



TRADE WINDS

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Twas the week before ...

Just a few days to go before the really big guy arrives, we'll gather with St. Mike for the most famous event of the holiday season, the *Holiday Luncheon* of the Middleton Board of Trade and the Middleton Kiwanis Club, on **Thursday, December 18th, noon sharp**, at **The Sheraton 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 15, 2008**, by contacting **Samantha Marra**, with your choice of **Chicken** or **Fish**, at p. 978-304-0389 or E. smarra@gmail.com.

Member Ticklers....

May be we ought to sing happy smooth & fast birthday! Take a good look at **President Laurie Arizzi**, *Arizzi Chiropractic*, since it may be the last time you see her "with" child until she is holding child. Congratulations to her and Erin upon the really first birthday!

Congratulations to David Mitchell of the Masconomet Regional High School upon being named the nations's 2008 Preserve America History Teacher of the Year!!

There'll be even higher intelligence on the hill at Manning Road when the MIT-Bates High Performance Research Computing Facility is operating. It will be located on the campus of the MIT-Bates Linear Accelerator and promises to consume plenty of electricity from the *Middleton Electric Department*, according to general manager **Mark Kelly**.

Streaming Photos ...

The Middleton Stream Team recently presented its 2008 Photo Contest awards. The Middleton Board of Trade proudly sponsors the Second and Third place prizes. The Stream Team has sent along its many thanks for the MBOT's ongoing support.

Second Prize of \$100 went to Richard Santosuosso of Middleton and Third Prize was awarded to Alison Colby Campbell of Bradford. Lynne Brunaccini of Middleton

won the First Place Prize. Congratulations to all.

Friends of the Flint Library Neighbors in Need Annual Holiday Giving 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 we 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 Theatre 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.

It is especially helpful when a family, scout troop, business or co-workers join together to purchase gifts for a specific individual or family.

For more information or pick up, please contact The Flint "SANTA" at 978-774-8132 or **Gimmie Sue** at 978-884-1770 or gsvlacer@comcast.net.

*Everyone is invited to the Flint Holiday
Open House on December 11th at 6:30
including a tree lighting, music,
refreshments and Santa!!*

Historical Calender Sale

The Middleton Historical Society has a very charming 2009 calender featuring historical scenes from Middleton, for sale in bulk or singularly. The calenders are very suitable for your holiday mailing or gift giving, with space to print the name of your business.

Each is attractively priced, *still*, at \$5.00. The proceeds support the good work of the Society. Look for supplies at the **Northshore Bank, DanversBank, Middleton Electric, Flint Library**, Town Hall, and the Senior Center. If your interested, call Henry Tragert, chief of the historical folks, at 978-774-7603.