

# THE DURHAM BULL SHEET

News and Events of the Durham/Middlefield Exchange Club

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## Here we go again

### 2009-2010 Off and Running!!!

On Thursday, September 10, 2009 our new meeting schedule will get into full swing. Our first meeting will be at TLC Eatery at 6:30 PM. President Ken Hall said this year one of our main goals is to have fun and enjoy each others company as we raise money for our may worthy causes.

This is your official invitation to this meeting. We will need a head count by Monday, September 7, 2009. Yvonne will be sending an email out this week.

This year's calendar is being finalized and when ready will be on the website. [www.dmexchangeclub.com](http://www.dmexchangeclub.com) Ken said he will have some copies at the first meeting as well. Whenever you want any club information it is right at your fingertips by going to the website.

### FAIR TIME

It is just a few weeks till the Durham Fair. Hopefully, we will not get washed out like last year. The booth is coming along nicely. Doug Myers and Jay Conroy and crew have been working on the booth and are almost ready. We have a new, well new to us, fryolator to replace the one on the right that was giving us trouble. 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.

We will need help on Thursday night as well as during the fair. On Thursday night the soda delivery will be delivering soda in really large quantities to the larger booths that are already set up. We can use our pick up trucks for this so it is easier. If you can show up Thursday afternoon

please let Wally know, it would be a big help.

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 or by cell phone at 810-2585.

### Shaken Baby Event

September is National Exchange Club's Shaken Baby Awareness month. This year there will be a Shaken Baby Awareness event held on the Green in Middletown on September 15, 2009. Our own Yvonne Ledoux is on a committee with Eileen Lader from the Middlesex Family Advocacy Agency setting up this event. Yvonne sent an email out a couple of weeks ago asking for help setting up a few tables and chairs and then to help clean up after. The event hopefully will make people aware of how in three

seconds a life can be ruined. Even if you cannot help to set up please try and be there. It is only one hour but it can change a life.

The National Exchange Club's Parent Aid program will be highlighted on the ABC Prime Time Live. The scheduled date has been changed. When we get a confirmed date and time Yvonne will let us know. Please try and watch it. It should be a good way to get our message out to people on what Exchange is all about. Hopefully it will also give you some tips on what to tell people when they ask, What does Exchange do?

## Meetings and Events

September 10, 2009 – First Meeting – TLC Eatery 6:30 PM

September 17, 2009- Board Meeting 6:30 PM- Ralph Chase's home

September 25-27, 2009 Durham Fair

October 8, 2009- 6:30 PM Candidates Forum – Durham Firehouse-Durham

October 15, 2009 - 6:30PM Board Meeting- Location TBA

October 22, 2009- 6:00 PM Salute to Connecticut's Bravest – Aqua Turf

October 24, 2009- 8:00 AM Adopt-A-Road National Day of Service- Allyn Brook Pavilion

November 12, 2009- 6:30 PM Regular Meeting- TLC Eatery

November 20, 2009- 6:30 PM Board Meeting- Location TDA

November 26, 2009 – No Meeting- Happy Thanksgiving

## Editorial

Here we go again. As I try to put together another issue of this fine fishwrapper I am thinking of all of the years that I have been your editor. Over the years I have not always gotten this out on time. But I will try now that I am not in charge. It is a good feeling not being in charge.

As I have watched this club I am really proud of what we have done. In my short 17 or so years we have grown from a club of around 28 to 88. We have bought a bus, given monies to the libraries for major renovations, given chairs to the Middlefield Community center and given out close to 90 scholarships.

That was just what we did for the local community. For Child Abuse Prevention we have continually donated to Kidsafe in Rockville and started a program to help the Middlesex Family Advocacy Program. We first started this program with a \$1000.00 donation to help with young mothers. Now it has grown to a \$5000.00 donation to

help with all sorts of family based programs. As we start another year of raising money and working together just thinking of these projects makes all of the hard work worth it. So when you get a call to work at the Fair or the Flower Sale or to help clean up garbage at an Adopt A Road just think of the good we do and it will feel good to you too.

Kenny Hall is really looking forward to keeping this club one of the premier clubs in our District.

We will be hosting the Division Three Joint Meeting this year. The Joint Meeting is a meeting where we invite all of the clubs in our District to a meeting. If anyone has any ideas of a location that will hold 60-80 people somewhere between Middletown and Old Saybrook please let Kenny or myself know.

If you have any thing you want in the Bullsheet just send it to me at: [pgaudreau41@comcast.net](mailto:pgaudreau41@comcast.net)

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