

West Hartford

Newcomers and Neighbors

October Social Event

Have you renewed your membership yet?

Sign on to our website to do so today!

Join fellow newcomers and neighbors for a **night of fright** as we **celebrate Halloween!** Wear your **spookiest or most unique costume** to win prizes. Be ready to compete with each other as we **play traditional Halloween games!**

Bring your scariest food concoction (or some candy) and your beverage of choice. Meet at the home of Leanne Cornell (54 Bentwood Road) at 7:30 PM on Saturday, October 29th.

Eat, Drink, and Be Scary!



Philanthropy



On **October 1st** come join other volunteer members at **Westmoor Park to Plant-A-Row for the Hungry.** **Plant A Row for the Hungry** is a national public service campaign that integrates the community to volunteer to organically grow vegetables and herbs. The produce grown is donated to a local shelter in Hartford, as well as the senior center in town. Members of all ages can help contribute to this event. Get ready to get dirty! **Make sure to respond to the Evite!**

In November, we will be **collecting food for the West Hartford Food Pantry** at the Wine and Cheese party. If you bring donations, you will receive \$5 off the entrance fee. What a bargain!

In December, we will be **collecting gently used winter clothing items to donate locally.** Start organizing your items now!

Girls' Night Out

Join us for a sizzling night at **Ichiro Hibachi and Sushi Bar, 962 Farmington Ave, West Hartford.** On **October 20th at 7:30pm**, we'll meet for **Prix Fixe dinner that includes soup, salad, hibachi entree, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages for \$25.** If you would like to add alcohol or sushi, you will be billed separately.

This will be a lot of fun and we hope you can make it! Please RSVP to Katie Peterson by October 15th at spain61@hotmail.com.



Guys' Night Out



On **Friday, October 7th from 5-8pm** join us at the **Open House at the Hooker Brewery in Bloomfield.** For **\$10** you'll receive a **beer tasting, guided tour, and 16 ounce hooker pint glass.** Check out the website at www.hookerbeer.com.

Please contact Kevin at kevin_quiros@hotmail.com with any questions. Hope to see you there!

BUNCO

We had a fun night last month at **Bunco** with a great amount of new people! Everyone had a great time and thought it was an easy way to meet a lot of new people.

Come join us **Wednesday, October 5th at 7:30 for Bunco at Deborah Peckman's home at 24 Old Stone Crossing.** No need to have ever played the game - it is easy and we will teach you. Please **bring \$10** to go into a pot to be divided into prize money. (One lucky person walked away with \$65 last month!)

Please RSVP to tiffsme@yahoo.com.



Little Newcomers

Pumpkins, Painting and Costumes..."Oh My!"



Pumpkins are in season and we're going pickin'! Get into the Halloween spirit with this kickoff-event for the month of October. Plan to join us **Wednesday, October 5 at 9:45 a.m. at the Pickin' Patch in Avon (Nod Road) for a morning hay-ride and pumpkin picking, followed by cider and donuts for all.** There is a **\$7 per person** charge for this event, payable when you arrive at the farm. An evite will be coming very soon and please note that **RSVPs are required for this event.** (Rain date on Friday, October 7).

Let's use our creativity! On **Friday, October 14**, it's time to paint pumpkins and play with our Little Newcomer friends! We'll be meeting at **4 p.m. at the Low's house (12 Ridgebrook Drive) to paint and play.** All materials will be provided, including pumpkins. Please be sure your Little Newcomer wears clothes appropriate for their creative imaginations.

To celebrate the spooky month of October, please join Little Newcomers for a **Halloween party on Thursday, October 27 at 4 p.m.** Our little munchkins can dress in costume or come as they are for trick-or-treating practice, Halloween treats, and spooktacular activities. Join us at **the Rossi's house (43 Garfield Road) for Halloween fun with lots of play time too!**



If you have any questions (or can't find us the day of an event) please feel free to call **Tanja Low (617-417-6830)** or **Carolyn O'Sullivan (203-253-9560).** We hope to see you soon!

Another Philanthropy Opportunity

With just one hour each week you can make a difference in a child's life! **Consider becoming a mentor to a student in the West Hartford Public Schools.**

Come to the **Prospect Cafe in West Hartford at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 4th** to meet with other mentors and learn more about the program!

For more information check out www.whps.org/mentor or call Carol Wilkas at 860.231.6009.

Critics' Corner



Our own Leanne Cornell recently traveled to Uganda to visit a hospital sponsored by her employer. **Leanne will share stories and pictures from her trip and from there we hope to have a discussion about Uganda and more generally the issue of global poverty.** Although you don't need to read anything to join in the discussion, if you would like to learn more about the subject prior to our meeting we recommend one or more of the following:

[The Blue Sweater: Bridging the Gap Between Rich and Poor in an Interconnected World](#) by Jacqueline Novogratz

[Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide](#) by Nicholas D. Kristof

[The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can Be Done About It](#) by Paul Collier

If you don't have time for a whole book, the Brookings Institute and the United Nations have published articles and studies on global poverty which can be found at: <http://www.brookings.edu/topics/global-poverty.aspx> and <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals>.

Location: **Leanne's house, 54 Bentwood Road, West Hartford** Date: **October 11, 2011** Time : **7:30 pm**

Looking ahead... In November Critics Corner will return to the movies. More details on the movie to follow. In December join us for a used book swap party. Pick a book from your collection that you have read, liked and want to pass along. We'll spend an evening talking about books and you'll go home with a new (to you) book. In January Critics Corner will once again tackle an issue of the day, this time parenting. We'll discuss our favorite parenting books and share tips on raising our children.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a **network of support by Newcomers for Newcomers** in the event of a **new baby, family emergency or other important event**. Get to know other families in WHNNC by offering your assistance during a challenging time.

Bringing a family a meal is a wonderful way to lend support. *Please note that a store-bought meal is just as appreciated as a home-cooked meal.*

Please contact Severn at severnsandt@hotmail.com for more information and/or to sign up.



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