



ENNC News - November 2011 +

Letter from the Board

Hello Ladies!

We hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween. October was a busy month. It started off with an amazing Gourmet Club dinner with a terrific turnout. Thank you to Jen Coyte and Marcia Tincu for organizing a fun night with a delicious menu. The following day was our Second Annual Family Hayride, which was just as popular this year as it was last year! Everyone seemed to be having a lot of fun, whether they were on the hayride or just sitting around the campfire drinking hot chocolate. We'd like to thank Erica Mullins for all of her time and hard work that she put into organizing a wonderful event that the whole family could enjoy. Then of course there was the ever so fun and very popular KidStuff Halloween party at Lexington of Elmhurst. The afternoon consisted of Halloween stories, a magician, and a Halloween costume parade. Thank you to Anne Zimmer for organizing another great KidStuff outing and thanks to Lexington of Elmhurst and all of its residents for helping make the afternoon so special. And who says Halloween is just for kids? Thank you to all who joined us dressed in their Halloween best for our annual Couples Halloween Party at Doc Ryan's. Special thanks to Jeanine Grant and Kate Melzer for organizing another terrific party!

November has arrived, so let's continue the Fall fun! Please join us on Thursday, November 3rd, for our first Social Seminar, "It's in the Bag," based on the book of the same title. ENNC's Social Seminar organizer, Valeria Gutowski, will be demonstrating this quick and convenient bagging system that teaches how to prepare and store meals for future use. So come enjoy a glass of wine, sample some of the quick recipes, and learn something new.

As always our Interest Groups will continue to meet throughout the month. Make sure you check out a Bunco night or sign up to help with some of the Community Service activities going on in November and December. There's something for everyone. Be sure to check our Calendar of Events at www.ENNC.org for a complete list.

We look forward to seeing you at our November events. Enjoy the rest of Fall and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

- From the ENNC Board

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Events This Month:

November 3rd:

*Social Seminar:
"It's In The Bag"*

November 10th:

*Kai & Kate Couture
Fundraiser*

November 14th & 16th:

*KidStuff:
Music Together Class*

Past Event Highlights

Gourmet Club: Fall Dishes

A delicious time was had by all at the first Gourmet Club dinner of the season. The event was well attended, with approximately 66 people at six host houses. The menu featured Fall flavors and even included edible calendula blossoms for the pear salad. We would like to thank all of our hosts and guests, especially the Vackos for opening their lovely new home for dessert. Our next event will be January 14th, 2012, so mark your calendars!



Fall Family Hay Ride

A great turnout (almost 90 people) and lots of fun for all of the ENNC members and their children that attended the 2nd Annual Fall Family Hayride! The kiddies had a great time petting the horses, roasting marshmallows and running around. The weather was perfect, and we hope for another great hayride in 2012.



KidStuff Halloween Party

A ghoulish good time was had by all at the KidStuff Halloween party held at Lexington of Elmhurst. The event came complete with Halloween stories, games, a kooky magician, and snacks, all while fostering an understanding and appreciation for Elmhurst's more senior residents amongst some of Elmhurst's youngest residents.

Couples Halloween Party 2011



Sign up to be a volunteer for one of the many exciting ENNC events. Contact Mary Beth Lucas at mbblucas@gmail.com for more info.

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Upcoming Events

"It's In the Bag" Social Seminar

Date: Thursday, November 3rd
Time: 6-8pm
Location: Yorkfield Presbyterian Church,
1099 S. York Road, Elmhurst

Join us on Thursday November 3rd to learn the "it's IN the BAG" system, a new, easy, affordable, and doable approach to food storage. This interactive seminar will give you recipe ideas for meals that can be stored for months and can be ready at a moments notice. No more worries about power outages. No more running to the store at the last minute. No more worries about unexpected visitors! This system will give you tips to organize and store pre-measured, all-ingredients-included meals in simple bags. Come join us! We will share recipes, storage tips, and have a cooking demonstration. For any questions, please contact Valeria Gutowski at valeria.frumento@gmail.com.

Shop Kie & Kate Couture Fundraiser

Date: Thursday, November 10th
Time: 7-10pm
Location: Kie & Kate Couture, 559 Spring Road, Elmhurst

Come on out to Kie & Kate Couture's new storefront location and shop fabulous finds during ENNC's *Shop Kie & Kate Couture* Fundraiser! Start crossing off your holiday gift lists and purchase adorable children's & women's wear, jewelry, purses and more. And 10% of the sales will go back to benefit ENNC! BYOB and ENNC will provide the munchies. Open to ENNC and the public, so be sure to invite family and friends along for this night of fashion and fun!

Oscar Night Hostess Help:

If you would like to volunteer to host our Oscar Night LNO on February 26th, please contact Michelle Spizziri (michelle.spizziri@cookcountyil.gov), Gretchen Meurer (gkmeurer@hotmail.com) or Marsha Matthews (matt4il@att.net.com) for details.

Community Service

Thanksgiving

November 19th and 20th we will be collecting food and grocery gift cards to go toward Thanksgiving baskets for those in need. You can drop off gift cards at any ENNC event or at Amy Reshamwala's house.

Monday, November 21st, we will be assembling and loading the Thanksgiving Baskets at IC.

9am-1pm: Volunteers needed to help assemble baskets.

4-6 pm: Volunteers needed to help load baskets into vehicles.

Please contact Amy Reshamwala if you are interested in volunteering (amyresham@sbcglobal.net).

Christmas

Christmas Giving Tree

ENNC members can pick up gift tags with a requested item from families in need and PADS homeless persons. Items can be dropped off at Amy Reshamwala's house before December 10th. Further information will be on the ENNC website under Community Service.

Thinking Ahead...

Please mark your calendars--ENNC will be providing dinner for 50 homeless persons at a PADS shelter on **Saturday, January 28th**. We will need your help!

More details to come.

Eco Tip of the Season

During this holiday season (and every season), it's important to **really** think about your purchases. Do you really need it? Is it something you could get second hand? Could you simply fix-up something you already have? Could you make it or upcycle something instead of buying it. Too often we buy things on impulse (think Target). Try this: when the urge to buy something pops into your head, wait two weeks before you decide to buy it. This will help eliminate impulse buys, which in turn helps the environment, and your purse!

New ENNC Members

Keep your eyes peeled for the Membership Directory coming soon! In the meantime, we'd like to welcome the newest ENNC members:

Julie Barton	Jenny Koerth	Kristy Novak
Margy Baumrucker	Leonore Kranov	Anne O'Neal
Kristen Bohlin	Cynde LaFaire	Naoko Ostermann
Carrie Brasser	Kristin Lamb	Natalie Moran
Beth Breen	Kelly Langworthy	Parrillo
Traci Breen	Tamara Larma	Kelly Perry
Missy Bretl	Nicole Leischner	Megan Phillips
Katie Bryk	Shereen Mady	Sarah Porterfield
Daphne Bukowski	Jill Mahalas	Mandy Puchalski
Mina Caputo	Julia Markos	Sarah Rychley
Kim Carlton	Katie Martinelli	Jeannette Smith
Kristi Cefolia	Pam Mattson	Jennifer Spagnolo
Michelle Conroy	Jennifer Mauck	Linda Sterchele
Nikki Dolvig	Andrea Maurey	Rachel Stockard
Karen Dorer	Sheila McCue	Melissa Suopys
Jennifer Duncan	Anne McPartin	Kathleen Tomei
Abby Favro	Kelly Megyese	Irina Turco
Kimberly Ferraro	Kelly Messacar	Jenny Uhl
Jennifer Frazer	Diane Meyer	Julie Vacko
Cecilia Freitag	Paula Mikulak	Karly Vocalino
Anita Hakin	Carla Miller	Stephanie
Dawn Helm	Jennifer Mirante	Wieczorek
Maria Herrick	Joanna Morrissey	Christine
Lynn Hickey	Sheila Mueller	Witherow
Sarah Honold	Allison Muller	Danielle Young
Christina Kanno	Carey Murphy	Nicole Young
Jamee Kenny	Rachel Myers	Laura Zehner
Lynn Kerby	Vanitha Nama-Lanoue	Kelly Zownorega
Kate Kocinski	Caroline Nero	

Interest Groups

Participation in an Interest Group is a great way to meet new people and socialize. Join one of our groups today!

Bunco

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NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!! Bunco is a fun and social dice game involving 100% luck. Bunco evenings provide a wonderful opportunity to eat, drink and make new friends (or see old ones). As an added bonus, you may even win some money! Winners get prize money for various categories (including the biggest loser!). Each month, a member hosts and everyone helps by providing snacks and refreshments, as well as contributing \$10 to the prize kitty. We currently offer Bunco twice a month, depending on demand. This month, Bunco will meet on November 16th and 17th. Keep your eyes open for the evite. You are not required to participate every month (but you will probably wish you could)! And members are welcome to join Bunco at any point during the year. For more information or to join, please contact Connie Watkins.

Book Club

Michelle Spizzirri

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Do you love to read? Do you enjoy making new friends? ENNC Book Club is a great way to do both at the same time! Our November meeting is Tuesday, November 29th, from 7:30-9:30pm. It will be a holiday-themed book with lots of eggnog to go around. Still looking for a host house for this event. Contact Michelle at the above email if you'd like to host. Book Club will not meet in December, but will kick off again in the New Year.

Chick Flicks

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Keeping in mind the busy holiday season, ChickFlicks has decided to combine both months into one event. Join us on Friday, December 9th (theater & time TBA) for the film *New Year's Eve*. This all-star, romantic comedy is directed by Garry Marshall of *Pretty Woman* and *Valentine's Day* fame. The film celebrates love, hope, forgiveness, second chances and fresh starts in intertwining stories told amidst the pulse and promise of New York City on the most dazzling night of the year. See the official movie website (NewYearsEve-Movie.com) for more details.

Please check the ENNC website & your evite for more information about the specifics for the movie and socializing location.

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Golf Club

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As we move into Fall and Winter weather, the Golf Group will try to remain active. If we have a spurt of warm weather, we will try to arrange a tee time. We may also arrange some group events at indoor driving ranges and practice greens. To be added to the Golf distribution list, email Jan Summers at jcsummers13@gmail.com. Hope to see you on the links!



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Gourmet Club

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Gourmet Club is a great way to meet new people and socialize with some familiar faces, all while enjoying delicious food throughout the year. The theme this year is *Seasons*, and our second menu will feature Winter food! No culinary experience is needed...our Gourmet Club chairpersons provide each couple with recipes to prepare from a fixed menu. Couples meet at one home for appetizers through the main course. Numerous dinner parties are held the night of the event. Then all dinner guests meet at one member's home for dessert and drinks...one big party to cap off the evening! The remaining schedule is: **Jan. 14th, April 21st, and June 23rd (Saturdays)**. Please save the dates. If you are available to be a host or dessert house host for any of the scheduled dinners throughout the year, please contact Jen or Marcia.

KidStuff

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For those who have experienced Music Together of Oak Brook & Elmhurst, you know how fortunate we are to have Miss Lisa and Miss Brenna. For those who have not, you're in for a real treat! Music Together is an internationally recognized early childhood music and movement program for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarteners, and the adults who love them. First offered to the public in 1987, it pioneered the concept of a research-based, developmentally appropriate early childhood music curriculum that strongly emphasizes and facilitates adult involvement. Music Together classes are based on the recognition that all children are musical. All children can learn to sing in tune, keep a beat, and participate with confidence in the music of our culture, provided that their early environment supports such learning. Two sessions are being offered: Monday, November 14th @ 3:30pm with Miss Lisa and Wednesday, November 16th @ 10:15am with Miss Brenna. Participation is limited to 20 per session. Please RSVP via the Socializr invite.

Meals for Members

Jill Buhrfiend

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Meals for Members is a benefit to members who have just welcomed a new baby or are going through a difficult time due to illness or other hardship. Volunteers provide meals for members and their families to help ease the load of bringing home baby, caring for a loved one, or dealing with an unexpected difficult situation. If you need meals or want to be on the list of volunteers, contact the Jill at the info. above.

Playgroups

Betsy Markwald

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Playgroups have been formed and have hit the ground running! It's never too late to join in the fun. If you are still interested in joining a playgroup, please contact Betsy Markwald at betsymarkwald@yahoo.com or at (630) 865-2805.

Running Club

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The club provides a support network to our members who want to socialize, get a quick workout, or to train to participate in an ENNC team event or other local running events. A schedule with member contact information and designated places and times to meet will be distributed to members each month. The schedule and group is established based on availability and interest of running members, and where possible, smaller groups may be created based on location in town and time of day. Currently running club is meeting on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. If you are interested in joining the group, please email Cassie for more details.

Please notify Membership if you change your contact information at any time.

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ENNC Santagrams

Ho! Ho! Ho! How would your child like a personalized letter from Santa, straight from the North Pole? ENNC is once again excited to offer our little ones Letters From Santa! Each letter will be written on special holiday paper and will be postmarked from the North Pole! Have more than one child at the same address? No worries. They will each receive a different letter. Watch for order instructions and deadlines to be sent out via e-mail soon!

- Elmhurst Websites:**
 Ennc – ennc.org
 City of Elmhurst – elmhurst.org
 City Centre – elmhurstcitycentre.com
 Historical Museum – elmhursthistory.org
 Park District – epd.org
 Public Librry – elmhurstpubliclibrary.org
 Spring Road of Elmhurst – springroad.com
 Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce – elmhurstchamber.org

Save The Date

Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 10th, 9-11am

Gourmet Club: Winter Dishes

Saturday, January 14th, 7pm

November Calendar

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