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Essex Auxiliary Newsletter

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Dear Members and Friends,

We have made it through January and while MANY of our friends are sunning in the Southern latitudes, someone needs to hold down the "fort." So here I sit with my puppy snoozing after chasing Jenny, the black kitty around the yard all morning. Fun that it is not 8 degrees today. I keep asking myself "what was wrong with living in Florida?" Well the truth be told, yes, I had blue skies and palm trees, but I did not have a wealth of friends that I found in Essex. You all are the warmth that we need for each other, day in and day out. "True Love is Friendship set on Fire".

And just a few quotes:

"Love is a perfume that you cannot pour on others without spilling a little on yourself."

"Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own."

"Love unexpressed is useless." Do share your love!!!

"A loving heart will often sigh." Listen to your friends and do not hesitate to give a hug. It is a free gift.

Off we go into another new year. As predicted Eric Anderson is collecting boxes for intake, our Holiday House Tour Team is very organized.

There will not be a Spring Fashion Show and we do not have a spring or summer event yet. So ladies put on your creative hats. Does not need to be a huge event. Something fun for all and raise some \$\$\$ for the agency.

I wish I could fly off to see my mother. We know that cannot happen. I do have crazy dreams of me sitting on the bench in front of the 3rd tee in front of her home and watching me walk to mother's with my blue and orange outfit. She loved those colors and I loved her. Those were my happy days. I am sure you all remember yours.

Please do share your hugs. Remember they are free, and we all need them.

*Always,
Pat*

Auxiliary Meeting ~ Essex Yacht Club

Tuesday, February 19

5:30 p.m. Social | 6:00 Meeting

C&FA Annual Sale and Essex Intake



Spring is right around the corner as the Essex auxiliary plans for our spring event. Intake at the Essex Town Hall for Child & Family's Annual Sale will be on **April 17 from 10 am to 5pm**. The Annual Sale is tentatively scheduled for the first week of May.

We need your help to collect and sort donations. At the March, and April meetings, signup sheets will be passed out and you may request a specific "department" to volunteer, with a morning or afternoon shift. Also, please bring any valuable furs, jewelry silver to the meetings so they might be cleaned and appraised beforehand.

This is a wonderful opportunity to go through drawers, closets etc. and bring us your donations. Remember, we take the "BEST", like almost new clothing, housewares, books, linens holiday decorations and jewelry. A full list will be available.

Our best,
Mauriane Smith (203) 848-9760
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Committee Co-chairs

Welcome to New and Prospective Members

The Essex Auxiliary's Spring Wine and Conversation will take place on **Wednesday, April 3rd** at Essex Place. Connie Connors will be our hostess. This is an opportunity for our newest members and potential members to learn more about the Child & Family Agency as well as our great auxiliary! Look for more information in our March Newsletter.

The Membership Committee

Calendar of Events

February 19	Monthly Meeting – Essex Yacht Club
March 12	Monthly Meeting – Essex Yacht Club
April 9	Monthly Meeting – Essex Yacht Club
April 17	Intake – Essex Town Hall
May 21	Monthly Meeting – Essex Yacht Club
June 18	June Pot Luck – Location TBA



Bring a birthday bag to our February meeting!

Our birthday bag contributions make birthdays special for Child & Family children over the coming months.

A Birthday Bag "Kit" Contains:

- 'Party' bag
- Packages of 8 each:
 - Kids' theme (Frozen, Spiderman, etc.)
 - Small Plates, Napkins, and Cups
 - 1 box cake mix
 - 1 tub ready-to-spread frosting
 - EZ Foil cupcake tins (set of 2)
 - Paper Cupcake liners (if not included with tins)
 - Candles

Please do not include: balloons, hats with elastic, blowers, etc. This is for safety reasons, and to keep the contents consistent.

If you would like a birthday bag shopper, contact Louisa Ketron at 860-395-7967 or louisaket@comcast.net to make arrangements.