



# THE MOUNTAIN TOPPER

## The Mountain Top Welcome Club Newsletter

**DECEMBER 2010**  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!**



**Word from the President:** Happy Holidays, Everyone! This is always a crazy time of the year for me, as it is for everyone. Aside from Christmas, my family celebrates Hanukkah and my daughter's birthday in December. It is a bit trickier for me this year, with also recovering from recent knee surgery. But having a much healthier knee will be a better gift for me than anything that can be wrapped up and placed under the tree.

Our voting for our 2010-2011 charity selection is officially underway. Each year, our club votes to select the groups that we will support with our yearly fundraising efforts. Traditionally, we choose three charities to receive a roughly equal share of our proceeds. This year, we are considering also making a "runner-up" category where some other organizations could receive smaller contributions. Please see the voting form attached to this newsletter, and be sure to cast your vote.

Also, if you haven't gotten around to renewing your membership for 2010-2011, please do so as soon as possible with the attached membership form. Only currently paid members are eligible for charity voting and to receive our brand new directory – hopefully coming out very soon just in time for holiday cards.

We will not have a regular monthly meeting in December due to the myriad of other things going on this month. But please join us for one of our other holiday events, with details listed below. Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, and I look forward to seeing you all there. I wish everyone a magical holiday season and the happiest of new years!

### **HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Services –**

Gift collection for both White Haven and the Mountain Top Food Bank Angel Tree will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Gift Exchange at Deb Grosek's home. If you need to arrange an alternate drop off time/place, please contact Candice Denoo at 868-5225.

#### **Holiday Gift Exchange – Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

One of the highlights of our year, the Holiday Gift Exchange, will be held on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. It is sure to be a wonderful time, as always, especially since the event will be held at the home of "Hostess with the Mostess," Debbie Grosek (140 Timberwood Drive, Timberwood Subdivision). Please RSVP to Debbie by Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 474-5966 or [dbgrosekesq@juno.com](mailto:dbgrosekesq@juno.com). Each member will contribute an appetizer, dessert or cocktail, so get your special holiday recipes ready. Also, please bring a wrapped gift with a \$25 value for our "Dirty Santa" style gift exchange.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Ways and Means –**

We would like to ask members to start gathering extra bottles of booze or wine for the liquor basket that will be auctioned off at “The Night at the Races”, which will take place in late February or early March. The liquor basket was a great hit last year and we would like to make it an even bigger hit this year! So, if you have a bottle of alcohol sitting around that you don’t particularly like, please bring it to our next meeting! Also, if you have other items that are appropriate to raffle or put in the basket, please bring those, too! We will pass around volunteer sign up sheets at the January meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Pam McGovern at [pam.mcgovern@century21.com](mailto:pam.mcgovern@century21.com) or Mary-Ellen McFarland at [mcfarland12@epix.net](mailto:mcfarland12@epix.net).

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### **Meals that Heal -**

A long standing Welcome Club tradition, members support each other by providing meals to those who have recently experienced a serious illness, surgery or new addition to the family.

Please help us out with this important program. No gourmet cooking skills are required. Simple comfort food is always appreciated, or you could just prepare some extra portions of whatever you are feeding your own family that evening. Also, store bought items such as rotisserie chicken or deli trays work just as well.

Please contact Karin Caporuscio at 474-1199 or [kacap66@yahoo.com](mailto:kacap66@yahoo.com) to volunteer to be a “meal maker”, or to let her know of a member in need of meals.

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### **Publicity -**

Please send Shannon Williams your photos! Those of you in special interest groups, please snap a photo or two at your next meeting. Also, if you have a special event or project you want in the newspaper, send her a photo, and the names of all those in it , and she will send it to our local papers. As always, hard copies are welcome. If you bring them to the meeting, she can scan them and return them to you. Shannon can be reached at [richshan1@verizon.net](mailto:richshan1@verizon.net). Thanks for your help!!

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### **Newsletter Submissions –**

If you have any information you would like published in the monthly newsletter, please contact Jennifer Moore at [jenniferblount@hotmail.com](mailto:jenniferblount@hotmail.com) or at 708-0338.



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## SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

### **Children's Playgroup –**

Come join us for our fourth playgroup of the year! All children and their caregivers are invited and most welcome! If you are new or never attended before, it is a great way to meet other children and Moms in the area. We hope to see you there. We are also looking for hosts for one or two more months, so please contact either Candice or Liz if you are interested.

**DATE:** Thursday, December 16th

**TIME:** 11:00am – 1:00pm

**PLACE:** Maureen Petzold's home at 1 Taylor Circle (address is not on GPS or Mapquest, so please call for directions)

**RSVP:** Maureen Petzold at 474-5704 or petzmo@hotmail.com

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### **Scrapbooking Club –**

For all of you scrapbooking fans, please join us this month for a few hours of good conversation and scrapbooking! We hope you can make it.

**DATE:** Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 9:30am -2:30pm

**PLACE:** Diane Keating's home at 128 Fieldstone Way in the Greystone subdivision.

**RSVP:** Diane Keating at 474-6166 or mountain92@verizon.net

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### **Dinner Club –**

The dinners for 2010 & 2011 are planned. If anyone is interested in finding out about the group, we have a "Cold Winter's Night" dinner planned for the whole group in January. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Marie Duclos at 678-7332 or duclosmarie@hotmail.com.



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## Special Interest Activities cont'd:

### Needlework –

We are a small friendly group who meet every other Wednesday morning at 10am. You don't have to have a needlework project to attend, just come for the company and conversation. We love to welcome new members! Please contact the hostess, or me, if you will be able to join us this December.

**DATE:** Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

**TIME:** 10am

**PLACE:** Marlene Caponigro's home, 205 Deer Run Drive.

**HOSTESSES:** Donna Albertine and Mary DeBoer.

**RSVP:** Marlene Caponigro at 474-1035 or [mmcap@ptd.net](mailto:mmcap@ptd.net)

**DATE:** Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 11:30am

**PLACE:** The Café

**RSVP:** By December 10<sup>th</sup> to Jan Pagodin at 647-3908 or at

[pagodin@pa.metrocast.net](mailto:pagodin@pa.metrocast.net)

**NOTE:** Please bring a wrapped gift an approximate value of \$5 for a fun swapping game. Once again, this year we will make a monetary donation (suggested amount is \$10) to Ruth's Place.



### Mom and Tots Group –

Please join us for a bowling party! All ages are welcome and bumpers will be requested. If there is enough interest, we will order pizza, too!

**DATE:** Tuesday, December 28th

**TIME:** 11:30am

**PLACE:** Chacko's in Wilkes-Barre

**RSVP:** by December 26<sup>th</sup> to Shannon at 474-5570 or [richshan1@verizon.net](mailto:richshan1@verizon.net)

### Children's Christmas Party -

Come join us for lunch, craft, games and a visit from Santa!

**DATE:** Tuesday, Dec. 21st @ 12pm (pending Santa's schedule. If he cannot make it that day, it will be rescheduled per email.)

**PLACE:** Mountaintop Presbyterian Church- 8 Chestnut Street

**COST:** \$5.00 per child, \$2.00 for adult lunch

**RSVP:** Ann Papciak by Dec.13th at 262-3857 or email [kgnfakp@aol.com](mailto:kgnfakp@aol.com)





**Welcome Club Charity Voting Form 2010-2011**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note that you must have paid membership dues for 2010-2011 year to be eligible to vote.)

**Please vote for THREE of the following:**

- 1. Marian Sutherland Kirby Library \_\_\_\_\_  
(To include books with customized bookplates and help fund new security cameras)
- 2. Wright Township Park Expansion \_\_\_\_\_  
(Phase III to include Sledding Hill, Amphitheater and Restrooms)
- 3. Welcome Club Beautification Projects \_\_\_\_\_  
(Possibilities include additional banners, signage, and landscaping projects)
- 4. Mountain Top Area Community Food Bank \_\_\_\_\_  
(Joint effort of community churches)
- 5. Helping Hands Society \_\_\_\_\_  
[www.helpinghandssociety.org](http://www.helpinghandssociety.org)
- 6. Catherine McAuley House \_\_\_\_\_  
[www.catherinemcauleycenter.org](http://www.catherinemcauleycenter.org)
- 7. Mountain Top Free Medical Clinic \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Candy's Place \_\_\_\_\_  
(Services and support for people with cancer and their caregivers)
- 9. Other (please specify – must be NEPA based):  
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**\*\*\*\*\*Additional Question\*\*\*\*\***

**Would you support a "Runner-Up" Category, in which charities which come in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> place in voting would receive a nominal contribution (between \$50 and \$100 each), depending on our overall fundraising totals?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

To submit your vote:

- 1. Return this form in person to Elaine Bernstein, Lisa East, or Shannon Williams
- 2. Email Elaine Bernstein at [elaine.bernstein@earthlink.net](mailto:elaine.bernstein@earthlink.net) with this form attached or simply type your choices into the message field
- 3. Send this form to Elaine Bernstein at 31 Aleksander Blvd, Mountain Top, PA 18707
- 4. Call Elaine Bernstein at 814-0286 and leave a voicemail message with your choices

**\*\*\*\*\*Forms are due by Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>\*\*\*\*\***

**Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We "welcome" your input as our group makes this important decision.**



**MOUNTAIN TOP WELCOME CLUB**  
**MEMBERSHIP DUES/REGISTRATION FORM**

Yearly Dues: \$20.00

Half Year: \$10.00

Begins September/Ends August

Begins January/Ends August

Circle One: NEW RENEWAL

Name/Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Development/Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names (birthday month & year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send with check written to:  
The Mountain Top Welcome Club  
P.O. Box 243  
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