15-20 minutes from Glastonbury)

COST: Cost of own ice cream or meal

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

MENU: <https://jessicagarden.net/food-fun/lobster-shack/>

Family Social – Apple Picking at Scott's Orchard and Nursery

Who doesn't love autumn! Join GNN families for apple picking and snacks afterwards.

WHEN: Saturday, October 8 at 10:00 AM

WHERE: Scott's Orchard and Nursery at 1838 New London Tpk., Glastonbury

COST: Cost of apples picked

RSVP: Facebook or Email Doralynne at doralynned@gmail.com

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 10th 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

GNN Club **ADULT** Events & Activities

GNN Book Club – A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 21 at 7:30 pm
WHERE: Michele's Home, 148 Bellridge Road, Glastonbury
COST: Free
RSVP: Facebook or email April at aprilroscow@yahoo.com

Ladies' Day Out – Lunch at Maggie McFllys

Join the ladies for lunch at Maggie McFllys a local favorite.

WHEN: Thursday, September 22nd at 11:45 AM
WHERE: Maggie McFllys at 40 Glastonbury Blvd, Glastonbury
COST: Cost of food and drink.
RSVP: Facebook or email Michele at micheleschin4@gmail.com

Ladies' Day Out – Coffee Hour at RaonJena Coffee & Dessert

Come have a coffee and chat! We'll sit outside if that weather is nice, but there's plenty of inside space if not. Drinks and light food are available for purchase.

WHEN: Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 to 10:30 AM
WHERE: RaonJena Coffee & Dessert at 39 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury
COST: Cost of food and drink.
RSVP: Facebook or email Michele at micheleschin4@gmail.com

Ladies' Night Out – Bunco Night!

It's been a minute since we had a Bunco night! Arrive any time after 6:30 and we'll have a firm start at 7:30.

WHEN: Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 PM
WHERE: Member Desi
COST: \$10 for Bunco pot
BRING: Wine or food item to share
RSVP: Facebook or email April at aprilroscow@yahoo.com