

# THE DURHAM BULL SHEET

News and Events of the Durham/Middlefield Exchange Club

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## Happy Holidays!

### Levi Coe Project

During Ralph Chase's presidency the club donated money to the Levi Coe Library to help with their renovation project. They used the money to help make a new children's room. Here is an invitation that was on the Levi Coe website:

*Come celebrate the opening of the Children's Annex. With new lighting, a coat of paint, and a new carpet a storeroom has been transformed thanks to a generous donation from the Exchange Club! The official opening of the room will take place Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m. A storyteller will join in the festivities at 6:30 p.m. with a fun-filled tribute to Dr. Seuss! Hope to see you there!*

As the sponsoring club we should do our best to be there to support our project.

### Annual Christmas Party December 16<sup>th</sup>

The annual Christmas party will be held at the Brother's Restaurant in Wallingford. The evening begins with cocktails at 6:00pm with dinner to follow. Continuing our tradition of giving rather than receiving, we again ask everyone to bring a \$15.00-\$20.00 gift certificate for the children at Kidsafe in Rockville. These gift certificates should be from a major store that would be found around the Buckland Hills area in Manchester. The staff of Kidsafe will be taking the kids there shopping after the holidays. These kids are early to mid teens. This has been a wonderful program in the past and we are very proud of the turnout from the members.

### Salute to CT's Bravest

On October 18<sup>th</sup> the ninth annual Salute to Connecticut's Bravest was held at the Aqua Turf in Southington. Durham and Middlefield were both represented by their honorees. Richard Olsen was honored by the Durham Fire Company and the Middlefield Volunteer Fire Department honored Joseph Materazzo. 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 27<sup>th</sup> we again held our semi-annual road clean up. As usual it rained on our parade. Babby Nuhn again did a wonderful job getting the community involved in our project. There is a great article in the Town Times listing all the wonderful people who volunteer to keep

their street clean. Many club members clean up their roads. As a club we clean up Rt 147 from Citizens Bank to Lyman's. Barbara and Mark Kauffman who cleaned from their house on Rt. 147 all the way to Lymans have helped us get the job done. They went out on Saturday during the rain to clean the road. Members of the club, Mark Jungles, his son Bobby, Ralph and Katherine Chase, Kenny Hall and myself went out on Sunday morning and finished the job cleaning Rt. 147. With the Kauffman's cleaning Rt. 147 we should find another road to take on as a club road. If we do take on another road we will need more members to help us clean our designated road. As with everything in life; Many hands make the job go faster.

## Meetings

November 15, 2007- 7:00 PM  
Board Meeting- King's  
Restaurant, Durham

November 22, 2007 – No  
Meeting- Happy Thanksgiving

December 6, 2007- 6:30 PM  
Regular Meeting- Brothers

December 13, 2007- 7:00 PM  
Board Meeting- King's  
Restaurant - Durham

December 16, 2007- 6:00 PM  
Christmas Party- Brothers,  
Wallingford

December 20, 2007- No

## Meeting- Happy Holidays Durham Fair

Well the fair has long gone and we again turn our attention to next year. This year's fair was a great success. 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 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 brought in a record \$31,000.00. We were busy. Ken Hall and Rich Astle had to go to Waterbury on Sunday morning to get more potatoes. At our next meeting Rich Astle will have the final numbers for the club. The soda delivery was also a success. Due to the great weather the delivery crew were busy all fair long. The soda delivery brought in \$6573.50 to the clubs treasury. Hats off to Wally, Mike Cheney and Don Dickson for a great job in keeping the soda flowing.

## Editorial

Last year in this editorial I mentioned the updated website. I again have to thank Jerry Lipchus for doing a great job with the website. If you have not seen the newest design you have to take a minute to look it over. Go to:  
[www.dmexchangeclub.com](http://www.dmexchangeclub.com)

The website has all the information that you will find in your Bullsheet plus a lot more. The officers contact information is on the website along with the calendar.

When we first decided to get a website I was opposed to it because so many websites never get updated and that makes the organization look bad. Well our first few years we did have a bad website, but now it is great. My point is that sometimes we flounder and things do not at first seem to be going well but with the great group of members that we have we can succeed. The fair booth was lead by Jim Gagnon for the last few years and after he left the club I know some people thought that the fair booth was going to suffer. Well it was a great success. Ken Hall and Rich Astle were at times harried but when it was all said and done everything went great. This club has what it takes to succeed. Happy Holidays.

Phil Gaudreau