

NEWCOMERS, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS OF MORRISTOWN NEWSLETTER - JANUARY, 2012

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. We hope your holidays were enjoyable and not too stressful. Thirty members and friends attended our holiday luncheon at Spring Brook Country Club. The Cookie Extravaganza was a wonderful get together and we thank Dawne and Larry Drake for hosting.

Our 2012 activities begin on Sunday, January 15 with Game Day hosted by Carole O'Brien and Bob Skeele. Mark your calendar and come out for some winter fun and comradery!

Silver Palates is planning a lovely Valentine's Day dinner at Il Capriccio Restaurant on February 11. This would be a nice present for your special other and you are sure to enjoy the great food and company.

The next Board Meeting will be on January 4, 2012, from 2 to 4 PM at Dawne Drake's home. All members are invited to attend. We'd really like your suggestions and ideas for fun events in March and June.

Thank you for being a member. We hope you are having as much fun as we are!

Valerie Claps and Dawne Drake
Co-Presidents

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As per our By-Laws, **a new slate of officers must be selected** for the 2012-2013 club year. Each of our existing officers has served the two-year limit to their term of office.

Thus, at the November Board Meeting, **Pat Rochkind** was asked to serve as the Board Member of the Nominating Committee. **Linda Hays** and **Sue Hulme** subsequently agreed to serve as the two (2) Members at Large.

The slate of officers is: President, Vice President (or two Co-Presidents), Secretary and Treasurer.

If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities or would like to nominate someone to one of the positions, please contact Pat, Sue or Linda at 973-285-1711,

The Committee would like to have your suggestions **by January 10, 2012**. Thank you in advance for your input and support.

THE BUNCH IS OFF TO MONTVILLE!

The Bunch is off to the charming **Montville Inn, 167 Main Road in Montville**. The date is **January 12 and the time is also 12!**

Please call Sue Hulme – 973-285-1711 – by January 9 for reservations and car pool arrangements! After the busy holidays, you won't want to miss a cozy, comfortable lunch with cozy, comfortable friends!

And you might want to mark you calendars now for the next fantastic luncheon at **Verde** on Taber Road in Morris Plains. The date is **February 9** and the cuisine is deliciously Italian!

EMMY'S ARMY DOES IT AGAIN!

On December 19 Emmy's Army turned into Santas preparing dinner for about 60 people. Many thanks go to Val and Richard Claps who arrived with helping hands full of beautiful baskets to decorate the tables.

Mary Ann Mastropaolo dug right into the tuna melt preparation while Fran Davidson, Pat Murphy and Pat Tierney washed, diced and chopped ingredients for the salads. Pat Rochkind stirred the soup and decorated the cup cakes we added for a Christmas treat. Emmy sends many thanks for all the support!

Our next date is **February 20!** Please contact Emmy at 973-285-1711 if you would like to pitch in and have some fun. Emmy is considering early and late shifts to accommodate our varied schedules.

Future dates are April 16 and June 18. You could mark your calendar now!

IT ALL STARTED WITH DOROTHY'S HUNGER STRIKE

Publisher's Weekly described Kate Walbert's *A Short History of Women* as a "beautiful and kaleidoscopic view of the 20th Century through the eyes of several generations of women in the Townsend family." And that view is the view of the women who descended from the feisty Dorothy, a British suffragist.

The Book Group will meet to discuss this fascinating book on **January 25, 2012** at the home of Linda Hays. The discussion begins at 10AM. Please RSVP to Linda. 973-285-1711.

GAME DAY!

During the NFL playoffs in January, do you ever see the football fans in your home? Do you recognize them only by the back of their heads because their eyes are glued to the TV set? Are they impolite to you if you speak while a play is being executed?

If you can't beat 'em, join 'em and that's what we're going to be doing on **Sunday, January**

15th when we have our Game Day. The football fans can watch the NFL Divisional Playoffs and the non-football fans can have their own fun and games – and certainly good conversation!

Carole O'Brien and Bob Skeele, 120 Jenks Road, Morristown are hosting our Game Day. **The snacks begin at 1PM and the food begins at 3 PM. The cost is \$20 per person and all you need to bring is a good appetite.**

Please send your check, made out to Newcomers of Morristown, to Pat Rochkind, 19 Exeter Lane, Morristown, **by January 9, 2012.**

Look forward to seeing you on January 15!

AND DON'T FORGET YOUR VALENTINE!

Instead of chocolates and flowers – wait, we take that back – in addition to chocolates and flowers, why not treat yourself and your Valentine to dinner at the exquisite **Il Capriccio Restaurant?**

The Silver Palates hope that everyone will consider joining them for dinner on **Saturday, February 11 at 6:30 PM.** Il Capriccio, located on Route 10, is a unique and beautifully appointed restaurant – truly a destination dining experience. In 2010, the owners of Il Capriccio were named New Jersey Restaurateurs of the Year.

The dinner will be served in a private room, will be ordered ala carte with separate checks.

Please make your reservation with Dawne Drake no later than February 7. You can reach her at 973-285-1711.

2012 BOARD MEETINGS (AT 2:00 P.M.)

January 4 – Dawne Drake's home
February - No Board Meeting
March 14 - Val Claps' home

April 11 – Dawne Drake's home
May – TBA – Spring Luncheon

GOINGS ON AROUND TOWN!

Macculloch Hall Historical Museum welcomes Tom Burke, Vice President of the New Jersey Civil War Heritage Association who will sign and offer for sale books from the New Jersey Civil War Heritage Association's collection. Mr. Burke will be at the museum on **Sunday, January 8 from 1 to 4 PM.**

Visitors can also enjoy the museum's beautiful Holiday decorations throughout the month of January. For more information, call 973-538-2404 or visit www.maccullochhall.org.

Deirdre's House, Morris County's center for child victims of abuse and/or neglect and children who have witnessed domestic violence, is having a fundraiser on **February 10**. The event is a **Wine and Chocolate Tasting, 7-10 PM** at the Hyatt Morristown at Headquarters Plaza. The cost is \$75 per person. The wine selector is The Wine Library of Springfield, NJ and the chocolates are provided by The Pink Cake Box. For more information, call 973-631-5000.

HEADS UP ! JANUARY/FEBRUARY DATES!

January 10	Nominations due to Committee
January 12	Lunch Bunch
January 15	Game Day Party
January 25	Book Group
February 9	Lunch Bunch
February 11	Silver Palates – II Capriccio
February 20	Homeless Solutions
February 22	Book Group

SOME MORE STUFF FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

March	- TBD
April 16	- Homeless Solutions
April TBD	- April in Sevilla – Gerry Farro and Dale Porter's home
May 5	- Kentucky Derby Party and Val and Richard Claps' home
June 18	- Homeless Solutions

MISCELLANY

We are really looking for your ideas for fun events in March and especially for our June celebration. Every suggestion is on the table – so pitch in with some of your ideas!

You can give them to any board member – or better yet, come to a board meeting!
Everyone is welcome!

We learned at our Holiday Luncheon that our own **Liz Matthews** lovingly restores doll-houses and gives the proceeds of their sale to charity.

She has recently finished restoring a colonial style dollhouse, complete with a wrap-around porch. And it is completely furnished.

If you or any of your friends are interested in dollhouses, please contact Liz on 973-285-1711.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome new members to our ever-expanding group of neighbors and friends. Use the form below to submit your annual dues of \$30.00. You will then receive the current Directory and begin receiving the newsletter.

If you have any questions please contact Carroll Bjorklund, Membership Chairman at 973-401-9509. Please make your dues check payable to: **Newcomers of Morristown**. Mail your check and form to:

Lynn Cafarchio
2099 Vermont Terrace
Whippany, NJ 07981

Please clip and mail with check.

Date _____

Note "Dues" on check

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Address _____

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