



TRADE WINDS

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For Book Worms Only ...

While you're waiting for pitchers and catchers to report around Valentine's Day, make your sweetheart plans to join us for Lunch on **Thursday, February 26, 2009**, at the **Flint Library** community room on the ground level at Noon. We're ordering interesting delights from **Sol Bean Café!** **Nick** and **Danielle** promise plenty of organic vegetable juice drinks for **Paul Richardson** and **Bob Murphy**; but no crazy noodles!

Adele Carter, Library Director, and all the Friends will introduce us to the shiny remodeled and expanded Flint Public Library, with all its bells and whistles. There'll be a show and tell, complete with the 25¢ tour of the entire building. Want to see the new boilers?

The cost of the lunch is \$12.50 per person, tax and tip included. Make your intentions known no later than **February 24, 2009** by contacting **Samantha Marra**, phone 978-304-0389 or email samanthamarra@gmail.com.

Do Your Dues that is Now Due

Thank you to those who have sent along their \$60 dues payment, with electronic info too!

To those who have not been so prompt, here's another friendly reminder to complete the renewal/new member application form (if you need one let us know) and return it with the \$\$\$\$. It provides an opportunity to

update your particulars. Only current members will be included in our website, www.MiddletonBOT.com.

Open for Local Businesses...

Our Promotions Committee is organizing a **Get to Know Local Business open house** at the Fuller Meadow Elementary School cafeteria on **Saturday, March 14, 2009**, from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. The purpose is to kickoff our Buy Local campaign for this Spring, culminating with a Buy Local day later in the season.

All members and Middleton businesses are invited and encouraged to display their information and samples of their products at the open house on March 14th!

Throw-back Golf, Aug. 3rd!

We're very pleased to announce the *MBOT 14th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament*, our biggest fund-raiser of the year, will be held once again at the gorgeous Ferncroft Country Club on **Monday, August 3, 2009.**

The good news gets even better, due to the support of the Ferncroft Country Club, we will be holding at last year's **90's prices**, priced for everyone to participate! From now, be sure to plan your vacations and appointments accordingly.

So you can plan your life ...

Mark your calendars for a dinner meeting on

March 19, 2009. After that, we'll gather again on April 16 or 23, 2009 to break (or throw) bread with **Town Administrator Ira Singer**.

They'll take Silent Cash too...

There's still time to sign up as a classroom sponsor for the Middleton PTO Penny Drive. The students of the Fuller Meadow School and Howe-Manning School will compete by classrooms, to collect the most pennies. Businesses can choose to sponsor a class and match the funds collected by the children in that classroom, or just write a check for a stated amount. The monies raised go toward otherwise unfunded enrichment programs and special events at both schools.

We're vowing to match 100% of the rooms this year. For those who missed our email, you may call **Diann Scaffidi** of *Pet Supply Closeouts*, at 978-646-8900 or email PTO coordinator Gail Kroll, gekroll@comcast.net.

Speaking of \$\$ & Eating....

Wondering how we arrive at the price for each meeting? It's pretty complicated actually:

First we arrive at cost per person from each venue. Then we have to give them a count several days in advance of the meeting, which usually is a pure guess! Then members call or E-mail late or don't call at all, and we have to revise the number up or down. Then finally the meeting arrives but the member doesn't, but we have to pay for the meal anyway!!!! Or the member comes with empty pockets and the check never

arrives in the mail! On top of that we have to pay for our guests for the evening.

So the price always contains a "fudge-factor" (a legal farming term!). We do our best to collect from no-shows or no-pays, with mixed results!

Our goal is to break-even on these meetings!

News from Middletonbot.com

BABY BOY Arizzi arrived on January 29th! Congratulations to Dr. Laurie and Aaron.

Wishing **Heidi Slowick & Lisa Almeida** of *Bella Sera Bridal* the very best on their recent move down Rt. 114 to Danvers!

Also congratulations to Marilza & Roger Melo on the recent early birth of TWINS! Every one is home and healthy. Marilza is the popular Brazilian woman who cleans up after **Paul** around the Richardson facilities.

Michelle Fitzpatrick implores everyone to save the lunch period of April 29th for the Howe-Manning Elementary School Appreciation Luncheon!

Know How to Read?

Sign up now for Read Across America at the Fuller Meadow Elementary School, taking place from Friday, Feb. 27th to Thursday, March 5th. Your commitment is 40 minutes sometime between Noon and 2:55. Contact Paula Lanfranchi at dlanfran@aol.com.

Freebie ...

As is our custom, the February meeting is an excellent time to introduce, as our guest, any Middleton business person(s), new or established, to the Middleton Board of Trade, who either might wish to join our group of luminaries or who we might want to coax to join.

If you bring a prospective new member guest to the meeting, ***you** get to attend **FREE** too!*