



MARCH HAPPENINGS:

March 20th

Dancing with the
Sandwich Stars

March 30th

Hansen Village Dinner

GENERAL MEETINGS:

7:00pm

@ **Lakewood Hills**

February	23 rd
March	23 rd
April	27 th
May	18 th
June	22 nd
September	28 th
October	19 th
November	23 rd

BOARD MEETINGS:

March 9 th	@ LaurieJo Tullis'
April 13 th	@ Nancy Watts'
May 4 th	@ TBA
June 8 th	@ Cate Lane's
Sept. 14 th	@ TBA
Oct. 5 th	@ TBA
Nov. 2 nd	@ TBA
Nov. 9 th	@ TBA

GFWC of MA EVENTS

March 15th

Artist's Tea & Exhibit

April 19th

Fashion Show

May 2-5

Annual Meeting
@Seacrest

President Message

Happy New Year Ladies!

Yes, it's February, but since this is the first newsletter of the 2009 club year, the greeting seems appropriate. Your new board has been busy getting up to speed and planning projects and events for the year. We are excited about the opportunities we all have to make some important contributions to our community and look forward to working with each of you. We welcome your input and hope that you'll share your ideas with us. As a reminder, the 2009 board members are:

Corresponding and Recording Secretary: Nancy Watts

Treasurer: Ellen Hayes

2nd Vice President: LaurieJo Tullis

1st Vice President: Annemarie Allen

President: Kim Butz

Cate and Mary have graciously agreed to serve as advisors and we are grateful that they are sharing their expertise with us.

We hope that many of you will attend our **February General Meeting**, which will be held on the **23rd at 7:00pm**. We trust that you received your postcard that announced the date and presented the agenda. As you have seen, we're hoping to entice you to attend the meeting with a new agenda format and a couple of gimmicks. All 2009 General Meetings will follow the same format: a "hands-on" project during the social/gathering time, a 30-45 minute business meeting, and a 30-45 minute program. They will also include a "Wrap Up" time, during which you will be encouraged to visit our "Exit Table" to learn more about community and GFWC events and to sign up for volunteer duties. Committee chairs will be standing by to answer any questions that you might have. Our February meeting will include a dance lesson and special door prize! We hope that you will join us and we look forward to re-connecting with each of you.

And, speaking of dance lessons, we hope that you are planning to attend our first 2009 fundraiser: **Dancing with the Sandwich Stars**. Last year's event was a great time and raised \$10,000, which was passed-on to many dedicated non-profits in our community. Look for additional information in this newsletter.

We understand that there are many demands on your time, and appreciate all that you do for the club. We invite your suggestions as we endeavor to find new ways that we can work smarter, utilize each member's unique talents, and respect each other's limits.

I hope to see you on the 23rd. Until then, I send my warmest regards,

Banquet Update

Seventeen club members braved the elements on a snowy January night to attend our annual banquet at Amari's restaurant. We extend our special thanks to GFWC of Massachusetts President Mary Baird, who conducted a touching ceremony to install our new board members. The evening's program included good food, warm fellowship, and the presentation of awards. The following women were recognized for their contributions to the club during 2008: **Ginger Lavelle**, Clubwoman of the Year; **Annemarie Allen** and **Kim Butz**, Special Recognition; **Gillian Hurrie**, Behind the Scenes; **Lisa Judelson**, Community Leadership; and **Nancy Watts**, Rookie of the Year. Congratulations and thanks to each of you.



Dancing with the Sandwich Stars

The club's second *Dancing with the Sandwich Stars* fundraiser will take place **Friday, March 20th** at the **Cape Codder Resort** in Hyannis. This year's competition will feature three couples: Ellen & Dr. Scott Abramson (Staff Physiatrist, RHCI), Adam & Janell Hofmann (President, Sandwich Mother's Club), and Lisa & Shaun Cahill (Member, Sandwich School Committee). Returning for a repeat performance are own Annemarie & Michael Allen (Pastor, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship) and Ellen & Bob Guerin (Sandwich School Committee) who will perform solo Showcase dances, along with Kathy & Stu Parsons (Sandwich Public Library).

"Celebrity" judges Bill Crosby (Teacher, Oakridge School), Linnel Grundman (Selectwoman), and Michael O'Keefe (District Attorney) will return to provide scoring and humorous commentary. Professional dance instructor Deborah Israel will once again provide dance lessons and choreography. A cash bar, dessert buffet and dancing to DJ Paul Gavoni will complete the evening.

Please plan to attend this event, which promises to be a lot of fun and a great money-maker for the club. Contact co-chair Ellen Guerin (833-3772) or Kim Butz (888-0182) if you have any questions.



Volunteers Needed

The Dancing with the Sandwich Stars committee hopes that all members will assist with ticket sales. Ticket packets and posters will be distributed at the February general meeting.

In addition, we are looking for help with soliciting local businesses for program ads, auction items, and sponsorships. We hope to offer 50 auction items, at an average sales price of \$100. We have already obtained several great items, including: a Sandwich Hollows Golf membership, a certificate for Nanny Services, autographed balls and other sports memorabilia, and tickets to the 2009 US Open Golf Tournament. We ask each member to assist us in securing two items for the auction. Sponsorship flyers and forms will be available at the general meeting.

We also need help the night of the event. Duties include serving as "Dancing Gophers" (you'll have to attend to find out what that is!), ticket takers, and auction workers. Please consider joining the fun.

If you are unable to attend the general meeting, we'd be happy to deliver tickets or sponsorship information to you. Please call Kim Butz (888-0182).

We Need You ...

The board is looking for a couple of individuals who would be willing to co-chair one of our fundraisers this year. On **May 31st**, we will hold our **Touch-A-Truck** event. This is a day of fun for more than 1,000 children from Sandwich and surrounding towns, and is one of our top three fundraisers of the year. Last year's event netted more than \$5,000. **Gillian Hurrie** has generously offered to serve as one of the co-chairs and is looking for a partner. Also, on **Saturday, October 3rd**, we will hold our **23rd Annual Harvest Craft Fair**. This is another of our top three money-makers and we are in need of two co-chairs who are willing to organize the day. Please contact Kim Butz if you are able to help, or if you would like additional information about the event or the duties of the chairs.

“Only by seeking challenges can we hope to find the best in ourselves.”

Special Thanks to ...

- **Colette Huwyler** for her work on “Dress A Live Doll” in December.
- **Karen Gradie, LaurieJo Tullis** and **Nancy Watts** for playing Santa to over 200 Sandwich kids.
- **Gillian Hurrie** for creating the lovely banquet invitations.
- **Joyce Noonan** and **MaryJo O’Neil** for continuing to serve the homeless via Hospitality for the Homeless, and **Ellen Hayes** and **Gillian Hurrie** for helping with the February meal.
- **Lisa Judelson** and **Mary Davis** for the January meal for the elderly at Hansen Village.

GFWC Business

- Please note the upcoming GFWC events listed on page one. Information on each will be available at the general meeting.
- In May, the **GFWC of Massachusetts** will hold its **Annual Meeting** at Seacrest resort in Falmouth. The Sandwich Women’s Club will serve as co-hosts with the West Barnstable club. Our responsibilities will include working the registration desk and preparing centerpieces. Please consider attending and getting to know some other Massachusetts GFWC members.
- The **GWFC** provides many **Scholarships** for Clubwomen, High School Students and College Undergraduates. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship for yourself, or one of your children, please see Kim Butz for more information.

PLEASE PAY YOUR 2009 ANNUAL DUES

We hope that you’ll join us again this year! Your membership is valuable and appreciated.

Please use the attached coupon to pay your dues. An active membership is \$30 and an inactive is \$15 for the year. Checks can be made payable to the SWC and returned to **Ellen Hayes** at the February General Meeting, or mailed to P.O. Box 757, Sandwich, MA 02563 **no later than March 1st**.

If you do not plan on rejoining, we’d appreciate it if you’d let us know. Thank you!

Name: _____

_____ Active Membership (\$30)
 _____ Inactive Membership (\$15)
 _____ I will not be rejoining the club

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