

THE DURHAM BULL SHEET

News and Events of the Durham/Middlefield Exchange Club

Welcome Back

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Welcome to the 2008-2009 Year

On Thursday September 11, 2008 our new meeting schedule will get in full swing. Hopefully a temporary change had to be made to our meeting place for the first meeting of the year. At the end of the year picnic it was mentioned that we were going to have our meetings at Lily's, but due to an unexpected closure of Lily's we had to make a change. We are still hoping that Lilly's will reopen and we can have our meetings there, but at press time things are still up in the air. So for our first meeting, Past-president Peter Cascini has made arrangements for us to meet at the new Pizza King Restaurant.

This is your official invitation to this meeting. We will need a head count by Monday September 8, 2008. Expect a call from a board member. If you want you can reply to this by email or by phone to Yvonne or myself. I already have speakers set up for most meetings this year. In October we will have our Candidates Forum at the Fire house on October 9, 2008 and the District will again honor our firefighters with the Salute to Connecticut's Bravest on October 23, 2008. In November we have Angela Atwater from Kidsafe coming to talk to us and in December we have Larry McHugh from the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce speaking to us. The calendar for the year will be on the website. www.dmexchangeclub.com

Whenever you want any club information it is right at your fingertips by going to the website. Jerry Lipchus does a great job on our website so please use it. In fact you should have it bookmarked as one of your favorites so it is at your fingertips at all times. There is no excuse that you did not know when a meeting was anymore.

FAIR TIME

It is just a few weeks till the Durham Fair. The booth is coming along nicely. Rich Astle and Kenny Hall and crew have been working on the booth and are almost ready. Ray and Wally are busy getting the schedules filled. These fundraisers are the largest fundraisers we have so participation in the booth and the soda delivery is mandatory. If you have not signed up for the soda delivery please contact Wally Douglass at home 349-0869 or at the pharmacy 349-3478.

If you need to sign up for your shift at the booth call Ray Koba at 349-3585 at home.

Meetings and Events

September 11, 2008 – First Meeting – Pizza King 6:30 PM

September 18, 2008- Board Meeting 6:30 PM- Yvonne's home, Middlefield

September 26-28, 2008 Durham Fair

October 9, 2008- 6:30 PM Candidates Forum – Durham Firehouse-Durham

October 16, 2008 - 6:30PM Board Meeting –Ralph Chase's house - Durham

October 23, 2008- 6:00 PM Salute to Connecticut's Bravest – Aqua Turf

October 25, 2008- 8:00 AM Adopt-A-Road National Day of Service- Allyn Brook Pavilion

November 13, 2008- 6:30 PM Regular Meeting- TBA

November 20, 2008- 6:30 PM Board Meeting- Al Bradinini's house- Middletown

November 27, 2008 – No Meeting- Happy Thanksgiving

December 11, 2008- 6:30 PM
Regular Meeting- TBA

December 14, 2008 - Christmas Party – TBA

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

December 25, 2007- No Meeting- Merry Christmas

Events

Well, here we go again. This year we will be again doing our best to raise money just to give it away. Isn't it great?

The Durham Fair is just around the corner and we are almost ready to go. The booth needs a good cleaning but the rest of it appears to be in good condition. The schedule needs some filling in but as usual the members will come to the rescue. The soda delivery also needs some filling in of the schedule. It is important that if you sign up for a shift that you show up on time and stay until the end. Every shift has some overlap so when you arrive it may seem like there are too many people but remember half of them are probably leaving soon. And it is important at the end to show any of the new crew what you were doing and get them started so you can leave at the end of your shift. We have this process down to a science so work with the shift supervisors and things will go smoothly.

At our October 9th meeting we will be holding our annual Candidates Forum at the Durham Firehouse. Come and hear what the candidates have to say about their stand on the issues. This event will be open to the public and is usually very well attended so please sign up as soon as you get the notice from Yvonne.

Again, we will be participating in the Connecticut District Exchange's Salute to Connecticut's Bravest by honoring a firefighter from Durham and Middlefield. This event will be held on October 23th at the Aqua Turf in Southington. Let Yvonne know as soon as possible if you want to attend. This year the cost will go up to \$35.00 at the door, so if you sign up on time you can save yourself \$5.00. If you have never been to one of these events you should go and honor those who protect us 24/7 with no pay. We are lucky to have people like them to protect us. This is the least we can do to show our appreciation.

Do not forget October 25th Adopt –A – Road program. We have scheduled this program on this particular Saturday as it the National Day of Service. This day all the Exchange clubs around the country do some project for their community to make our country just a little better. Babby Nuhn has been running this event for years and we need to help her keep this project growing. She has the participation of almost every group in town. We need more members to show up on Saturday so we can do our road (Rt. 147) with a great force of members. So please sign up, you never know what treasure you will find on the side of the road.