

GFWC
Dudley Woman's Club

A Volunteer Organization Dedicated to Community Service

Happy Holidays!

December 2008 Newsletter

Ladies, start your ovens! Our December 8 meeting will include a Holiday Cookie Swap. If you enjoy baking and like to offer an assortment of cookies to your holiday guests, please bring 4 dozen of your favorite recipe to swap.

Our November meeting offered a moving and informative presentation by Kenneth Laferriere regarding organ and tissue donation. Mr. Laferriere is a Dudley resident, who received a heart transplant at age 17 and now works for the New England Organ Bank in Boston. Check out this week's edition of the Webster Times to read a full story on the experiences of this remarkable young man.

Also at our November meeting, club members donated a wealth of nonperishable foods for the Webster-Dudley Food Share. Thank you to all who helped brighten Thanksgiving for those in need.

Our Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF drive raised \$639 for the organization that has saved more children's lives than any other in the world. This donation was made possible through the support and enthusiasm of our members. A special thanks goes out to our schools and local businesses for displaying the little orange boxes.

Upcoming Meetings...

December 8, 2008 Dudley Municipal Complex, 7 p.m.

The Arts Department Presents: **The Shepherd Hill Regional High School Chorus**
Directed by Connie Vanca Galli

Rekindle the holiday spirit with a choral performance reminiscent of those from our childhood. Join us for this special time of the year when the sounds of the season lift our spirit and warm our heart.

For our December community service project, we are teaming up with Dudley Middle School Grade 5 Teacher Lesa Patrock, who coordinates a program through YOU, Inc. of Worcester to "Adopt-a-Child-for Christmas." This is Ms. Patrock's 7th year of filling wish lists for homeless children living in area shelters. Last year, the school adopted 20 children and this year, through the support of the entire community, they have adopted more than 80. Each child prepares a wish list of three items. Ms. Patrock and her students raise funds, purchase, wrap and deliver the gifts

in time for Christmas. That's 240 gifts to wrap and this is where we can help. Please bring to the meeting a roll of wrapping paper, tape or bows so that all the money raised by Ms. Patrock and her students can go toward the purchase of gifts.

January 12, 2009 Dudley Municipal Complex, 7 p.m.

The Education Department Presents:

"What Should I Read Next" with Jane Cain, Director of the Pearl L. Crawford Library

Community Service Project: Members are asked to bring books and DVDs for children

Yearbook revisions...

Please update your book with the following new members and changes.

My name is Pamela Gunsalus and my e-mail is PGunsalus@charter.net

Club Goals...

We work to achieve the following during our first years of service in Dudley and we plan to expand our goals in the years to come (with *your* help!).

- 1 Award college scholarships to one student each from Shepherd Hill Regional High School and Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School
- 2 Provide furnishings for an area in the new Pearl L. Crawford Library Memorial Library

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”~ Margaret Mead

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