

# THE DURHAM BULL SHEET

News and Events of the Durham/Middlefield Exchange Club

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## A New Home! (maybe)

### TLC Eatery

We have a new meeting place in Durham. Walter Douglass, Yvonne and I met with Shawn Culver the new owner of TLC Eatery, the former "Lilly's" restaurant. His normal hours will be for breakfast and lunch but he has agreed to open for us to hold our meetings. As with our original arrangement with Lilly's we will have the whole place to ourselves. We will have a buffet dinner. They do not have a liquor license so we will have to bring in our own libations. We have decided to try BYOB. In the past at the firehouse the club had provided beer and wine. This did increase the cost per dinner for all who attended dinner. For those who did not drink they paid for those who did.

Shawn and Walter have agreed to store anyone's bottle who did not want to keep carting it to each meeting. The club will get some tonic, ginger ale and

club soda for anyone who wants set ups. Shawn has soda and other soft drinks for anyone who does not want to bring in anything. Coffee will be served with dinner. I think this will work and it will be cheaper than buying your drinks.

Our first meeting at our new home will be on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Yvonne will be sending out an email asking for your response. For those who do not have email please call Yvonne before November 9<sup>th</sup> at 349-1155. We will be having a guest speaker that night as well. Angela Atwater from Kidsafe will be speaking about child abuse prevention program at Kidsafe.

### Salute to CT's Bravest

On October 23rd the tenth annual Salute to Connecticut's Bravest was held at the Aqua Turf in Southington. Durham and

Middlefield were both represented by their honorees. Frank Behrens Jr. was honored by the Durham Fire Company. Frank joined the Fire Company in 1959 and had a perfect attendance record of 42 years. He would have continued this record if not for having to attend his daughters wedding in 2001. Many of our members recognize Frank as the Fire Company's representative whenever we have a meeting at the firehouse. Frank was Chief in 1977 and 1978 and was Fire Marshal for 10 years. Frank is still an active member of the Fire Police and Chairman of the Board of the Fire Company Trustee. The Middlefield Volunteer Fire Department and the Exchange Club honored Deputy Chief Dan Wheeler. Dan has been a firefighter and EMT with the Middlefield Fire Department for 15 years. His wife Debbie is also an EMT and his two sons are in the Fire Explorer post. During the weekend of June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2008 Dan and his family

were on a camping trip to Hamonassett State Park. During this weekend a severe thunderstorm came through causing a severe lightning storm. Many people sought shelter under the pavilions. One of the pavilions was struck by lightning. Several people were hit and Dan and his son David went to help. Dan went beyond the call of duty as he was on vacation and did not have to help. Dan certainly exemplified the motto of "Service above Self"

These two fine firefighters continue to give of themselves to protect our homes and our families.

Whenever you hear that fire siren think of these two men and the rest of the firefighters and be thankful for people like them.

## Adopt a Road

On Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> we again held our semi-annual road clean up. Something was not right. It did not rain. Babby Nuhn again did a wonderful job getting the community involved in our project. Many club members clean up their roads. As a club we clean up Rt 147 from Citizens Bank to Lyman's. Members of the club, Mark Jungles, Mike Vicarro, Ralph and Katherine Chase, Kenny Hall, Babby, Susan my wife and myself went out on Sunday morning and cleaned Rt. 147. We decided to do it on Sunday, as the traffic on Rt. 147 on Saturday is very heavy. As with everything in

life; Many hands make the job go faster. We need more club members to come help us clean our section of Rt. 147. I know there are a lot of members who do not clean their own road who could come out for an hour and help. We will do this again in the spring so keep an eye on this Bullsheet for the date and put it on your calendar.

## Meetings

November 13, 2008- 6:30 PM  
Regular Meeting – TLC  
Eatery, Durham

November 20, 2008 – 6:30PM  
Board Meeting – Al  
Bradani's Home Middletown

December 11, 2008- 6:30 PM  
Regular Meeting- TLC Eatery  
Durham

December 14, 2008- 6:00 PM  
Christmas Party- Brothers,  
Wallingford

December 18, 2008- 6:30 PM  
Board Meeting- Phil  
Gaudreau's Middlefield Home

## Durham Fair

Well the fair has come and gone and we again turn our attention to next year. This year's fair was a success despite the weather. The booth ran great. No major breakdowns or problems. The booth was again lucky to have high school students to help work with us. I was shift supervisor on Friday when the National Honor Society

students worked in our booth. They worked great. I was so pleased to have them help us. The club made a \$500.00 donation to the National Honor Society for their help. Due to some scheduling shortfalls it was good that they came in to help. But more than that it was a great opportunity for the students to interact with the club members and for the club members to see what good responsible citizens these students are becoming.

The fair booth did not break any records, but considering the weather we were one of the few booths on the fair grounds that turned a sizeable profit. At our next meeting Rich Astle will have the final numbers for the club.

The soda delivery did ok. Due to the lousy weather no one was drinking soda or using ice. We still did a great job with the deliveries we did make. The soda delivery brought in about \$2700.00 to the clubs treasury. Hats off to Wally and Mike Cheney for a great job in keeping the soda flowing.

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