



SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB

GARDEN CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR LOCAL KIDS IN NEED FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD AT MULLEN'S BAR & GRILL

HAPPY NEW YEAR NEIGHBORS,

2016 was another exciting year for Saybrook Garden Club and THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers who helped make it special!

The Holiday season started with Girls Night Out at "War Chest Boutique" with many beautiful handmade goods. The spirit was high and SGC ladies shopped for almost \$1,200! What a great way to support women at risk across America and a BIG thanks to Dawn Roche for organizing! GNO has a new organizer, Lauren Fasolo and she's been busy. Girls Lunch Out with Yoga and Uncle Julio's in January and look out for Roller Skating in February - Thank you Lauren!

The giving continued at our yearly Christmas Tea and SGC was again able to help families have a better holiday season in our community. Special thanks to Kristin Locy for chairing the Tea and to Hillary Andrluk for hosting this big group of fun and giving ladies. Thank you to all the wonderful women that put this great event together.

The season isn't complete without lights and poinsettias. Thank you to Phyllis Rotter for once again organizing the lights at 12th Avenue and the poinsettia sales. Also thank you to Michele Chapman and helpers for delivering all the luminaries to our doorsteps. It is such a beautiful Christmas Eve tradition in Saybrook!

Saybrook Cares continues to impress me with their energy and excitement to help - tying blankets for Edward Hospital and meeting neighbors. Lots more to come...

Next up is Saybrook Garden Club Trivia Night Fundraiser at Mullen's Bar & Grill on March 3rd. Test your trivia knowledge and have fun with your neighbors while raising money for our schools.

Finally, a personal thanks to the sweet neighbors that have joined me for coffee or tea these last couple of months. I truly enjoyed meeting new and old neighbors and I hope to meet more on March 15th (new date) in my home on 14th Avenue for our Coffee Klatsch. No RSVP needed.

I feel very grateful for living in a community that includes and offers activities for everybody, young and old!

Cheers! Henriette Pentz

PS - the committees can always use more helping hands. If you would like to help now or maybe after school ends - please email me at saybrookgardenclub@gmail.com

Preserving History

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS YOU CAN SHARE?

Ladies of Saybrook Garden Club: We're trying to update the photo history of the Saybrook Garden Club. If you have any photos (1995-present) from any events like the Progressive Dinner, Salad Supper, Tea, Easter Egg Hunt, etc, please post them on the Garden Club Facebook page and add #SaybrookGardenClub. You can also email your pictures (old or new) to SaybrookGardenClub@gmail.com or drop them off to Kristin Locy at 512 E 12th Ave. We will return all photos. If you have names and dates for the photos that would be very helpful.



TRIVIA **NIGHT**

MARCH 3
AT MULLEN'S
BAR & GRILL

STOP HIBERNATING AND
SUPPORT
OUR SCHOOLS!

Bring your extended family and friends from near and far to the Saybrook Garden Club Annual Fundraiser! This year we have an exciting trivia entertainment/competition with a professional host to facilitate. In addition there will be appetizers, cash bar, pool, foos ball, raffles and more! Join us Friday, March 3rd at Mullen's Bar & Grill, at 3080 Warrenville Road in Lisle. Proceeds will support the students of all three of our local schools. Keep an eye on your inbox for an official Evite to Trivia Night and make sure to RSVP. Cost per person is \$40. Checks made payable to Saybrook Garden Club can be dropped off at Tricia Hutton's home at 1505 Maple Knoll Court. Tickets at the door will cost \$50 per person. Get your tickets now!

Remember this is open to non-SGC members as well, so please invite friends!

We are looking for donations. Do you have extra tickets, a service or product that you would be interested donating to support the Adult Fundraiser Event? Contact Tricia Hutton at tricia.hutton@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY GIVING - A HUGE SUCCESS!

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

Thanks to our members' incredible generosity, our Holiday Giving program was once again a great success! We were able to provide very nice Christmas gifts for three Beebe families in need. Kate Waller, Beebe Social Worker, expressed sincere gratitude for our continued efforts in assisting her students and their families. In addition, the gift cards donated at the Christmas Tea were given to struggling families at Jefferson in order to assist them in enjoying the holidays. Finally, \$1,000 of philanthropy funds were donated to the Naperville North Family Connection Fund. Deb and I cannot express our gratitude to our

members strongly enough. It is through all of your support that the Garden Club can continue to make a real difference in our community. As the gifts piled up, as donations were dropped off at my house, I could not help but get a bit teary looking at all of the amazing items compiled. While some of them were toys and fun gifts, many of them were basic necessities such as toiletries, coats, gloves, boots, and shoes. It is easy to forget sometimes that what we can so easily provide for our own families can be a real struggle for others within our community. Thank you for making Christmas a little brighter!

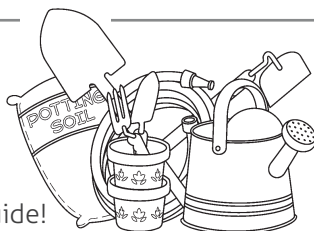
LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!

LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO HELP WITH GARDENING

Do you enjoy being in the great outdoors or the power of piercing the ground with a shovel? Do you enjoy seeing the common areas of our Saybrook neighborhood neat and tidy? The women of the Saybrook Garden Club invite anyone, men included, who are

willing to in pitch in and help plant and maintain our islands. With many helping hands, clean-up, sprucing, planting and watering will be much easier! Volunteer as your time permits. May we call you when the need arises? Please contact us at henriettepentz@yahoo.com.

Gardener's Corner



The end of winter and the start of spring are busy times for the garden! Here's your March gardening guide!

- With the mild winter, look for hosta shoots poking up through the soil. Dig up clumps that need to be divided, split them apart, and replant them. Water generously.
- Free the foliage from spring-blooming bulbs that are tangled in mulch.
- If the weather's mild, plant roses, trees, and shrubs.
- Move cool-loving broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower outdoors to a coldframe or protected spot.
- Start seeds of tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, perennials, and annual flowers indoors under lights.
- As soon the garden soil is workable, plant peas, potatoes, poppies, rocket larkspur, and mignonette.
- If there's no snow, top-dress the lawn with compost. Fill in low spots and reseed.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GNO - ROLLER SKATING

February 10, 2017

FIREHOUSE TOUR

March 3, 2017

TRIVIA NIGHT

March 3, 2017

COFFEE KLATSCH

March 15, 2017

SAYBROOK CARES EVENT

March 19, 2017

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 15, 2017

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

June 3, 2017

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK
FOR MORE INFO AND EVENTS!**

PROGRESSIVE DINNER SAVE THE DATE

This years Progressive Dinner will be held on **SATURDAY JUNE 3RD!** If you would like to be a part of the committee, please email Jennifer at jsriordan@live.com.

Remember this is a members only event so make sure your dues are current. If you are unsure you can go to our website and click Membership to see an updated list.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Michele & Mitch Tannenbaum
1304 N. Wright Street

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SAYBROOK CARES

TEENS GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

Saybrook Cares, is the teen organization that does good works in our community and beyond. They spent several days over Christmas break giving out homemade holiday cards to older residents in our community. They would like to continue to get to know and help members of our neighborhood. If you know someone who needs a little help or would appreciate a visitor, contact maurahoff@hotmail.com.

Upcoming, there will be planning meetings at the Hoff house on Feb. 15th, March 1st & 8th at 6:00 PM.

Save the date for a kid event at the Fire Station at 9:30 AM on March 3rd. We will need teen volunteers as well as kids under 12 to participate in the event. Station #3 is looking forward to spending some time with Saybrook kids. Bring a cash donation to use for purchasing food for the fire department as a thank you.

Our most IMPORTANT EVENT OF THE YEAR, will be Sunday March 19th from 3:30-5:00 PM. Details will be coming soon!

Finally, April 15th, we are looking for teen volunteers to help clean up Beebe park just before the Easter Egg hunt and to help us hide the eggs for the little ones!

For more information about any of these events, look for our facebook page "Saybrook Cares" or contact maurahoff@hotmail.com.

SAYBROOK DIRECTORY & HELPER LIST

PLEASE UPDATE OR SUBMIT YOUR INFORMATION

In an effort to keep the tradition of a neighborhood directory alive in this digital world we are looking to update the old directory. We understand that there have been a lot of changes since the last directory was published two years ago. If you have any changes (such as a different phone number or email address) that you would like included in the new directory please email Jennifer Riordan (jsriordan@live.com) or call (630) 809-1743 by February 28th.

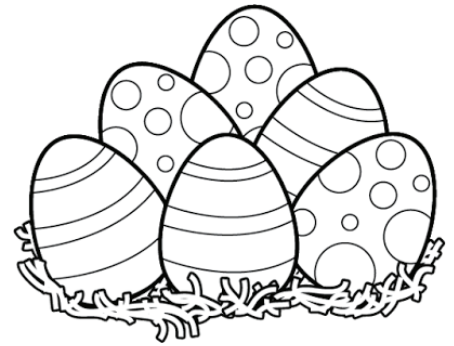
We would like to include an updated Saybrook Neighborhood Helper list with the directory. If you have a teenager that is looking to help out in the neighborhood please include his/her information on the form or you can email Jennifer Riordan. Some examples of ways that kids can help include, house/pet sitting, snow shoveling, lawn mowing, watering plants, parent helper and babysitter, training or tutoring.

easter egg Hunt

BEEBE SCHOOL PARK

Saturday April 15th at 10:30 AM

There will be two different age categories, one for small kids (3 and under) and one for middle sized kids. Make sure to arrive early to register your child. Don't forget your basket!



SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2016- AUGUST 2017 SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP

RETURN PAYMENT AND FORM TO 417 BLUEGRASS COURT

NAME: _____

EMAIL 1: _____ EMAIL 2: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

MEMBERSHIPS ARE VALID FROM SEPT 2016 - AUG 2017
CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB

\$25 STANDARD MEMBERSHIP RATE

\$15 SENIOR RATE (65 AND BETTER)

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

BEING A MEMBER MEANS
BEING ACTIVE, OUR CLUB
DEPENDS ON IT SO SIGN
UP NOW!

TGIF

SALAD SUPPER

HAYRIDE

FUNDRAISING

CHRISTMAS TEA

EASTER EGG HUNT

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

BOOK SALE

BEEBE GARDEN

PREPARE FOOD

PROGRESSIVE

DINNER