

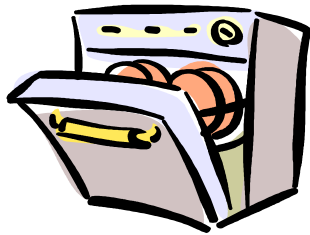
# Norfolk Community League

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## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

JOAN PILLER

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My Favorite Job

Dear Members:

While I was unloading the dishwasher I was thinking that this takes the prize for my least favorite household chore. Putting away laundry comes in a close second with going through paperwork and lugging in the groceries bringing up the rear. Unfortunately, it seems that I am stuck with these jobs as apparently everybody in my house must feel the same way I do. But I have to say that with every dishwasher that gets emptied and every pile of laundry that gets put away, with that comes a sense of accomplishment and productivity and a chance to move on to my favorite instant gratification chores such as making the beds and weeding (sick, isn't it?)

When it comes to NCL my favorite job, hands down, is making the phone calls letting organizations know that NCL has granted their disbursement request or has chosen to donate the proceeds of our event to them. I know Kerry will be listing the results of our disbursement meeting but I wanted all of you to know how our hard work and dedication this year has directly impacted our community and the lives of all of us who live in it. I wanted you to all be a part of my favorite job.....

This year alone... Because of NCL, our children will be safer on graduation night as we helped to fund the All-night Graduation Party at King Philip. Our children will now know what to do in the event of a fire as we funded the entire Fire Prevention Program that was not in the budget for the fire department.

For children entering grades 2-6, NCL donated money to the Norfolk Recreation drop off Summer Playground Program where children can play organized games, sports, and crafts at only \$1 a day. If you are looking for something else to do this

*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.*

summer, consider using the Museum of Science passes that are at the library in which NCL funded as well to the Butterfly Place that were donated by NCL earlier this year.

We increased our technology at the schools with new DVD players at the Freeman Centennial, as well as a Time-Liner computer program which will enable students to create a sequential list or time line of events which can be embellished with graphics. Children can sequence events in a novel, detail the life of a famous person in history, and sequence the happenings leading up to a particular event in history. In addition, NCL funded the start up costs for King Philip's first ever Robotics Club which will help promote science, technology, engineering, and math skills by exploring these areas of study using a hands-on approach.

Our children that are in need of help with social skills and pragmatic language skills will benefit from the monies that NCL put toward HOD's Fun With Friends Club run by a speech and language therapist. For parents of children with special needs, NCL donated funds to the Truth About SPED, Inc., which will provide a series of guest speakers to increase parent's awareness of the support networks that exist for parents of children with special needs.

Furthermore, all money earned from the donations made by teachers and school staff to the Gala Gone Wild was given directly back to the schools. This totaled \$4680, given to H. Olive Day School, Freeman-Centennial School and King Philip High School!

In addition, this year we have also donated money to the YMCA to provide summer camp scholarships for Norfolk children, the Santa Foundation and Norfolk Together- all of which help local families in need and directly impact their lives for the better. Our donation to the Norfolk Cooperative Preschool will provide scholarships for needy families as well so their children can still have the opportunity to attend preschool despite their financial constraints. We also will be presenting 2 scholarships to King Philip students on awards night to help those students with the financial burden of attending college in the fall.

We sponsored both a little league team and a softball team so look for our name on the backs of t-shirts all over the ball fields this spring. The Girl's Softball players and their opponents will stay a bit

cooler this year due to the sunshades over the benches that we provided. Also, our KPHS girls' varsity hockey team will stand a bit prouder sporting a new team banner sponsored by NCL.

In response to recent events at the high school, NCL is taking part in King Philip's Wellness Day by sponsoring a guest speaker who will be speaking to the students about Drug & Alcohol abuse. This is an event that focuses on the issues faced by students today such as Internet/Cyber safety, Bullying, Peer Pressure, and Drug/Alcohol abuse.

As you come out for this year's town meeting beginning May 12, you will be treated to a free spaghetti dinner partially funded by NCL. And finally, the wonderful Boardman Street playground, Kids' Place, where we have all spent and continue to spend countless hours with our children, is that much closer to reaching their goal for renovation because of our generous donation.

In total this spring, NCL had over \$72,000 in disbursement requests from our local community and were only able to distribute \$16,100. As you can surmise, in addition to getting to do the favorite part of my job, I also had to do the worst part of my job, which is making the phone calls and writing the letters letting people know that NCL would not be able to fulfill their requests this spring.

These phone calls are what fuel me, both the good ones and the bad ones, and I share this with you so that you too can be fueled by this. Our family based events bring Norfolk families together; our road races, this year's Gala, even our booth at community day all increase community spirit; and our fundraising efforts raise money which we distribute back in to the town, thereby enhancing the quality of life for our residents. NCL makes a difference.

As my time as President comes ever closer to the end, I thank all of the members that have chosen to take an active part in NCL and all of the members that have volunteered to step up to take a spot on next year's executive board. It is my hope that all of you will make the choice to play an active role in NCL next year so that next year's President will have only the good calls to make! Why not make it your favorite job? Sure beats the piles of laundry, the mounds of paperwork, taking out the trash.....

Fondly,  
Joan Piller

## **TREASURER KERRY DEVELLIS**

As Treasurer, it always thrills me to write those checks after successful events like the auction, road races, haunted train ride etc. This year's spring disbursement was no different!! Drum roll please!!!

Freeman Centennial School - General - \$1,360  
H. Olive Day School - General - \$3,170  
Freeman - DVD Players - \$1,000  
H. Olive Day - Fun w/Friends Program - \$1,500  
King Philip High Parents Network - \$500  
King Philip High - *Invisible Man* books - \$300  
King Philip High - *Sula* books - \$300  
King Philip High - Wellness Day Speaker - \$1,000  
King Philip High - Girls Varsity Hockey - \$500  
King Philip High - Robotics Club - \$900  
King Philip High - college scholarship - \$500  
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Town of Norfolk - Town Meeting Dinner - \$200  
Norfolk Coop Preschool - Scholarship - \$750  
Norfolk Fire Dept. - Fire Prevention Program - \$2,000  
Norfolk Public Library - Science Museum Pass - \$600  
NPS Freeman - Timeliner Program - \$1,500  
Norfolk Baseball - team sponsorship - \$250  
Norfolk Softball - team sponsorship - \$250  
Norfolk Softball - dugout shade - \$800  
Norfolk Recreation - Summer Playground - \$1,500  
Truth About SPED Program - \$500  
YMCA Franklin - Norfolk Child Camp Scholarship - \$1250

## **FAMILY BASED ACTIVITIES**

**RACHAEL COCHRAN & RUTHANN DOWLING**  
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A big thank you to everyone who came to the Easter Bunny breakfast. Magic Dave was a huge success and a great time was had by all. Thank you to all of our volunteers...we could not have done it without you!

NCL will have a booth at Norfolk Day on Saturday June 6th. We will be looking for 10 volunteers, 2 volunteers per hour from 11:00 - 4:00 to staff our table.

Please contact us if you will be able to volunteer that day.

Please send June newsletter submissions by May 25th to  
Sarah Holmes, [nclnewslettereditor@yahoo.com](mailto:nclnewslettereditor@yahoo.com)

## HOSPITALITY

**KATE PERGOLA & COLLEEN VALENCIA**

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Thank you to everyone who helped with the baked goods for Candidates' Night. We had a great turnout for the event.

As the school year is coming to a close, we are planning our End of the Year Cocktail Party! It will be held on June 18th. Please join us poolside at the home of Kristen Croke on Berkshire. Invitations will be sent out soon!

Hope to see you all there.

Thanks,

Colleen and Kate

## FUND RAISING

**STACY FORTE & BETH SQUIRES**

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Thank you to everyone who baked a yummy goodie for the Baseball and Softball Opening Day Bake Sale. We had fabulous warm weather and a good turnout.

If you left behind a basket, please contact Stacy Forte to get it back. Thanks!

## MEMBERSHIP

**KATHY McDONALD**

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Welcome new and returning NCL members:

Enid and Robert Anzenberger  
Lorraine and Michael McCarthy  
Tracey and Kevin Molloy  
Marjorie and Karl Warnick

## NEW CLUB FORMING!!!

**Mothers & More-** a new group for Norfolk's working moms

Would you like to become more involved with NCL, but find it difficult to juggle yet another commitment with your hectic career? We are starting a new social group for the working moms in town. We will meet periodically on weekends for play dates, walks, and coffee (and maybe for a glass of wine here and there after work)! This is a great chance to connect with other professional women in town, and to make new friends who can sympathize with (and laugh at) all of our attempts to manage that elusive "work-life balance."

If you're interested in joining this new club, please contact Michelle Murphy at [michelle\\_murphy7@hotmail.com](mailto:michelle_murphy7@hotmail.com). No specific time commitment needed- email Michelle and she will add you to the group list- feel free to join us anytime you can!

Also, check out:

### **The Hors D'Oeuvres and Cocktails Club**

Attending a party and need a great appetizer to bring? Hosting a get together and want to serve up a great cocktail? Join our new "Hors D' Oeuvres and Cocktails Club" and try some new recipes and cocktails while having fun with friends! One of the most difficult decisions a party host must make is what to serve. Look no further, except to your fellow Hors D' Oeuvres and Cocktails Club members for delicious recipes and ideas. Your club hostess will serve up a new cocktail recipe or open up a new bottle of wine while others bring their homemade appetizers for you to enjoy. You'll leave with new recipes and impress your next guests!

If you're interested in joining this new club, please contact Kathy McDonald at [jkmcdonald530@comcast.net](mailto:jkmcdonald530@comcast.net).

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**HISTORIAN**  
**STACEY McDONELL**  
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We saw lots of cameras flashing at the Hoe Down and the Easter Bunny Breakfast and I'm sure you all have some great pictures! If there are any pictures you'd like to share with us, we'd love to see them! Please share them by emailing them to [semcdonnell@verizon.net](mailto:semcdonnell@verizon.net) . Thank you!

Thanks!



## **Norfolk Community Day** **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Join the Norfolk Lions and many of our other town organizations at Norfolk Community Day, Saturday, June 6, 2009 from 10:30am until 4:00pm at Holmes Transportation on 22 Myrtle Ave.

This will be the Lions' 16th year sponsoring a day of family fun and entertainment. The Lion's goal is to provide a country fair type environment including music, dancing, petting animals, hayrides, train rides, fire engine rides, local crafters, food and historical displays. Some of the events planned so far are Ed the Wizard, Rainforest Reptiles, performances by various local entertainers, competitive games for the kids and the ever popular foam fun (playing in foam sprayed by our fire department). The event is preceded by the Norfolk Community League Run/Walk at 9:00am. We are also welcoming local crafters and businesses who would like to contribute to the day's events as well as any neighborhoods who would like to sponsor an event.

For more information contact Barbara Snead at 508-520-9937 or [bsnead@comcast.net](mailto:bsnead@comcast.net) or Carol Greene at 508-528-4434; [castleldr@yahoo.com](mailto:castleldr@yahoo.com).

### **Events Calendar:**

- June 6<sup>th</sup>      Run/Walk**
- June 6<sup>th</sup>      Norfolk Community Day**
- June 18th      End of Year Party**



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## 2009-2010 NCL Board

On the following page is a ballot to vote members to the 2009-2010 Board for the Norfolk Community League. We are still looking for some brave and dedicated people to join the board in a couple of open positions. Please contact Joan Piller if you feel up to the challenge or have a suggestion for someone else! Ballots are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

We have two candidates for the Secretary position. Please read the following submissions by the two candidates, Annemarie Battistone and Michelle Murphy:

I am a brand-new member, so probably none of you will recognize my name, but I would enjoy being the NCL secretary so I thought I would give it a try.

I have lived in Norfolk for some time having moved from Medfield where I was very active in the Medfield Women's Association (now defunct) where I served as both Vice President and President. While we had a secretary, the President wrote a newsletter each month which went to all members. Everyone enjoyed my humorous analysis and accuracy. I have a superior mastery of the English language, I am very quick at processing and recording information and am a careful listener. Some of this I developed while teaching foreign languages for 34 years and some comes from my love of the written and spoken word. I would do an excellent job for you. Thanks for taking the time to consider me.

Anne Marie Battistone



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Dear NCL members,

My name is Michelle Murphy and I am running for the position of secretary on next year's board. My husband and I moved to Norfolk two years ago, and we have really enjoyed our time here so far. About a year and a half ago, I decided to attend an NCL event to try to make some new friends in town. I had seen something about NCL on the town website, but I didn't know much about it, and I didn't know a soul who would be there. I went anyway, and met some amazing women that night- many of whom have become close friends. I have NCL to thank for this.

Over the past year, I have really enjoyed getting more involved with NCL activities. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you at coffees and book club meetings, and my husband and I had fun bringing our newborn daughter to the Easter Bunny Breakfast this spring. I continue to be amazed at what a wonderful, close-knit, community Norfolk is. I am even more impressed at the hard work our board has done this year to raise money to make our town even better. The list of organizations we helped fund and projects we helped keep afloat during these tough economic times proves how important a community-based fundraising organization like NCL truly is.

I am looking to take a more active role in NCL this year, and hope that you will elect me as your secretary. Also, for those of you working moms out there, I am trying to start a playgroup that is more conducive to our schedules (details to follow). I believe that NCL will grow even stronger by reaching out to new members in town through activities like this. We have a wonderful organization already, and I hope in some small way to make it even better this year! Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best, Michelle Murphy

## Ballot For Norfolk Community League Board Positions 2009-2010

Our publicity co-chairs, Pat Carlson and Carolyn Caldwell, will both be starting the 2nd year of their 2 year term and are not up for election this year.

**Vote here**

President	Kerry DeVellis	
Vice President – Treasury	Lisa Noke	
Vice President – Membership	Nathalie Hurwitz	
Secretary (vote for <b>one</b> )	Annemarie Battistone	
	Michelle Murphy	
Fundraising (vote for two)		
Hospitality (vote for two)	Kate Pergola	
	Colleen Valencia	
Editor	Tamara Dalton	
Family Based Activities (vote for two)	Kim Baylor	
	Rachael Cochran	
Historian/Webmaster	Stacy Forte	
Newcomers Committee Chair	Whitney Weinberg	
Run/Walk Races Chair (vote for two)	Kym Peterson	
	Melissa McCloskey	
Nearly New/Used Sports Good Sale chair		
Write in position/candidate		

Please mail to NCL, PO Box 450, Norfolk, MA 02056 by May 15th 2009.

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