

Club update from our president – November 2020
Hi Ladies,

Thanksgiving Week is upon us, and in many ways it looks very different this year due to the Coronavirus, and all the trouble in our world. However, there is one thing that hasn't changed, and that is the gratitude that this holiday represents. Charles Dickens wrote "Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty." That is my mantra this week.... when I start feeling a bit sad because I can't be with my family..... I'll remember Charles' words. I send my best wishes to each of you, for a Thanksgiving that is blessed with gratitude.

And now for club news.....

1. First, a reminder about donating to the NK Food Pantry. Things get busy this time of year, and somethings get forgotten. If you do decide to send a donation, please indicate that you are a member of PBGC, so they know that we haven't forgotten them this year. What better way to express gratitude, than helping those less fortunate than ourselves.
2. It is with regret that I inform you that Joan Peet has resigned from the club. She and Chris have moved to Virginia to be close to family. Joanie has been a valuable member since 2010! We will certainly miss her, and that beautiful smile! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Joan for her dedication and commitment to PBGC, and wish her much happiness in her new adventure. Joan's new email address is JoanSPeet@gmail.com.
3. Let us welcome Meredith Moody to our club! Merry is being sponsored by Martha Parks. She has been on our wait list for about 24 months, and during that time, has participated in many of our club activities. We are happy to have her now become an official member. Merry's address is 241 Sunnybrook Farm Road, Narragansett 02882 Her email address is nainai241@gmail.com.
4. Congratulations goes out to our Communication Team! We made the front page of the Standard Times with our Award of Excellence to Harriet Powell....WOOHOO!!!! The article was such a nice tribute to Harriet, and to PBGC! Harriet is thrilled, as am I. I want to thank Gail Stokes, Sue Colby, Kathy Barrette, Linda Hughes and Andrea Sarrasin for this accomplishment, but also for their commitment to present our club in the very best light. They have been at every club activity, no matter how small, taking photos. They have spent hours in Zoom meetings, and doing research for our Facebook postings. All of these things are vitally important for our visibility in the community, and will help tremendously with future fundraising efforts.
5. A huge thank you goes out to Carol Gjelsvik for offering to oversee the maintenance of the Island Gardens. She will be working with our landscaper, A New Leaf, to schedule maintenance, but most importantly, to keep us within our budgeted amount.
6. Be sure to check out the new garden in Updike Park. Most recently, we added some daffodil bulbs to it. Thank you to the members who helped with that. And, we now have signage, thanks to Barbara Dawson! There are two signs, one designating that it is a PBGC garden, and one that gives recognition to Wickford Wealth Management for funding the renovation.
7. There has been lots of effort made in OLP since my last newsletter too. Linda Sollitto has led the charge by organizing a Fall Cleanup, and a huge thanks to all who helped with that. Holly branches went home with all of those members.

There was also a "Secret Santa" team that put up the lighted fir trees this past weekend!
Thank you to them!

Speaking of lights..... a big shout out to the Merchant's Association in the village.....
they have done an extraordinary job of lighting up our beautiful little town this year!
And....here's to another big improvement in our village..... HistWick has been installing
stone beds at the base of their historic markers! Our own Sheila Skiffington has been a
significant part of that effort! They look so nice, Sheila! Thank you!

8. One last thing..... the Executive Board set September 30, 2021 for our Luncheon at
the Dunes Club. With all of the uncertainty right now, it's impossible to predict whether
we will be able to have this event, or not. However, that being said, we still ask that you
mark your calendars with the date, and start thinking how you will help with this
important event.

I leave you with this poem by Joanna Fuchs. I hope you find it as inspirational as I do.

On Thanksgiving Day we're thankful for
Our blessings all year through,
For family we dearly love
For good friends, old and new.

For sun to light and warm our days,
For stars that glow at night,
For trees of green and skies of blue,
And puffy clouds of white.

We're grateful for our eyes that see
The beauty all around
For arms to hug, and legs to walk,
And ears to hear each sound.

The list of all we're grateful for
Would fill a great big book
Our thankful hearts find new delights
Everywhere we look!

Happy Thanksgiving to each of you! Kathy



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