



TRADE WINDS

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'Tis the Season ...

Just a few days to go before St. Mike arrives! And one of the biggest events of the holiday season, the ***Holiday Luncheon*** of the Middleton Board of Trade and the Middleton Kiwanis Club, on ***Thursday, December 17th, noon sharp***, at **The Crowne Plaza (Ferncroft) Hotel**. We'll meet just off the lobby in the living room area, in front of the fireplace, under the water slide! Spouses and guests are encouraged to attend.

The students of the Howe-Manning School, arriving by a yellow horseless carriage, begin the holiday entertainment at 12:15. You'll have your choice of pumpkin crusted halibut or roasted chicken. The cost of this wonderful event is \$25.00 per person.

In coordination with the Friends of the Flint Library "Neighbors-in-Need," members are encouraged to bring gifts for Middleton families (especially tweens & teens) or seniors who may need a little help during this time of year. Cash donations are accepted, too.

We'll also be collecting blankets, gloves or gift certificates to local businesses, for the Seniors' January Thaw, sponsored by the Middleton Council on Aging.

Please make your reservation, no later than Monday **December 14, 2009**, by contacting **Samantha Marra**, with your choice of ***Chicken*** or ***Fish***, at p. 978-423-7485 or E. smarra37@hotmail.com.

Radio Drive for Toys

North Shore Radio 104.9 & Senator Bruce Tarr are conducting the annual Holiday Toy Drive. They will be broadcasting LIVE from Danversbank at Middleton Green on Thursday, December 10th at 9:30 a.m. Food and drink will be served.

All gifts go to Middleton's "Neighbors in Need" Program. The local Drive is sponsored by **Richardson Green** and **Danversbank**. For questions, you may email Chris Richardson at chris@richardsongreen.com.

Hanukkah, Dec. 13th

On Sunday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m., Middleton will host a menorah candle lighting ceremony at Middleton Green, 2 South Main Street, to begin the celebration of Hanukkah. The event will include activities in the Howe Manning Elementary School cafeteria.

Joe Barnett, *The Reflective Designer*, is assembling 100 bags of coupons and brochures to hand out to the families who attend the event. Members are welcome to drop-off any materials to be included, by Saturday, at The Reflective Designer, 19 North Main Street. For more information you may call 978-750-0005.

Neighbors in Need Program

The Friends of the Flint are once again sponsoring the Neighbors in Need Annual Holiday Giving Program. This program was established in 1978 and provides assistance to our Middleton neighbors who may be facing difficulties during the holiday season.

Keeping in mind the tough economic times and the specific needs of the families we serve, this year they are seeking gifts geared towards older children, teens, families and seniors. In addition to new, unwrapped gifts, we are seeking gift cards in any amount for the 'tween and teenage groups (Best Buy, iTunes, Old Navy, Bob's, Target, Movie Theater tickets, etc.)

With families and seniors in mind, gift cards to local restaurants, grocery stores, and hair salons would be most welcome. Of course, cash donations may be made as well (payable to "Friends of the Flint Santa") and will be put toward supplementing recipients' holiday baskets to meet their individual needs.

For more information or pick up, please contact The Flint "SANTA" at 978-774-8132.

So you can plan your life ...

In January, we'll meet once again at *Teresa's Italian Eatery*, for dinner and a fun time on *January 21, 2010*.

Get ready another new setting, when we'll meet at **Freddy's Place** on *February 18, 2010*, and we'll get a taste!

Member Ticklers....

Congratulations to **Brian Murphy**, *Crown Trophy*, upon the acquisition of Blessington's Trophy. Blessington's has been a landmark, family-run business on old Rt. 1 in Topsfield, since 1951. This represents a major expansion of the local Crown Trophy franchise.

And congratulations to **Attorney Christine DeBernardis** upon her recent marriage to Chad Carter.

Look for pictures of **Paul Richardson's**, *Richardson Green*, new toy tractor on our website *www.MiddletonBOT.com*. And we had such a fun time on the deck at *Middleton Golf Course* at our meeting last June, we've got the pictures on the web to prove it, too!

We received a very nice written thank you from the Middleton Pumpkin Festival Committee for the support and generosity!

Historical Calender Sale

The Middleton Historical Society is selling a charming 2010 calender featuring historical scenes from Middleton,. The calenders are very suitable for your holiday mailing or gift giving, with space to print a business name.

Attractively priced, *still*, at \$5.00, proceeds support the Society. Look for supplies at the *Northshore Bank, Danversbank, Middleton Electric, Flint Library*, Town Hall, and the Senior Center. If you need a supply, call Henry Tragert at 978-774-7603.