



# Ellington Women's Club

Next meeting Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 PM

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## Dining for a Cause & Raffle Big Hit



It was a perfect evening for dining out. Family, friends, and club members filled the 99 Restaurant with their laughter and stories. The staff at was wonderful, kind and patient and of course the food was excellent.

My story started early that day as I was headed home from work feeling a bit tired only to receive the best phone call of the night. Pat Tardif called me as I was turning into my driveway to tell me that she and 16 friends from the Ellington Senior Center would be at The 99 around 4:45 pm. The tiredness I felt was pushed out of me with her joyful voice and news. So many memories were created in that short evening.

Between the donations from the meals and the raffle, the club profited \$1066.00. The raffle winner was our own club member Kathie Stupinski.

There was plenty of joy and smiles going around that evening. It was great to hear your conversations and to see your energy throughout the evening. I enjoyed meeting your family and friends. If I missed you that night it was because I was able to have sometime enjoying dinner with friends. It looked as if all of the club members were there at some point of the evening.

Special thanks must go to Ann Berak for her time and due diligence with the raffle prize preparation and to Lois and Rita for their part in preparing for our fundraiser.

Biggest THANK YOUs go to all of you for selling your raffle tickets and attending the event. This would not have been a huge success without each and every one of you!!!

I would be remiss to remind everyone that at our September Club meeting we voted on the 2017-2018 Budget. As we might find ourselves excited about the successful fundraiser, this money does not give us permission to adjust this year's Budget but places us in a much better position in our future to continue to support our community.

What's our next fundraiser? This was too much fun to stop now.



### Adopt a Family/Senior Citizen for Christmas

Sponsored by Ellington's Human Services

This will be our fourth year we will be participating in this wonderful program. In the past years we gifted Christmas items to families of six, four and single female senior citizens.

Thank you again for choosing to be part of this program. We should have a list of families/singles and their wish lists by mid-November. An email and regular mail will go out to everyone with the list of items so that all items can be brought to the December Club meeting. Gift cards to restaurants and grocery stores are always welcomed.

## It's All About Hospitality!

By Ann Williams

Cider and Donuts - what could be more appropriate for our October meeting. Thanks to Pat Tardif, Pat Clapp and Connie Nichols for providing same. Come see what Lois Goodin and Kristen Ulrich can come up with for November!



## Veterans Donations

By Dot Shackway

Bring your donation labeled Veterans to the November meeting. Clothing (men's and women's) toiletries, games, puzzle and monetary donations are all welcome. Thanks.

## Winterfest

By Dot Shackway

Thank you to those of you who have signed up as bakers and/or volunteers. The list will be available at the November meeting, more people are needed. Just a reminder, the goodies must be individually wrapped. Drop them off at the Town Hall Annex the day of the event, Saturday, December 2 between 2:00-4:00 pm.



## October Program: Erin Graziani from the Senior Center

By Chellah Misiko

We are privileged to have Erin Graziani, Director of the Senior Center speak to us on the various activities at the Center. Erin has lived in Ellington since her marriage to Ted Graziani in 1998. They have one child, Miranda-Jane and is a member of the Ellington Baptist Church. She is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Association of the United States Army. Erin is an employee for the Town of Ellington since 1986. She began working as the administrative assistant then became a social worker, a Municipal Agent and an Elderly Outreach Worker until 1995 when she became the Senior Center Director. She enjoys reading, creative writing and journaling, knitting and church events.

## Food Pantries Update

By Pat Tardif

Our collection of food for October was outstanding. We received 66 lbs. of food. Paper products included 12 4-roll packs of bath tissues, 2 rolls of paper towels and 4 large boxes of Kleenex. We also were given 8 tooth brushes. If you receive sample products like tooth paste, hand lotion, soap bars, etc. the pantries gladly accept them.

The Pink Box will be in the Senior Center Tuesday, October 31 to the end of our meeting on Wednesday, November 1. As well as food, the pantries need paper products and cleaning supplies as these items cannot be purchased with food stamps. We thank you!!!

## Maintaining Veteran Monuments

By Pat Tardif

October 14, the gardens around the monuments were put to bed for the winter by Liz LaRoche, Ed Lawson and me.

As we have worked on the gardens throughout the summer we have received many compliments by passersby and from other citizens around town who know the Women's Club is maintaining them. Thank you to the numerous members who have done all the work!

## Member Spotlight - Denise Archibald

I have lived in Ellington for 72 years. I purchased my childhood home on Main St. as an adult. I attended Ellington schools and graduated CCSC with a teaching degree in Early Childhood Education. I received a masters degree in Reading at CCSU also. Taught in South Windsor a Eli Terry for 48 1/2 years in grades K, 1 and 2. I still substitute from time to time. I was honored to receive South Windsor Teacher of the year award in 1993-1994, and Educator of the year from CCSU in 1994-1995.



I have always loved the outdoors. As a young adult, I hiked the Appalachian Trail from Springer Mt. Georgia to Mt. Katahdin, Maine on vacations and in the summer months for 2,200 miles. Rafted down the Ct River from 4th Ct lake in Canada to Long Island Sound. Canoeed down the Allagash Wilderness Waterway in Maine. I still continue to backpack, hike and camp but now spend more time working in my gardens when I am not traveling.

I enjoy reading, going to the Opera and watching PBS specials and British TV programs. I love to decorate sew, knit and entertain by giving teas in my cottage.