

GENERAL MEETINGS

7:00 pm

March 15th Program

@ The Bee Hive

May 17th Program

@ The Bee Hive

week of June 28th

Year-end Party

@ TBA

September 27th Program

@ The Bee Hive

November 15th Program

@ The Bee Hive

BUSINESS MEETINGS

7:00 pm

March 8th @ Mary Baird's

April 12th @ Ellen Hayes'

May 10th @ Nancy Watts'

June 14th @ Kelley Mawdsley's

July 12th @ Mary Davis'

September 13th @ Linda Lorusso's

October 18th @ Kim Butz'

November 8th @ TBA

December 13th @ TBA

President's Message

Hello ladies,

I hope this finds you well and settled back into your routines after the holidays and New Year's celebrations. In recent weeks the club has wrapped up 2009 and begun work on 2010 service projects and fundraisers. It promises to be a busy and rewarding year!

The club's 2009 Annual Banquet was held on January 11th at the Bee Hive Tavern. It was a great night of fun; a chance to reflect on all that we accomplished last year, and an opportunity to recognize the special efforts of a few members. "Shining Star" awards were presented to the following women: Special Recognition #1: TAT Rescue - Gillian Hurrie; Special Recognition #2: Most Versatile - Ellen Hayes; Behind the Scenes - Nancy Watts; Rookie of the Year - Linda Lorusso; and Clubwoman of the Year - Cate Lane. Also honored was Annemarie Allen, who is leaving the board after several years of service as Secretary and Vice President. We thank all of you - award winners and mere mortals - who work so hard to improve the lives of our neighbors in need.

We were thankful that GFWC of MA President, Mary Baird, was able to attend and to install the 2010 Board: Secretary, Linda Lorusso; Treasurer, Ellen Hayes; 2nd Vice President, Laurie-Jo Tullis; 1st Vice President, Nancy Watts; and President, Kim Butz. Linda is new to the board this year, and we are grateful for her addition. Ellen, Laurie-Jo, Nancy, and Kim are returning to the board for another year of service. As always, the board welcomes the input of all members and hopes that you will contact us if you have any questions or suggestions.

Our recent focus on membership has resulted in 4 new additions: Linda Lorusso and Kelley Mawdsley officially joined the club at the January banquet, and we will soon be welcoming Debra Colbert-White and Betsy Mason. We are thrilled to receive these special women into our club. We hope that you will soon have a chance to get to know each of them.

As always, we have a full agenda of activities coming up in the next few months. Please review the following pages to see what is going on, and to find opportunities for participation. We encourage you to get involved and to share your gifts with our club and our community. Hope to see you soon!

Warm regards, *Kim*

Board Recommendations

- No Board Recommendations

Upcoming Community Service Projects

- On Monday, **February 22nd**, at 5pm, we will serve a meal at **Hansen Village**, (a residential community for the low-income elderly on Cotuit Road here in Sandwich). We are still in need of people to help with preparing food and/or serving the meal. If you are able to help, please contact Kim Butz (888-0182) for more information.
- We are still seeking members who are available to serve this year as liaisons to three of the community organizations we support: **Safe Harbor**, **Adopted Island**, and **Sandwich Public Library**. If you are interested in helping in this capacity, please contact Kim Butz (888-0182).

Upcoming Fundraisers

- Our **Spring Fundraiser** will be an **Easter Egg Hunt**, held at the Wing School Grounds, on Saturday, March 27 at 10:00 AM. Rain date, April 3 at 10:00 AM. We will host 4 separate hunts, one for each of the following age ranges. 2 years and under, 3 - 4 years, 5 – 6 years, and 7 – 8 years. We will serve light refreshments, coffee, hot chocolate, pastries. We will also offer photos with the Easter Bunny and Easter Bonnet Contests for children and adults. There will be lots of volunteers needed, both the day of the Egg Hunt and in preparation for the event.
- The club is still in need of chairs for three of our 2010 fund raisers: **Touch-A-Truck** (held in June), the **Harvest Craft Fair** (held in the fall), and the **Yard Sale** (held at the discretion of the chair) If you are interested in chairing one of these events, or have questions about what is required, please contact Kim Butz (888-0182).

General Club News

- **We have a fabulous evening planned for the SWC March 15th program!**

Date: Monday, March 15
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Location: The Beehive Tavern
Street: 406 Route 6A
City/Town: East Sandwich, MA

SELL your GOLD! Joanne Guertin from **Robert Guertin Jewelers** will be on hand to buy your unwanted gold and platinum. She will buy it in any condition and you'll be shocked at how much it is worth! It has been proven that they give at least 30% more than what you would get at a gold party. They have been buying gold for over 30 yrs and deal directly with the refiner! Robert Guertin Jewelers will make a donation to the club of 10% of the value of all the gold that is sold that evening! This gives you a chance to help yourself and help the club, too!

Also, at this program...

JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP and SALE Gillian Andrews Hurrie from **JEWELRY by GG** will be leading a jewelry making workshop and selling some of her latest designs. Gillian's lovingly hand-crafted jewelry reflects a contemporary take on vintage style and is combined with the unique energy-infused qualities of the beads.

For more information regarding this SWC program or to reserve your spot, please contact Nancy at 508-888-2553.

General Club News (cont.)

- On **Friday, March 5th from 1-4pm**, we will have a table set up in the lobby of the **Sandwich Public Library**. Nancy Watts will be there and would be happy to have some company. We'll be promoting the club, our March 15th General Program Meeting and the Easter Egg Hunt. Please contact Nancy at 888-2553 if you are able to help.
- The club's website (www.sandwichwomensclub.org) has just been completely re-written. We are still in the process of reviewing it, editing text, and adding features. If you have a chance, please check it out and send any comments, edits, suggestions to Kim Butz (888-0182).
- The club's **Yearbook** (pictorial directory) is being updated. **We need you** to send in updated personal information. Please complete the attached **Member Information Sheet** and return it to Kim Butz by March 15th. New member photos were taken at the Annual Banquet. If you weren't able to attend, please email a photo to Kim, or plan to have your photo taken at the March 15th meeting. If you'd like to see a proof of what you have, please contact Kim.

Special Thanks to ...

- **Annemarie & Sarah Allen, Gillian Hurrie, Nancy Watts, Linda Lorusso, Mary Davis and Mary Baird** for preparing and serving the December 28th meal for the residents at **Hansen Village**.
- **Mary Baird, Nancy Watts, Linda Lorusso, Betsy Mason, Stephanie Taylor and Mary Davis** for preparing and serving the January 25th meal for the residents at **Hansen Village**.
- **Kathy Kelly** for hosting the February Business Meeting.
- **Nancy Watts** for hosting the club's Holiday Party in December, which was a fabulous time for all.

GFWC News:

- Mark your Calendars for these upcoming state club events:
 - March 21st - GFWC of MA Artist's Tea
 - March 29th – GFWC of MA Day at the Statehouse
 - **April 24th – MA Juniors Annual Conference**
 - May 2-4 – GFWC of MA Annual Conference
 - Contact Kim Butz for more information
- We received an invitation from **the Dennis-Yarmouth Women's Club** for their "Tulip Tea" – **April 11th, 1-4pm**

PLEASE PAY YOUR 2010 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 **March Program Meeting**, or mailed to P.O. Box 757, Sandwich, MA 02563 **no later than April 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

Report of Minutes

DATE: 2/8/2010 **LOCATION:** Kathy Kelley's house **TYPE:** Business

Called to Order at: 7:15 **No. of Members:** 7 **Guests:** 0

Attended: Linda Lorusso, Kim Butz, Nancy Watts, Laurie Jo Tullis, Kathy Kelly, Cate Lane, Mary Davis

Treasurer's Report: \$10,449.83

Correspondence: Thank you notes from the following: Food Pantry, Sandwich Library, Council on Aging

Board Recommendations: none

Community Service:

- Hanson Village Meal: Monday February 22, 2010. Sign-up was circulated but looking for more volunteers. Contact Kim B.
- Hospitality for the Homeless: Motion accepted to Offer \$125.00 and back up Mary Jo and SWC will help in a bind.
- John Williams: floating Music Teacher; awarded \$100.00 for Jazz Band to help with cost of transportation for a class field trip and asking them to perform at the Easter Egg Hunt in return.
- Baby Center: Goods for a Baby Drive for up coming meeting
- Give Cook Books and keep proceeds to Thornton Burgess for 100 celebrations "Old Mother West Wind", no time or date.
- Renaissance Scholarship: Awarded: Amy Reiber \$500.00 and Michelle \$200.00

Fundraisers:

- Easter Egg Hunt: Date: March 27 and Rain date: April 3
Location: Wing School Fee: \$5.00 per child
Ages: 2-8 (4 separate egg hunts by age)
- "Pot of Gold" Bring your gold jewelry to March SWC meeting and Robert Guerin Jewelers will buy your gold items and 10% will go to the SWC.
- Suggestion of a "Tastefully Simple Party" was raised as a fundraiser suggestion.

Old Business:

- Looking for someone to make a SIGN for the SWC to place at the Bee Hive Restaurant for our program meetings.
- Year Book update: SWC is updating their year book make sure Nancy W. has your current profile and picture for the year book.
- Bylaws update: Kim is looking to update SWC bylaws and is looking for electronic version

New Business:

- Kim B. is updating a new web site for SWC (Sandwichwomensclub.org). Corrections/Additions/Feedback welcome.
- Review of Committee Sign Up: many committees' need chair persons and helpers. Look for the sign up sheet at the March meeting. Looking for the Touch A Truck and Craft Fair Chairperson.
- Hanson Village Donation by Gillian Hurrie-Gillian had offered to donate a blender. We appreciated the offer but did not feel that they had room for it in the kitchen.
- MassStar- We support the group and may ask for their volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt and other volunteer needed.
- Headquarters Walkway Brick: Members approved \$125.00 for each brick: Honoring Mary Baird for her honorable service and in Memory of Charlott Walty
- Winter GFWC conference-SWC received a 40 year Citation Celebration: to be discussed in the May meeting.

Newsletter Deadline is Wednesday, February 10.

Announcements:

- **GFWC of MA Juniors:** Annual Conference Saturday April 24 in Westboro, MA

Next Business Meetings: Monday March 8th @ Mary Baird's house

Next General Meeting: March 15th at the Bee Hive Tavern

Adjourned at: 9:15

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda Lorusso
Recording Secretary**