

# THE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK OF MIAMI TRAILS

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Hi All,

Do the chilly temperatures have you stuck in the house, with not enough snow to keep the kids occupied outside? Then join us for a Couples' night out at the "Wine/Beers Around the World" party! For the ladies, we also have the annual For the Fund of It party, put on by our Outreach Committee, supporting Ohio Valley Voices. More details on these great events can be found within this newsletter!

There will be lots of brightly colored Easter eggs for the kids when the Easter Bunny makes his annual appearance at our NNMT sponsored Easter Egg Hunt! This year's event will be held Saturday, March 20th (rain date: 3/21). Despite often chilly temperatures, the kids always have a blast – so join us for this All Neighborhood event. Look for more details soon.

As usual, the holiday season was busy for NNMT and necessitates several thank yous. First, a thank you to Lynn Sanzone (our Secret Visitor Chair), to the Men-in-Red & their drivers, and to all the elves that helped create priceless memories with our annual "secret visitor" event. Another thanks goes out to the many NNMT members who donated time, gifts and wrapping paper to the Loveland Initiative's Toy Store. Finally, the NNMT Holiday Party proved to be a great release from holiday stress. Thanks to hostess Emily Venosa for opening up her home to us again this year.

Please be on the lookout for Evites to our upcoming events!

Stay warm!

Amy Crawford and Jacque Connors

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Board Meeting  
March 10th  
Linda Riley will host

For the Fund of It Party  
Monday Feb. 8th  
for Ohio Valley Voices

Wine & Beers Around the World  
Couples Party  
Saturday Feb. 20th

# OUTREACH UPDATES

## Upcoming Events:

### For the Fund of It

(benefiting Ohio Valley Voices)

Let's raise some \$\$\$ for Ohio Valley Voices !!!!

Please join us at Laura Main's house (6573 Trailwoods Drive) on Monday February 8, 2010 at 7:00 pm for drinks & appetizers.

Someone from Ohio Valley Voices will be there to speak to us and answer questions about this year's charity.

Any donation amount would be greatly appreciated or just come for some fun!

### Cool school lunches

Thank you for all volunteers that have helped with lunches this year. We have all dates filled through March. Juliet will be sending out dates needed for April and May as time gets closer.

### Meals for Ronald McDonald Families

The NNMT will be providing a meal for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House near Cincinnati Children's Hospital in the month of MAY. Volunteers will be needed for shopping and cooking. Exact date to follow!

### Butterfly Walk for CancerFree Kids

Saturday May 8th 9am-2pm. Great family outing supporting a worthy cause. Information to join the Miami Trails team will be coming soon!

*Thanks for  
your help!*

### Holiday Toy Drive

Thanks to Joanne Stallman for heading this again and for all the other vounteers that helped out. We received about the same number of donated toys as in years past and NNMT donated some gift cards as well.



# SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

## Upcoming Events:

### Beers/Wines around the World Party

Sat 2/20 7:30-11pm at the Riley's house - 1223 Ridgewood Drive  
Evite has already been sent out and RSVP deadline is 2/12.

### Easter Egg Hunt

3/20 with rain date of 3/21. Look for event details and sign up information coming soon.

### Ladies Night Out

Hoping to plan a night out at local restaurant for sometime in March. Evite to come.

### Cooking Class

Tentative plans for an April class - it will be warming up and we can think about spring foods!

## Highlights of Recent Events:

### Secret Visitor

62 families participated in the magical night of a visit from Santa. We hope all of the participating families enjoyed having the "Secret Visitor" stop by! What a wonderful perk of living in our neighborhood & being an NNMT member – having Santa come to your home!

On behalf of the entire NNMT, we would like to thank Lynn Sanzone – Chair for this event & her Committee members Megan Graff and Jenny Hawksworth for all the coordination of this wonderful event for our kids! All the families enjoyed seeing the surprise & delight in their children's eyes when SANTA showed up at their door! We have had much positive feedback about all the terrific Santas – so thank you to all the Dads who volunteered & their wonderful drivers, too!



# SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

## Holiday Party

Thank you Emily Venosa for hosting such a fun evening and Yankee Swap at your festive home! We had a good turnout for this party/meeting with ~ 26 attendees.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget to check our website for current events.

[www.nnmt.org](http://www.nnmt.org)

Join our NNMT page on Facebook for up to date information and more pictures!

Members can contact Shelly LeBlanc at ([srleblanc@mac.com](mailto:srleblanc@mac.com)) to join.

## For sale:

For sale: Cast aluminum (will not rust) Woodard outdoor 48" round table and 4 chairs. Like brand new. Call Anne Muccio 774-8479.

The Miami Trails Playgroup is a great opportunity for neighbors to come together, have some fun and let kids be kids. It meets every Friday morning from 10:00 to 12:00. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact John Hentz at 677-1270 or at [TheHentzes@cinci.rr.com](mailto:TheHentzes@cinci.rr.com)

## Advertise in NNMT Business Directory:

We are planning to do another Business Directory. Hard copies will be provided in the Welcome Packets Electronic version will be sent to all NNMT members & posted to website

If you have your own business and you would like to advertise it in the NNMT business directory contact us at [neighborhood\\_net@yahoo.com](mailto:neighborhood_net@yahoo.com)

Eric's Bar Mitzvah coat drive was a huge success. We had piles of coats from friends and neighbors and then two huge barrels full from guests at our event.

Eric and I would like to thank everyone who dropped off coats. We completely filled up the back of the mini van and delivered the coats on December 21st. The coats went to three different places. The Bethany House, Walnut Hills Soup Kitchen and The Mercy Franciscan St. John. All three were very appreciative and looking forward to distributing the coats to those in need.

Thanks Again,  
Susan & Eric Shokler

## Meals for

Moms/Neighbors

Please contact Alison Hollander ([along23@msn.com](mailto:along23@msn.com)) if you know of a NNMT expecting Mom or any other NNMT member in need of meals.

For Sale: Solid Wood Lexington Brand bunk beds. Need a tad of touch up (originally was white enamel). Come with Bunkie boards, just need twin mattresses (current mattresses free upon request). Asking \$100. Photos e-mailed upon request.

Call or e-mail (preferred) Francie at 583-5202 or email at [franciebizz@cinci.rr.com](mailto:franciebizz@cinci.rr.com).