

THE DURHAM BULL SHEET

News and Events of the Durham/Middlefield Exchange Club

Happy Thanksgiving

Kidsafe Gift Card and Wish List

As we sit around the dinner table this Thanksgiving please spend a minute thinking about those who do not have much to give thanks for. Our Troops away from their loved ones, those who have lost their homes and especially those children who are in an abusive situation. We might not be able to take a child out of an abusive situation ourselves but with our help we can make their lives a little brighter.

Again this year Kidsafe, the Rockville child abuse prevention center, is asking for our help in making the holidays a little brighter for some needy children. As is our usual custom we are collecting gift cards from any major retail store so the staff at Kidsafe can take the children out to the store to get them what they need and want. The gift card can be for any amount. A usual gift of

\$20.00 would be appreciated.

Please write on the envelope how much the card is for as some stores do not note on the card its value.

We also received a Wish List from Kidsafe. President Kenny handed out copies of the Wish List at the last meeting. They are looking for things from diapers to Wii game systems. The list is extensive but not overwhelming. They need craft supplies and pots and pans. I am going to create this list and add it to this Bullsheet. Please look at the list and see what you can do to help.

Everything donated will be used within their facility by the foster children who stay with them daily for temporary respite care or for families who participate in our various prevention and in-home programs.

Salute to CT's Bravest

On October 22nd the annual Salute to Connecticut's Bravest was held at the Aqua Turf in Southington. Durham and Middlefield were both represented by their honorees. Allen Fritz. was honored by the Durham Fire Company. The Middlefield Volunteer Fire Department honored Bob Bandzes. We were honored to be able to salute these firefighters and all of the firefighters who do their part to help all of us every day.

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 24th we again held our semi-annual road clean up. As usual, the skies opened up and gave us our annual soaking. 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. Due to the heavy transfer station traffic on Saturday we did our clean up on Sunday morning. Ralph Chase, Babby Nuhn and Kenny Hall did our normal route. I showed up a half an hour late. Due to some help from a Rt. 147 resident the road had been mostly cleaned up. So Kenny Hall and I moved into Middlefield and cleaned Jackson Hill Road from School street to Rt. 66. Yvonne Ledoux had been doing this strip herself for the last few years but it is a large undertaking as it is a busy strip with a lot of beer drinkers traveling and throwing their empties out along the way. Matt Lesser joined us on the cleanup and as a typical politician he found the money. Matt found a \$50.00 bill and I found a penny. Now you know why I am not a politician. I could never get the money. Yvonne did finish the route later. I really want to thank all of the club members who clean up their own streets, but it would look really good to those who drive by us to see a large contingent of

Exchange Club members working together for this cause. Think about spending an hour with your fellow Exchangeite in the spring when we will again pick up trash in the rain. (P.S. fertilize your lawn the day before the Adopt-A-Road as it will rain guaranteed)

Meetings

November 6, 2009 – Happy Thanksgiving

December 10, 2009- 6:30 PM
Regular Meeting- TLC Eatery
Durham

December 13, 2009- 6:00 PM
Christmas Party- Brothers,
Wallingford

December 17, 2009- 6:30 PM
Board Meeting- Location to be
announced.

December 25, 2009- Merry
Christmas

January 14, 2010 – 6:30PM
Regular Meeting- TLC Eatery
Durham

Joint Meeting

This year our club is hosting the Exchange Club Division 3 Joint Meeting. It is a wonderful evening to get together with other Exchange club members from other clubs in our area and exchange ideas. This year we will be inviting a new club into our Division. At the

Board of Directors meeting last night Ralph Chase told us that The Greater New Haven Exchange Club has been formed and will be in our Division. This will be very exciting as New Haven has not had an Exchange club for many years.

The meeting will be held on February 25, 2010, which is our regular meeting night, at the Elks Hall in Middletown. Kenny Hall is working on a speaker for the evening. Please put this date on your calendar and make it a point to show the rest of the Division why the Durham Middlefield Exchange Club is the best club in the Division. (We need to show up the Madison Club)

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