

Norfolk Community League

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

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Dear Members:

Here I am at my computer the night before my newsletter submission is due, despite our two day extension. One year after I supposedly adopted my 'Just Do It' attitude, I am back to my old ways. I guess it simply comes down to two basic facts, I am and always will be a procrastinator and I work best under pressure.

I think I just need a deadline. If I have a date when things need to get done, I get it done by that time. Anything open-ended-forget it! I'm a mess. Fortunately, things that come home from the kids always have a due date and sometimes frequent reminders. Apparently teachers have encountered parents like me before. But things get done in time, I mean I usually get the bills out the day before they are due, my kids get registered for sports in just the nick of time and my daughter and I are usually at the craft store getting supplies the night before her sewing class. I also know that if I want to clear my clutter piles or get little house projects done, I need only to invite some friends over and instantly I get mission accomplished. It also helps to have a daughter that packs her lunch the night before, starts projects the day they come home and picks out her outfits for the week on Sunday night to help keep me in check. Where did she come from??

With that being said, I have a lot of patience for my fellow procrastinators. When it comes to NCL I know we have both types of people in our organization. I see it just on our executive board alone. Our secretary asks for

agenda items two weeks before our monthly meetings and bangs out the minutes in record time and yet I know there are other people like me who get their newsletter submissions in just in the nick of time.

This year, the planning of our 'Gala Gone Wild', is much different then it has been for previous auctions. In the past, a committee was in charge of going out and soliciting local businesses and community members for donations. This year, our slogan is, "Everybody knows somebody" and NCL has been relying on all of our membership to simply ask their friends and neighbors and to take a look at who they know and how they can help us. We have some very talented as well as generous people in our community and it has been wonderful to see the items that have come in and how willing people have been to give both personally and financially, especially in the midst of these difficult economic times.

Now, in getting to the point of all of this...I want to thank all of you Johnny-on-the-spot people that went out and got your items right after you committed to them. I commend you for your promptness (and am also a bit envious...). I also thank those of you that responded to our email and newsletter reminders. In addition, our scheduled drop-off proved to be a success and thank those of you that needed that extra push to get your items in. Now, for the rest of you... Or should I say, for those of you like me, with what I know are the best of intentions but just somehow you haven't gotten it together to drop off your items or ask your friend, don't panic! You still have time and I am going to give you what works best for me...a deadline☺ The deadline for dropping off your donations is FEBRUARY 10!! Donations can be dropped off with Janice

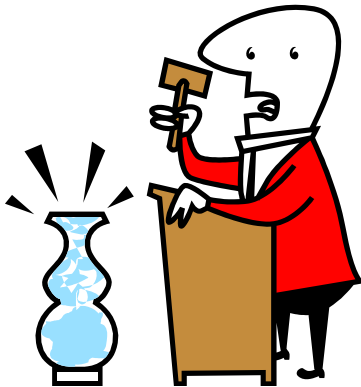
It is our mission to enhance the quality of life for Norfolk residents, to increase involvement in activities that better our community, and to strengthen community spirit.

Nelson at 47 Barnstable Road or with me, or I would be happy to stop by and collect it myself if perhaps you have had your items sitting on your dining room table or the front seat of your car but keep forgetting to drop them off!

Our disbursement requests have been rolling in and as we predicted, there is more need in our town than ever before... Organizations and individuals have requested thousands of dollars to meet their needs. We need to raise as much money as possible to help them! So whether you've donated to the auction already or your items are forthcoming, I thank you all so much for your efforts and know that this auction would not be possible without all of you. Oh, and before I forget...don't forget to get your ticket so you can come to the auction and bid on all of these great items. Don't worry fellow procrastinators; we'll have a deadline and lots of reminders for that too!!

Now, off to tackle that laundry that's been piling up and get the rest of those Christmas cards in the mail (no joke)!

Fondly,
Joan Piller



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We have a lot to look forward to over the next several months.

Please join us for our winter coffee on Thursday, February 12th from 9:30-11:30 at the home of Kim Putney, 14 Lawrence Street. We have lots of new members and this is a perfect opportunity for everyone to meet! As always, children are always welcome.

We are also still accepting premier bottles of wine for our wine board to be held at the Gala on March 21st. Please feel free to bring them to the coffee.

Looking ahead, we are planning Candidates Night to be held in April. We are also planning a couples social in late spring.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to email us!

Thanks again for your continued support to our activities!!

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We are busy busy busy working on the details of our next fabulous fundraiser, the "Gala Gone Wild Hoe Down". If you haven't already, be sure to mark your calendars and secure those babysitters for the night of March 21st!

Be on the lookout for more information about items in the auction as well as requests for specific items to help us make up some fantastic packages. We are also going to be calling on our extraordinary NCL members to help us the day and night of the event. When we know more specifically what we will need, we will certainly get the word out!

Look for your invitations in the mail soon after February 9th. We're very excited about the event.....be sure to talk it up with friends, even if they are not in NCL. It's going to be great fun!

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Looking for something fun to do during February Vacation week? NCL is hosting our first family based event for 2009 - Family Bowling Morning Out! Join us at Ficcos Bowladrome in Franklin on Friday, February 20th from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. Cost is \$8 per bowler, includes shoe rental. Deadline to sign up is Friday, February 6th.

Please visit www.norfolkcommunityleague.com for the sign up form. Hope to see you there!!



Events Calendar:

February 10th Auction Donation Deadline

February 12th Winter Coffee

February 20th Family Bowling Morning Out

March 21st Gala Gone Wild Hoe Down

April TBA Candidates Night

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