



SALINE NEWCOMERS

Building "Community" one friend at a time ...

Issue 4

December 2010

Message from Our President, Cindy Bonczyk

I blinked and November was at an end; time seems to be passing much too quickly these days. The "Count Down to Christmas" clock is really putting the pressure on by reminding me that Christmas is coming fast. If you are celebrating Hanukkah then you are certainly well into holiday preparations.

As in past years, there are occasions available for Newcomers to celebrate the season together, as well as opportunities to help others have a happy holiday. The first event is the Saline Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 4th and volunteers are needed to assist with this community event. Saline Social Services, which Newcomers supports, is in need of volunteers to help provide meals or "adopt" a family. Many families are still struggling in this economy and Saline Social Services can use our help in making the holidays merry and bright for local families.

Our Holiday Ornament Exchange is December 16th. This event is a chance to take a break from the hectic pace of the holiday season and spread some holiday cheer to fellow newcomers. I hope to see you there.

Happy Holidays!

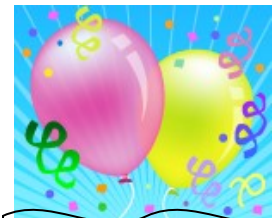


Friday Night Cocktails

Everyone who came to the November get-together had a wonderful time. There was a delicious variety of appetizers, snacks and desserts. We also enjoyed plenty of good wine and conversation. Thanks to Betty and Phil for hosting at their lovely home!

We are looking forward to our next cocktail event in January! Many newcomer members signed up to participate in this group—is there someone willing to host? The host and hostess choose the date and provide soft drinks. Everyone attending is asked to bring either an appetizer or dessert, and BYOB if desired!

Please contact Susan Henderson if you are willing to host at (734) 998-0473 or hendo310@gmail.com.



Happy Birthday!

Newcomers Celebrating December Birthdays

*Bonnie Cannell 12/6
Michelle Wawrzynski 12/8
Cheryl Girvan 12/9
Sarah Gray 12/11
Ginny Lilja 12/29*





Michigan Main Street Program Meeting

Attention Saline Residents!

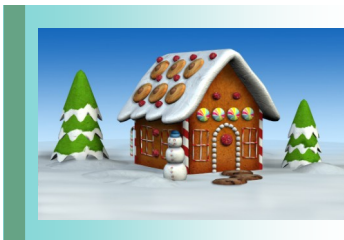
A very important meeting regarding the continued growth and viability of downtown Saline will take place on **Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall**. This meeting is in regards to a program called Michigan Main Street or MMS. The City of Saline is vying to be 1 of 4 cities selected to be in this program. There are currently 20 other cities in the running as well. The program teaches the community how to

partner with the City, local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations for the benefit of the whole. I have been in touch with Art Trapp, Saline's Downtown Development Director who has enlightened me about this great opportunity for Saline. One of the imperative factors that the leaders from the MMS program will look for when attending the meeting is a show of community support. Mr. Trapp indicated that the presentation will go into the four point program: Organization, Promotion,

Design and Economic Restructuring. In his own words, he shares that "it will take a commitment from a good portion of the community to make this program work, but benefits will far outweigh the effort". Please share this information with other Saline residents and mark it on your calendar! Tis' the season for giving; what greater gift can you give the City of Saline?

Lunch Bunch Holiday Celebration

By popular request "Ladies who Lunch" will be celebrating the holiday season at the Gandy Dancer, 401 Depot Street in Ann Arbor on Friday, December 10th.



We normally meet at 12 noon but I am aware that this time isn't always convenient for everyone. The time could be changed to either 12:30 or 1:00 pm.

Please let me know ASAP if you plan on coming and any time preference you may have. I will then be able to book a table to suit the majority.

It will be good to see all the regulars and also any new faces - all are welcome. But please let me know as



soon as you can to avoid any disappointment at this busy time of the year.

Looking forward to seeing you on 10th.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jane.haynes@hotmail.com or (734) 972 5431.

Meals on Wheels

Saline Newcomers delivers Meals on Wheels to Saline area residents on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Thursdays of each month. If you are available to help out on any day, or be on the sub list, free training is available. This is a wonderful way to help people in our community, and only requires 2 hours or less of your time. Contact Susan Lenz at 369-6166 for more information.



Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, Jan 12th, 7 pm
Betty Hughes's home



Annual Ornament Exchange

The Ornament Exchange party is one of our most popular events every year. All newcomers are encouraged to join us in celebrating the joy of the holiday season together.

Our hostess this year is Elizabeth Jarzembowski



If your last name begins with letters A–P, bring an appetizer to share.

If your last name begins with letters Q–Z, bring a dessert to share.

BYOB

soft drinks will be provided

Bring a wrapped ornament (suggested value \$5-\$10) and let the fun begin!

December 16, 2010
7:00 pm

RSVP to Elizabeth J.
(734) 645-5390

December 10th, 7:00 pm

Carrots for a Cause Charity Auction

Please join the Carrots for a Cause Charity Auction on Dec. 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Amanda Mepham's home. 100% of proceeds raised will benefit Food Gatherers in Washtenaw County.

Please bring an item that can be auctioned (it can be something hand-made, store bought, big or small).

Also, bring your checkbook! This is a fun evening that benefits everyone!

Questions?

Contact Cheryl Girvan at cdgivan@gmail.com or

552-9320 or Amanda Mepham at mephams-in-usa@hotmail.com or 709-0615.



Angel Network

Newcomers, if you know of a member experiencing an illness, a birth, or the death of a family member, please send an email to both Liz Kostora at ar-nienliz@comcast.net & Cindy Bonczyk at cindybonczyk@yahoo.com so we may send them a card. Thank you!



Bunco Belles

Bunco Belles still has one opening if anyone is interested in joining. We play on the 2nd Thursday of every month except December. It is a fun group of new and long time Saline Newcomers.

Contact Bonnie Cannell at 429-5087 or e-mail at jcannell@umich.edu if you are interested or want more information.



Special Interest Group Chairs

Angel Network:	Liz Kostora 429-4931
Barbie Bunco:	Gina Harrison 429-0409
Book Club:	Liz Hartley 944-5360
Bunco Babes:	Sue Wodkowski 944-2428
Bunco Belles:	Bonnie Cannell 429-5087
Morning Fun & Games:	Sue Wodkowski 944-2428
Chick Flicks:	Susan Shay 476-9545
Euchre I:	Sue Wodkowski 944-2428
Euchre II:	Mary Norton 517-451-2020 & Brenda Lorey 260-4947
Day Trippers:	Susan Lenz 369-6166 <i>Co-Chairperson needed</i>
Dinner Group:	Michelle Wawrzynski 944-9040
Friday Night Cocktails:	Susan Henderson 998-0473
Lunch Bunch:	Cheri Scriven 470-6109 & Jane Haynes 929-5663
Men's Poker:	Phil Hughes 944-3023
Night Trippers:	<i>Chairperson needed</i>
Play Group:	Becky Meyers 526-9472
Walking Group:	Deanna Richter 944-2609

***Anyone interested in chairing Night Trippers or Worker Bees
or to co-chair Day Trippers, please contact
Judy Neeb, Special Interest Groups Coordinator
944-3733 or jneeb55@comcast.net***

Merry Christmas

Morning Fun & Games

Will not be meeting in December. Our next get together will be January 21st. Watch the January newsletter for details.

If you have any questions about the Morning Fun & Games group, contact Sue Wodkowski at skwodkowski@yahoo.com.



Day Trippers Event

Let's head to Twelve Oaks Mall for shopping and lunch nearby Thursday, Dec. 9th.
Carpool from Saline Library
Meet at 9:15 am.

Please RSVP to Susan Lenz at sjlentz@comcast.net or 369-6166



Chick Flicks

Chick Flicks will not meet in December. Stay tuned for an exciting January movie selection.

For more information, contact Susan Shay at 476-9545

Men's Poker

Men's Poker night will be held on Friday, Dec. 3rd



Please RSVP to the Hartleys at liz48323@yahoo.com and include your spouse's dinner reservation with Liz.
For group information, contact Phil Hughes at 944-3023.

Bunco Babes

Bunco Babes will play on Wed, Dec 1st at Sue Wodkowski's.
Let Sue know if you are not going to be there and who you have found for a sub.

Questions? Contact Sue W. at skwodkowski@yahoo.com.



Barbie Bunco

The Barbie Bunco group will be gathering at the home of Deanna Richter at 7pm on Monday, December 13th for a holiday get-together. Please bring a \$5 gift for the exchange if you would like to participate.

Saline newcomers

Euchre I

Will not be meeting in December.

If you would like information about Euchre I, contact Sue Wodkowski at skwodkowski@yahoo.com.

Euchre II

Date to be announced

If you would like information about Euchre II, contact Mary Norton (517) 451-2020 or Brenda Lorey, 260-4947

Book Club News

Book Club members: come celebrate "the darkest evening of the year" at Liz Hartley's house on December 21 at 7:00. Bring an appetizer or dessert, plus a wrapped bookmark for a bookmark exchange. Although we won't be reviewing a particular book for December, we will be discussing future book selections for 2011. Please RSVP to Liz at liz48323@yahoo.com.

Also, remember to put David Ebershoff's book, *The Nineteenth Wife* on your gift list since we will be reviewing it on January 18. Details to follow in the January newsletter.

For information about Book Club, contact Liz Hartley at 944-5360

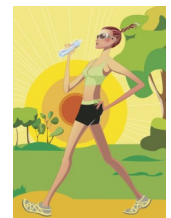
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For more information, contact Bonnie Cannell at 429-5087 or jcannell@umich.edu

Walking Group

Meet at Liberty School in Saline for walking, every day, Monday through Friday, from 10-11 am. Children are welcome! No food though! Walking group follows Saline schools calendar.



Reminder: No walking during the winter break starting on 12/18. Walking group will resume on 1/3/2011!

Any questions? Contact Deanna Richter at 944-2609, or dlr714100@comcast.net

Upcoming Events

- Saline Craft Show, 12/3 5-11 pm, Saline Middle School
- Tree Lighting Ceremony, 12/3 7-8 pm Downtown
- Winter Farmers Market, 12/4 8-12
- Holiday Parade, 12/4 5:30-7 pm
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas, by Saline Area Players, 12/2 7 pm, 12/3 7 pm, 12/4 1 pm and 3:30 pm, 12/5 1 pm and 3:30 pm
- 212 Arts Center Holiday Show, 12/10, 7-9 pm
- Winter Farmers Market 12/11 8-12
- Christmas on the Farm, 12/11 1-5 pm, 12/12 1-5 pm, Rentschler Farmhouse
- St. Paul Christmas Bazaar, 12/11 10 am
- Winter Farmers Market, 12/18 8-12



Community Service

Please remember neighbors in Saline who have fallen on hard times, by donating to Social Services. The Social Services Food Pantry is very low and in need of any canned goods (especially meat and soups) and baby products. Please bring your donations to the Ornament Exchange and you will be eligible to win a prize! Contact Susan Lenz at 369-6166 for more information.

Welcome
Wagon

If you are new to Saline (within the past year) or know someone who is, please enjoy the services of Welcome Wagon! Be sure to pass it on to new neighbors! Contact Sue Corcoran at (734) 944-4799 for your Welcome Package of coupons and information about businesses in the Saline Area and things to do.




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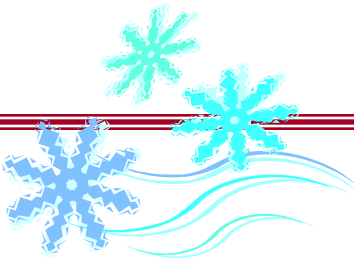
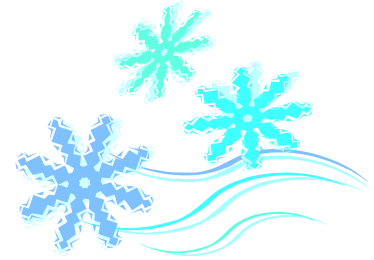
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