



Waunakee Neighborhood Connection

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# THE CONNECTION

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Night Volunteer/Donations

Monday, March 15th  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

### Saturday Volunteer/Donations

Saturday, March 19th  
9:00am - 11:00am

### Village Health Fair

Saturday, March 19th  
Waunakee Village Center  
9:00am - 1:00pm

### Store Closed for Spring Break

March 28th - April 1st, 2011

### Easter Meal Distribution Day

#### Saturday, April 16th

Waunakee Village Center  
**Assembly Shift** 11:45am-12:45pm  
**Delivery Shift** 12:30pm-1:30pm  
Don't forget you must sign-up in advance (see article page 2)

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: Genna Eaton's email account has changed to [genna@waunakeenc.com](mailto:genna@waunakeenc.com). Please update your contact information!**

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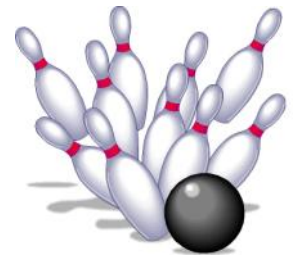
## Join Us for the Bowl-a-thon!



Sunday, April 10th will be a day marked in WNC History! Our first annual "Friends for Family" Bowl-a-thon! This big

event won't be complete without your participation and support, so join us for this fun-filled family afternoon to benefit WNC's annual programming to help our neighbors in need! Here's how to get involved!

We are looking for more teams to participate in the **Bowl-a-Thon on Sunday, April 16th at Waun-a-Bowl from 1:00pm - 3:45pm**. We already have some teams confirmed. Teams are made of 5 bowlers, and our goal is for each team member to collect \$100.00 in pledges or \$500.00 per team. Prizes will be awarded to the top Individual and team fundraisers! **Bowlers of all ages and abilities are welcome.** Bowlers will receive free bowling, shoes, food, drink and prizes for participating. We'll also have face painting and lots of fun for the whole family. Team captains interested in participating can email the WNC store at [info@waunakeenc.com](mailto:info@waunakeenc.com) or contact **Bowl-a-Thon coordinator Billy VanWie** at 219-7621 to request a team registration form and pledge forms.



**Not a bowler but want to help?** Help support our bowlers with your pledges. To make a pledge or a donation, you can contact us, donate online on our website (be sure to mark that your donation is for the Bowl-a-Thon) or pledge directly with a bowler or team. We will list team captains and contact information in our April newsletter.

We would like to thank our host Waun-a-Bowl and our corporate sponsor for making this first annual Friends for Families Bow-a-Thon a reality. See our corporate sponsors on the flyer (last page of this issue). We hope to see you there!

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## Easter Meal & Spring Cleaning Buckets

Believe it or not, spring is almost here! Want proof? It's time for the annual WNC Easter meal & spring cleaning bucket program! We are excited to partner with many community groups again, including the **Waunakee SHARE, Senior Center, State Bank of Cross Plains, Waunakee Schools, Peace Lutheran Church, and Meffert Oil**. However, **we cannot do this without your help!** Here's how you can help families & seniors in need in the greater Waunakee area receive a free Easter meal, spring cleaning supplies & bucket and even car washes.



### WE NEED GROCERY BAGS & BUCKETS

We need donations of cloth grocery bags, the size of the green Piggly Wiggly bags or larger. We also need plastic buckets 10" in diameter. Plastic ice cream pails will not work. If you have some to donate, or are willing to purchase a few, please drop off your bags at the WNC Store (see calendar for open store hours), the Waunakee Police Department (Mon-Fri 7a-5p) or the Waunakee Senior Center before **Wednesday, April 6th**.



### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS ON SATURDAY, April 16th

Once again, we will be assembling and delivering ALL Easter meals to families & seniors. Volunteer work is divided into two shifts (see below). **Volunteers MUST sign-up in advance and space is limited! Sign-up early!** The shifts are:

- **Assembly of Meals & Cleaning Buckets** - 11:45am – 1:00pm - help put it all together!
- **Delivery of Meals & Buckets** - 12:30pm - 2:00pm - deliver several meals & buckets to very grateful families and seniors.

Please sign-up for one or both of these shifts via the [Easter Volunteer Form](#) on our website, or by calling (849-5740) or emailing ([info@waunakeenc.com](mailto:info@waunakeenc.com)) us. **All volunteer activities will be on Saturday, April 16th at the Waunakee Senior Center.**

### WE NEED MONETARY DONATIONS

**We are ONLY able to continue this valuable program because of the continued generous financial support of our donors and community.** Please consider donating \$25.00 for each family or senior you would like to provide with a free meal and cleaning bucket. See the donation flyer at the end of this newsletter to see how to donate via check, or click below to donate online via credit card, bank account, or PayPal account (please mark you donation for the Easter program). All donations to WNC are tax deductible and you will receive a tax deductible receipt via email or mail for your donation. **We thank you all in advance for your support and help!**



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## Community Health, Activity & Energy Fair

WNC will once again participate in the annual community health, activity, and energy fair on **Saturday, March 19th at the Waunakee Village Center from 9:00a-1:00p**. Come to the Village Center to learn more about community volunteer activities like WNC. You can get information on specific health topics and free health screenings. Register for amazing door prizes.



### Colleen's Contemplations

Do you know what I like most about WNC? I like that it is not just about getting stuff into the hands of people who need it. We take pride in what we provide. You are not going to find stained items, or torn items, or circa 1978 items. Many items are donated with the tags still on.

I've heard said "people without, should just be happy to have anything at all" and to some extent I might agree with that. But if it's something I would not want to give to my own child, why would I give it to someone else's? It sort of goes back to my yearly diatribe: "Whose used underwear would you wear?"

On our volunteer/donation days (the blue ones on the calendar), we spend a lot of time cleaning, sorting, and constantly creating a place that anyone would be proud to shop in. We're picky! We have a certain way we hang items and we have certain hangers we use to keep the racks looking nice. We like the place to look, smell, and be clean. If items that are otherwise nice come in dirty, we have a volunteer who washes them. If a piece of furniture comes in a bit abused, we have a volunteer who gives it some TLC before it goes out on the floor. We even have a volunteer who laminates nicer looking labels and signs for our shelves.

So how does it all payoff? When a new client comes in the door, and we get to say, "All this was given and sorted for you, to help make your life a little easier. Take whatever you need, absolutely free." I love my job.

Colleen Woerner, WNC Store Manager



**Updike Chiropractic** is partnering with WNC to help our community help our neighbors while getting healthier. They have created their first annual 8 week walking program called Walk It! All you need is a pair of tennis shoes, 2-4 friends to make up a team and a desire to improve your health while having fun. **The walking starts April 4th and goes through May 29th.** The cost to join the program is \$5.00, but for that money you will get T-shirt AND **\$2.00 of every registration goes to WNC!** You can get registration and walk tracking forms on the Updike Chiropractic website at [www.updikechiropractic.com](http://www.updikechiropractic.com). Sign up by April 1st to guarantee your desired t-shirt size! Spring's almost here, so join the fun and let Updike & WNC help motivate you to help yourself and your community at the same time! Watch Updike's website and Facebook page for weekly updates of team progress and standings!



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## RETIRE YOUR PROM DRESS FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

**Shelley Murphy, owner of Ooh-la-la Resale Boutique** is partnering with WNC for prom .... Well, dresses at least! Bring your gently used prom dresses to Ooh-la-la, located at 124 W. Main St. Waunakee, and tell them that you want to donate your dress to WNC. All proceeds from the sale of your dresses will benefit WNC. What a great way to clean your closet, recycle and help a great cause! Happy closet clearing!



## WNC Super Bowl Raffle Winners! Congratulations and Thank YOU!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Todd Schmidt** on winning the 55"TV, **Sierra Gillespie** on winning the 40"TV, and **Iris Wipperfurth** on winning the GPS at the annual WNC Super Bowl Raffle held at **Rex's Innkeeper!** Many thanks to all who supported this endeavor!

We'd also like to express our gratitude to **Rex Endres** for hosting this event! The buffet was wonderful and the game was enjoyed by many Green Bay supporters. Thanks to **MNM Coffee, Weaver Auto Parts, Rex's Innkeeper, Hy's Massage, Subway, Meffert Oil, Waunakee Community Foundation, and Anytime Fitness** who all provided cool prizes for game day! Thanks to **Brandon Volley at UPS** for printing our colorful posters and to **R & B Printing** for printing the raffle tickets. In addition, thanks to **Best Buy** for supporting our efforts as well as **Al Ripp from TDS**. A special thanks to **Village Mobil, Rex's Innkeeper, and Neil's Liquor** who continue to sell raffle tickets year after year for WNC! Event day thanks go out to **Hy Miller, Michelle Janey, Peggy Acker-Farber, Jim Schmitz, and Jan Summerton and her girls**. Finally, thanks to all of you who sold and bought raffle tickets—your efforts are appreciated!

A great way to start 2011! Thanks Waunakee! Because of your efforts, the WNC store will be able to continue to give hope to many area families in need during this challenging year!

## ADOPT A CLASSROOM PROGRAM

Local businesses were asked to adopt a Prairie Elementary classroom to help promote the development of good character in our students. An adopted classroom brings an opportunity for the school to partner with the community. **Trisha Chaimson's 3rd grade class** has been adopted by WNC. During the year, the class has made birthday treat bags, Thanksgiving cards, and Christmas ornaments for clients. Recently they took a field trip to WNC and were put to work! The kiddos did a great job of sorting, unpacking, and organizing during their stay.



## EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

**Effective immediately**, Genna Eaton, WNC's Executive Director, can only be contacted via the WNC mailbox at [info@waunakeenc.com](mailto:info@waunakeenc.com) or her **new personal WNC email account which is [genna@waunakeenc.com](mailto:genna@waunakeenc.com).**

Her previous personal email account has been deleted and should no longer be used. Please update all your contact information. Genna will continue to receive, and respond to emails sent to our WNC email account [info@waunakeenc.com](mailto:info@waunakeenc.com), and **should still be used as the primary email address you use to contact WNC.**

## Helping Hands—Helping Hearts!



**Daisy Troop 2330** decorated birthday bags for WNC at their January meeting. The Troop members were working toward earning their "bucket" patch. They discussed how they could fill someone's "bucket" with kind words and actions and the person would feel happy and valued. The troop decorated the bags and discussed how getting a birthday bag from WNC might make someone feel special.



## Thank You To...

- **Waunakee Public Library** and the **Semler Family** for birthday bags,
- **Waunakee Whirlwinds 4H Club** for donating blankets,
- **Peace Lutheran 5th and 6th graders** for warm blankets,
- **Kelly, Pam, and the Statz Girls** for birthday bags,
- **Heather Raabe and her MS and HS Arts Classes at Madison Country Day School** for assembling Valentines baskets,
- **Joyce Endres** for birthday cards, and
- **Uniek** for framing some special memories from students and WNC programs.

Troop 2330 filled the bags with cake mix, frosting, a pair of mittens and hat to help those with winter birthdays deal with the cold outside! The troop provided the cake mix and frosting from their fall cookie sale and the girls each brought a special gift for their bag. The girls really enjoyed decorating the bags and learning a little about WNC and how to fill someone's bucket!

## Birthday Bags!

The **Waunakee Middle School Student Council** also helped with birthday bags. In February they decorated, filled and assembled bags to give to our clients and their families on their birthdays. Thank you students for your time and effort to help make birthdays special for those in need in our community.



# NEEDS LIST

If you have any of these items, please drop them off at our store **when we are open**, or **at the Police Station**, Mon-Fri from 7am—5pm. All donations are tax-deductible.

## Appliances

Dehumidifier (5)  
 Dryer (2 apt)  
 Freezer (1)  
 Refrigerator (1)  
 Space Heater (1)  
 Vacuums (7)  
 Washer (1 reg)  
 Washer (1 apt)

## Furniture

Bed (6)  
 Crib (1)  
 Dressers (5)  
 Coffee/End Tables (4)  
 Chairs (4)  
 Couch (2)  
 Dining Set (1)

## Small Appliances

Fans (2)  
 DVD Player (1)  
**Sports Equipment**  
 Women's Bikes (3)  
 Boys/Men's Bike (1)  
 Exercise Ball (1)  
 Rt Hand BB Glove (child)

## Misc. Items

Drum Set (1)  
 Snow Blower (1)

## Store Needs

Hangers (Adult & Kids)  
 Postage (Postcard and First Class)  
 Hanging File Folders (Legal)

# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 English Grp Class 12:30-2:00pm Volunteer & Donations 5-7pm	2	3 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	4 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	5
6	7 Volunteer 8:30am-12:30pm CLIENT Shopping 5-8pm	8 English Group Class 12:30-2:00pm	9	10 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	11 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	12
13	14 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	15 English Grp Class 12:30-2:00pm Volunteer & Donations 5-7pm	16 CLIENT Shopping 10am-1pm	17 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	18 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	19 Volunteer/ Donations 9-11am Health Fair Village Center 9am-1pm
20	21 CLIENT Shopping 8:30am-12:30pm	22 English Grp Class 12:30-2:00pm	23 CLIENT Easter Meal Registration Deadline	24 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	25 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	26
27	28	29	30	31	April 1	
<b>Closed - No School!</b>						



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# Give an Easter Dinner & Spring Cleaning Bucket to a Waunakee Family!

Waunakee Neighborhood Connection (WNC) is partnering with our local SHARE organization, the Waunakee Village & Senior Center, State Bank of Cross Plains, Waunakee Schools, & Meffert Oil to provide spring cleaning buckets, Easter dinners, and car washes to families and seniors in need in the greater Waunakee area. With each donation of \$25.00, you can provide spring cleaning supplies & a bag of groceries for a wonderful meal which may include:



5lb. Honey Ham, Frozen Vegetables, Canned Pineapple Hot Rolls Mix, Cheese Spread, Sara Lee Wild Berry Pie, Assorted Fresh Fruits & Vegetables, & More

## Donation Deadline is April 30th

You can donate an Easter dinner online or via check. To make an online donation via a major credit card, bank account or PayPal account, visit our website. To donate via check detach and fill out the form below, enclose your check for \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25.00 per meal) made payable to Waunakee Neighborhood Connection, and mail both to the address listed. All donations are tax-deductible, and you will receive a tax donation receipt via mail or email. For more information about WNC, or our programs, please call us at (608) 849-5740, email us at [info@waunakeenc.com](mailto:info@waunakeenc.com) or visit:



[WWW.WAUNAKEENEIGHBORHOODCONNECTION.COM](http://WWW.WAUNAKEENEIGHBORHOODCONNECTION.COM)



Yes, I would love to donate \_\_\_\_\_ Easter dinner(s) and help out my Waunakee area neighbors. I have enclosed my check for \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25.00 per meal) payable to: Waunakee Neighborhood Connection.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please add my email address to your mailing list to receive your monthly newsletter.

Mail to: Waunakee Neighborhood Connection,  
215 S. Century Avenue, #316 Waunakee, Wisconsin 53597

WNC USE  
Newsletter

**A Bowl-A-Thon to benefit the  
Waunakee Neighborhood Connection!**

Form a team of 5 bowlers  
or become a donor. Goal of  
**\$100** to be raised by  
each bowler. (\$500 per team)

**Prizes awarded to top individual  
and team fundraisers!**

*Welcome,*  
**Bowlers of All Ages  
and Abilities!**

A great cause to help improve  
and create a difference  
in the lives of our Greater  
Waunakee Area Neighbors.



*Friends for Families*  
**BOWL★ATHON**  
*First Annual*

**Sunday April 10, 2011**  
at **WAUNABOWL**, Waunakee WI  
1:00 – 3:45pm

**Bowlers receive:** Free bowling, shoes, food,  
drinks, prizes, face painting and lots of fun.

**Contact:** Billy at 219-7621 or email [info@waunakeenc.com](mailto:info@waunakeenc.com) to request a  
team sign up sheet, pledge form or to become a donor. To learn more visit  
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