

THE DURHAM BULL SHEET

News and Events of the Durham/Middlefield Exchange Club

Inter-Club Meeting

February 25, 2009

The Old Saybrook-Westbrook club is sponsoring this year's inter-club meeting. The meeting will be held at the Clinton Country Club in Clinton. The guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. H. Wayne Carver the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Connecticut.

I know this is not a regular meeting night for us but please make it a point to be there. It is a great chance to meet other Exchangites from around our division. Our division is comprised of the clubs from: Branford, Old Saybrook-Westbrook, Madison, Middletown and ourselves. I will talk about it and have a sign up sheet at the next meeting. If you cannot make the next meeting but still want to attend please let me know by phone or email by February 16th.

The event starts at 6:30 with cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

and dinner will be at 7:00.

For us non-golfers the Clinton Country Club is on Old Westbrook Rd. (Rt. 145) Clinton. It is very easy to get to from Rt. 95. Take the Rt. 145 Exit and head towards Westbrook. Right if headed 95 N or left if headed 95S. At stop sign turn right and head towards Clinton. The country club is on the left about .4 mile.

New Member Meeting

On February 26, 2009 we will be having our annual membership meeting. We will be promoting Exchange and what our club does for the community. We will be having Bill Deacy our National VFR- Volunteer Field Representative come to speak to prospective new members and us about Exchange. Bill is from the Norwalk Exchange Club. Bill is always informative and entertaining. We will also be

having our own wine and beer tasting event. If you know someone who would be interested in sharing in the Exchange Club experience please invite him or her to our meeting. Remember if you bring a guest your meal charge will be waived for this meeting.

Meetings

February 12, 2009 – 6:30 PM Valentines Social- TLC Eatery –Clean Energy Task Force- Bring your sweetie!!!

February 19, 2009 – 6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting- Rich Astle's Home

February 25, 2009 – 6:30 PM Inter-club Meeting- Clinton Country Club

February 26, 2009 – 6:30 PM Membership Meeting with Bill Deacy from Exchange – TLC Eatery

March 8, 2009 – Spaghetti Dinner- CRHS

March 12, 2009 – 6:30 PM National Honor Society Meeting –TLC Eatery

March 19, 2009 – 6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting- Walter Douglass home

March 26, 2009 – 6:30 PM Book of Golden Deeds- Durham Firehouse

Book of Golden Deeds

Jill Phillips is again this year's chairperson for the Book of Golden Deeds. She has sent letters out to various groups and organizations looking for nominations. If you have a person whose good deeds might otherwise go unnoticed please send a letter nominating them to Jill. In the nomination letter explain to the committee why this person deserves the award and the good deeds that they have done for their community. If you have nominated a person in the past and they were not chosen please resend their nomination. There are people in every community that if not for this project might never receive the honor and recognition that they deserve.

Spaghetti Dinner

This year's spaghetti dinner is fast approaching. The committee has been working on the plans for the dinner and now it is time we all sell tickets. It is important that all of our members sell their tickets. As a club fundraiser it is important that we presell as many tickets as possible. This fundraiser is shared with the athletic department and with the Brewster-Korn PTA. We keep any presold ticket monies as do the other organizations. We then split the door proceeds. So it is important to our bottom line that we presell as many tickets as possible. Do not let anyone you know say they will but the ticket at the door. If you sell all of your tickets and need more just let Mike Cheney or myself know and we will get you more tickets. As far as working the dinner you will be contacted to work a shift. It is a short but busy day. Everyone must sign up for a shift like the Durham Fair. Since the fair did not raise as much money as we budgeted for it is especially urgent that we have a successful Spaghetti Dinner.

Lets all do our part and have some fun.

Editorial

The busy time of year is here. This month we have

two special meetings and an Inter-club meeting. Next month we have our Spaghetti Dinner, National Honor Society recognition dinner and Book of Golden Deeds awards. We haven't even talked about April and May yet.

Even though we have a lot on our plate this is what we joined Exchange for. Having a good time while helping others. Where can you get that kind satisfaction?

Do you remember how it feels when we listen to Eileen Lader from Middlesex Family Advocacy or Martha Stone, the Executive Director for the Center for Children's Advocacy? Knowing that we do a little part in helping these abused children in some way really makes me proud. I always say that I wish for the day that the National Exchange Club will have to find another project because we helped eliminate Child Abuse, but I do not see that happening yet. So we must do our part in helping those who cannot help themselves. Ask someone you know who would like to help us in our goal of preventing child abuse to our meeting on Feb 26th. We can do more with more help.

Phil Gaudreau