

THE MOUNTAIN TOPPER

The Mountain Top Welcome Club Newsletter November 2011



A word from your PRESIDENT – Lisa East Ph: 474-6311, Email: lisaeast@verizon.net

Does anyone else feel like time is speeding up? We aren't even into full Holiday swing and I am already wishing for more hours in the day to get things done. So, I am really looking forward to our Speaker this month. I desperately need help with stress management.

We also have some great events planned this month. I hope that you all take the time to enjoy at least one of them.

We will be hanging the Angels on the tree for our next meeting. This Welcome Club tradition benefits children whose families utilize the Mountain Top Food Bank. I can't wait to see who I pick this year.

As a reminder, we need to receive new and renewal membership forms by our meeting to ensure inclusion in the directory.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 17th.

Lisa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1st Vice Presidents –

Kerri Fey, Ph: 479-2739, Email: Kfey@varsityspirit.com

Diane Keating, Ph: 474-6166, Email: Mountain92@verizon.net

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 17th at 12:00 noon**. Lunch is \$8 per person, and babysitting will be available at the cost of \$3 per child.

November's Topic: Stress Management.....**Here come the holidays!** The family gatherings and the shopping and the baking and the decorating and the cooking and the wrapping and..... Feeling stressed out yet? Well, no worries, Mike Vokovich from Integrated Health Services will speak to us about stress management, especially through the holidays. So take a deep breath, come join us and relax.

2nd Vice Presidents in Charge of Membership –

Pam McGovern, Ph: 905-4098, Email: pam.mcGovern@century21.com

Ashley Gregory Ph: 205-243-0723 , Email: agregory113@yahoo.com

So far this year, the guest attendance has been great. Thanks to all members who are inviting their friends and neighbors to join the Welcome Club!

Lets keep getting the word out about the club. New and experienced members of the Mountain Top community are all welcome to join our club. It is quite surprising how many people who have lived in the area for a long time have no idea what it is that we do. Keep this in mind as you talk with your friends and neighbors.

Feel free to contact Pam McGovern, Member Services Coordinator at 570-403- 5355 or pam.mcGovern@century21.com for more information.

Secretary –

Amy Rhodes, Email: amybrianrhodes@mac.com

Please let me know if any of our members are in need of a card for a birth, get well, death in the family, et al. This is a nice way to let members know that they are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Treasurer –

Mary Kate Finney (682-2389) or therapy97@yahoo.com

Please contact Mary Kate if you have any club expenses.

Publicity –

Carey Greives - Ph:410-746-4626. . .Email: cabrn5@msn.com

If anyone has pictures from the children's Halloween party, please forward them to Carey: cabrn5@msn.com. Also any pictures from club interest groups or outings would be appreciated. You can give them to Carey in person or email her. Thanks!!

Services –

Donna Smith, Email: dlsmtntop@aol.com

Shannon Falcheck, Ph: 793-3429 Email: sfalc@ptd.net

There are still a lot of slots open for Fire House baking, including December for Wright and Rice Townships. Please consider signing up to make a snack or treat for one of our volunteer fire company's monthly meetings. Don't have time to make something? They will not turn down cookies or brownies from Carone's or a dozen Dunkin' Donuts.

Ways & Means –

Mary-Ellen McFarland, Ph: 868-6467, Email: mcfarland12@epix.net

Jennifer Smith, Ph: 847-687-7831, Email: jjmgsmith1@msn.com

Save the Date! We will have a "**Night at the Races**" as our annual fundraiser again on **Friday, February 10th, 2012**. Please mark your calendars and watch for more information coming soon! We would like all groups and committees to start thinking/planning ahead for a basket donation. If you have any questions please contact Mary-Ellen McFarland mcfarland12@epix.net or Jennifer smith jjmgsmith1@msn.com.

Meals That Heal –

Karin Caporuscio, Ph: 474-1199, Email: kacap66@yahoo.com

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.
meals.

Please contact Karin to volunteer to be a “meal maker”, or to let her know of a member in need of meals and support.

Moms and Tots & Children's Playgroup–

Diane Keating, Ph: 474-6166, Email: Mountain92@verizon.net

Elizabeth Shipton , Ph: 474-5481, Email: Ishipton@verizon.net

There will be a November Outing to **Timmy's Town Center** @ the Mall at Steamtown in Downtown Scranton.

When: Thursday, November 10th

Time: 10am

Cost is \$3 per adult and child 2 years and older.

Timmy's Town Center is a Children's Museum that offers arts/crafts, science experiments, puppet

shows, dress-up and other activities. Great for toddlers and up! There is also a food court and playplace for lunch after time at the center. Please RSVP to Alexis (asaponsky@yahoo.com) or Diane (Mountain92@verizon.net).

SAVE THE DATE for a Moms and Tots activity in January : **Charlotte's Web** show at Kirby Center followed by pizza at Rodano's on Monday, Jan 30th at 10 am. We can meet and carpool earlier in the morning. More specifics on this event to come.

OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES:

Welcome Club Night Out –

Amy Rhodes, Ph: 243-1842, Email: amybrianrhodes@mac.com

Mary Ellen McFarland, Ph: 868-6467, Email: Mcfarland12@epix.net

If you have a suggestion for a Night Out event, please contact Amy Rhodes or MaryEllen McFarland. We always welcome new ideas! Please join us for one of the upcoming events.

Ladies Only: Wednesday, November 16 - 6:30 pm: MISO Restaurant, located near Walmart in Wilkes Barre. Please meet us there for a ladies only night out filled with good food, yummy drinks, and great company. Please RSVP to Amy at (302) 943-9107 or amybrianrhodes@mac.com by November 13th. Reservations will need to be made to accommodate a large group.

Entire Family: Thursday, December 29 - 11:00 am: CHACKO'S Bowling, located in Wilkes Barre. By Thursday, certainly everyone will be getting a little stir crazy, right? Please bring your children and/or significant other for an afternoon of bowling. Please RSVP to Amy or MaryEllen with the number in your party by December 22. Lanes will need to be reserved.
<http://www.chackosfamilybowlingcenter.com/>

Dinner Club –

Nancy Eckhart at nancy72465@yahoo.com (868-8197)

Roberta Brandreth at rbrandreth@msn.com (678-5069)

Dinner Club has gotten off to a great start with our Fall Gathering. Members are now beginning to set up small group dinners. It's not too late to participate. Anyone interested in joining as a substitute is most welcome. If interested, please contact Nancy at nancy72465@yahoo.com (868-8197), or Roberta at rbrandreth@msn.com .

NEEDLEWORK –

Jan Pagodin (647-3908) or pagodin@pa.metrocast.net

We are a small friendly group who meet on the **second** and **fourth Wednesday** of most months. You don't have to have a needlework project to attend, just come for the company and conversation. Please contact the hostess or me if you will be able to join us.

Here is a list of the next two meetings:

Wednesday, November 9th, 10 am at Nancy Eckhart's, 8 Rebel Hill Rd, Walden Park, 868-8197. Mary and Jan are the food hostesses.

Wednesday, December 14th, 11:30 am at Top of the 80's for our Holiday Lunch. Please bring a wrapped gift with an approximate \$5 - \$10 value for the annual swapping game. We will also be accepting cash donations for Ruth's Place . **Reservations are necessary.**

Additionally, we are having a raffle. The group has been making quilts to donate to Project Linus- quilts for children in need. To help defray the cost of supplies , we are selling tickets for a hand quilted table runner. The table runner is 40"x15" and is in muted shades of wine and gray. ***Pictured below.*** Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Please contact me if you would like to help us support this cause, and I will make sure to get tickets to you. Thanks!



BOOK CLUB – Beth LaMarca (474-6446) or betdoug@ptd.net

We will be reading A Secret Gift by Ted Gup and meeting at Susan Hagenbuch on November 18th at 9:30. Susan lives at 16 North Birch Lane in Brookview Estates. RSVP to Susan at 239-5133 or compuser@ptd.net if you plan on attending.

**Mountain Top Welcome Club – Reservation Form for
November General Meeting**

November 17, 2011

Stress Management through the Holidays!

TIME: 12:00pm

WHERE: Presbyterian Church, 6 Chestnut Street, Mountain Top

LUNCH: \$8

BABYSITTING: \$3 per child

RSVP: by November 14th with this form or
by email to Kerri Fey (Kfey@varsityspirit.com)

Name: _____
Attending (@ \$8.00) _____

Please return this form with your check to
Mountain Top Welcome Club
P.O. Box 243, Mountaintop, PA 18707
or RSVP by calling or *emailing*
Kerri Fey at Kfey@varsityspirit.com or 479-2739