

West Hartford Newcomers and Neighbors

September Social Event

Be on the lookout for an upcoming email about renewing your membership.

Renew before September 15th to win free events this year!

Mark your calendars for the first social event of the season - **the Newcomers and Neighbors 2011 Kick-Off Party!**

Please join us at **the home of Megan Mehr and Andreas Mang (15 Stratford Road in West Hartford) on Saturday, September 24th at 7:30pm.** Whether you are a returning newcomer/neighbor or someone who is interested in possibly joining the group, you are more than welcome to join us for an evening of fun, games and great company.

While appetizers and desserts will be provided, **please plan to bring your beverage of choice.**

Be on the lookout for the upcoming Evite to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you then!



Philanthropy

We are excited to have a great year of giving back to the community! On **September 10th, come support the Children's Museum at the 2nd Annual Miniature Golf Tournament.** It will be a really fun event with animals, science demonstrations and food. For golfers, it costs \$20 and \$10 for non-golfers. Go to www.sciencecenterct.org/fundraisers.asp to register. Make sure to register early since tickets will sell out.



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 centers in town. Members of all ages can help contribute to this event. Look for an Evite to go out next month.

As always, if there are organizations or events that you would like members to be aware of, please contact me at bmunday820@gmail.com.

Girls' Night Out

Craving chocolate? Join us for the first Girls' Night Out event at **the home of Joyce Quiros, 532 Fern St. in West Hartford on Tuesday, September 27th at 7:30pm.**

Bring your chocolate of choice to share- some ideas include brownies, chocolate covered strawberries, M&Ms or even hot chocolate.

Please RSVP to Katie Peterson at spain61@hotmail.com by Thursday, September 22nd. We hope to see you there!



Guys' Night Out



Please join us on **September 20th for 9 holes of golf at Rockledge Golf Course followed by drinks and food at McLadden's.**

Golf at **5:30pm**. For those who choose not to golf, join us for **drinks and food at 8pm.**

Please contact Kevin at kevin_quiros@hotmail.com to RSVP. Hope to see you there!

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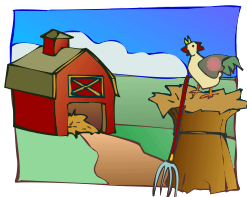
Not just for the ladies, everyone is welcome to come enjoy **the fun game of Bunco!!!** No need to know how to play...it is easy and we will teach you. It is a fun relaxing evening with drinks, goodies, games and chatting.

Come be a part of the first event of the season on **Wednesday, September 14th.** Come to **Tiffany Scurr's House at 64 Ridgewood Rd at 7:30pm.** Please RSVP to tiffsmc@yahoo.com or call 313-0123



Little Newcomers

Fresh picked blueberries, apples, and raspberries... what can be better than that?? Plan to join us **Friday, September 9 at Rose's Berry Farm (295 Matson Hill Rd., South Glastonbury, CT 06073) at 10 a.m.** for a morning of picking (and eating!). This activity is appropriate for all ages and there is a farm truck that takes us out to the berries. There is also a play area with shady areas, so feel free to bring a blanket and lunch for a picnic afterward. **We'll be meeting in the gazebo at 10 - look for the balloons!** If you come late just give us a call at 617-417-6830 and we'll let you know where we are.



Then on **Wednesday, September 14** it's off to the animal farm! We'll be meeting at **10 a.m. at Flamig Farm in West Simsbury (7 Shingle Mill Road, West Simsbury, CT 06092)** to feed and pet the animals and enjoy the early fall. There is a \$4 entrance fee for anyone 2 and over and a \$1 charge for each cup of food you buy for the animals. Again, **just look for the balloons** and we'll be there. After playing with the animals, Little Newcomers will provide snacks and juice boxes for the hungry little animals we're bringing with us!

The last event of the month will be on **September 22 at 4 p.m. (location TBA)**. We'll be meeting at a fellow newcomer's home to work on a farm-related craft project - with lots of play time involved! The project will have varying levels of skills required, so all ages are welcome. And please don't feel you need to get there right at 4... we'll be playing until about 6:30 or so, so come by any time. We'll send out an update with the exact address.

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!

Our Newest Members

Please join us in congratulating the WHNNC families that welcomed new additions this summer!

The **Cox family** welcomed **baby Charles** on May 28th.

The **Fulmer family** welcomed **baby Blair** on June 4th.

The **Fitzgerald family** welcomed **baby James** on July 27th.

The **O'Sullivan family** welcomed **baby Emilie** on August 16th.



* Please contact Janel at www.swayemac@gmail.com if you would like to deliver a meal to the O'Sullivan family!

Critics' Corner

Book Club has a new mission, and has been formally renamed "Critics Corner".

We will still be reading books, but we will also be going to the movies, reading interesting articles and having discussions on issues of the day. This month we are **getting together at Cuvee on September 7, 2011 at 7:30 to discuss Bossy Pants, by Tina Fey.**

The book traces her life from growing up in Pennsylvania through her work on *Saturday Night Live* and *30 Rock*, and dives into the juggling act of being a working mom of a young child. Cuvee is located at 37 Raymond Road, in Blueback Square, across the street from Whole Foods.



Looking ahead, we plan to **meet in early October to discuss global poverty.**

Our own **Leanne Cornell has recently traveled to Uganda** to visit a hospital that her employer is sponsoring, and she will **talk about her experience, bring pictures and have jewelry made by local women.** Although *you don't need to read any books to join in the discussion*, if you would like 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

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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