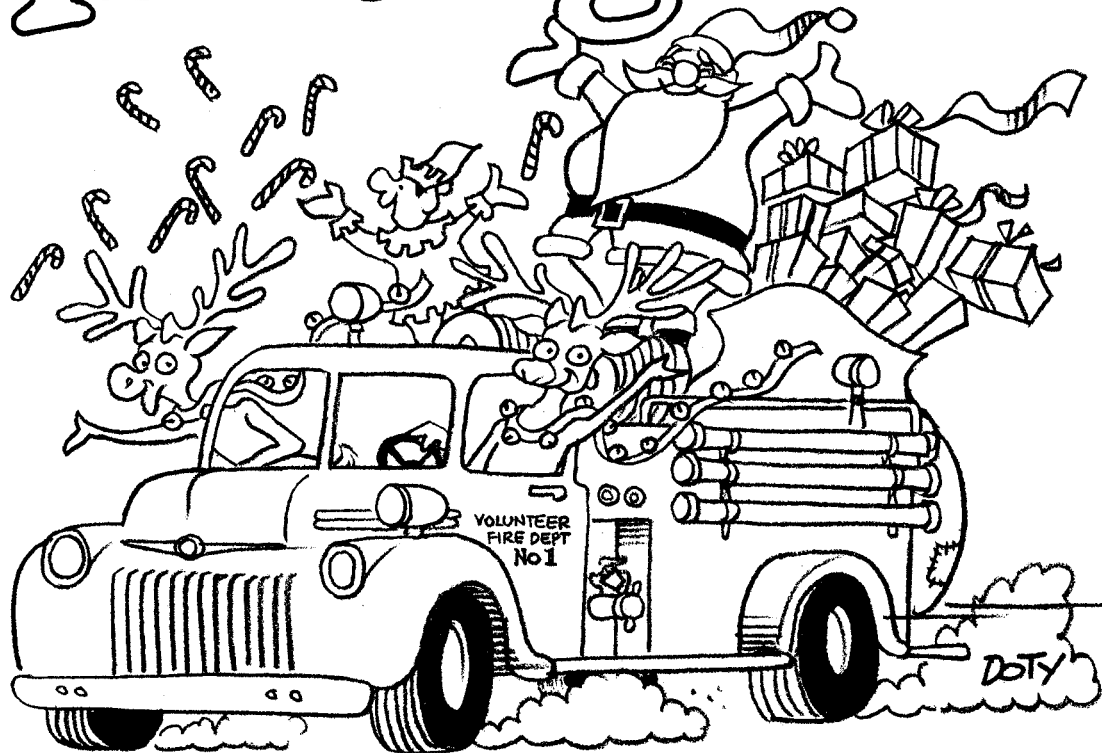

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SANTA CLAUS ARRIVES ON THE Fire Engine!



DEC. 24th

3:30 pm

**SILVERMINE TAVERN
PARKING LOT**

A Silvermine Tradition for SCA Members Santa Claus Is Coming!

One of the oldest traditions in Silvermine is the arrival of Santa Claus on Christmas Eve at the Silvermine Tavern parking lot. This celebration has become the most popular event on our community calendar.

And, having received word from the North Pole, we are happy to report that once again, Santa will arrive on the SCA Antique Fire Truck. This year's festivities will begin **promptly at 3:30 P.M.** As usual,

there will be lots of hot chocolate for everyone around the roaring bonfire in the Silvermine

Tavern parking lot (courtesy of Frank and Marsha Whitman), while season's greetings are exchanged by all who attend.

For those who are new to the community (and for those who need a reminder for this once-a-year event), this is the way things work: During the morning of the 24th, and most **certainly before 2:00 P.M.**, you sneak away to the Silvermine Tavern front porch, where you will find a large box awaiting the arrival of your child's gift. **Label** the gift with **your child's name in large block letters. Tie multiple gifts together.** (Occasionally, Santa has been known to forget his spectacles and he doesn't want any child to worry about being forgotten.)

Later that afternoon, at approximately 3:40 P.M., you'll hear the jolly sound of Santa ringing bells from the back of the SCA Antique Fire Truck as he rounds the corner into the

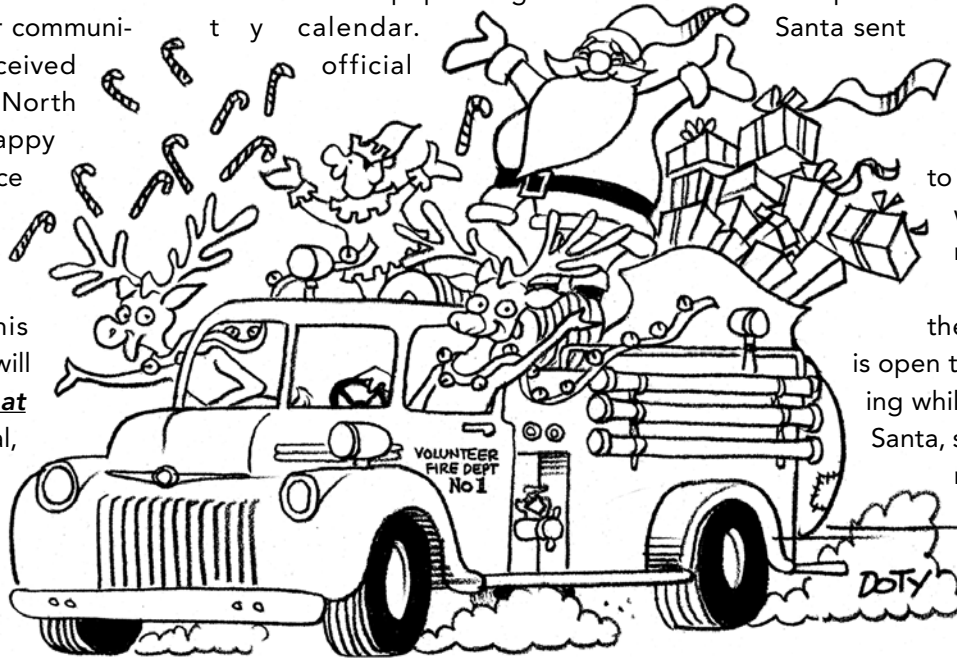
Tavern parking lot. For the next hour or so, the air will be filled with the merry sound of children's excited voices as gifts are opened and admired. And yes, Santa sent a message again this year, saying the elves will be handing out candy canes to all those youngsters waiting to hear their names called!

On Christmas Eve, the Silvermine Tavern is open to the public for dining while we celebrate with Santa, so we have made arrangements for Santa to arrive at the back of the parking lot where there is room for everyone. **Please**

park in the lower section of the parking lot, down by the street, and walk to the back of the parking lot to greet Santa!

Don't miss this very special annual tradition. Plan to join the festivities on **Monday, December 24th at 3:30 P.M. in the Silvermine Tavern parking lot.** Be sure to dress for the weather. In years past, Silvermine has resembled the North Pole!

This event is for SCA members only. If you haven't joined yet, do so before you drop off your gifts!



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Silvermine Holiday Gifts

Looking for that perfect gift for a family member, friend, or neighbor? Think of the Silvermine Swan! You can buy T-shirts, mugs, aprons, clocks, baby clothes—even a journal—all featuring the Silvermine Swan! Visit www.silverminenews.com to see the Silvermine Online store. Put a swan under the tree this year!

Monthly Board Meetings

Monthly Board Meetings are typically held at 7:30 P.M. on the first Wednesday of the month at the Silvermine Tavern. They are open to all and—thanks to Frank Whitman, proprietor of the Silvermine Tavern—coffee and cookies are often provided.

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Brian Walker and his brother Gregg write "Hi and Lois." Brian is a Silvermine resident and has his office above the Silvermine Market.


Helping Silvermine Look Beautiful The Fall Trash Walk

It was a glorious autumn day on Sunday, October 19, when more than thirty Silverminers met at the Silvermine School in Norwalk to pick up the garbage bags and gloves necessary to collect the accumulated garbage littering our roads.

Peter Viteretto welcomed everyone and assigned streets to be covered. Some of the neighbors participating were: David Borglum, Lynn Burke, Lisa and Hanna Cannella, Giancarlo and Annamaria Ceci, Anna Duleep, Bruce and Sue Cruikshank, Anne Dayton, Marianne Howatson and family, Ken Kubris, Pattie Lasillo, Matt Di Mattio, Adolf and Gloria Moderland, David Olson, Jessica and Lucia Rascionato, Eleanor Sasso, Jessica Schmidt, Caroline and Katherine Viteretto, Gerry Werner, Melissa Wilson, Diane Wodey, and others.

We thank all who attended for their generous efforts, which produced several air conditioners, car batteries, chairs, large scrap metal, many cans and bottles, and assorted garbage—totaling in all more than 50 bags or garbage!

We hope that one day soon, we will have "No Littering" signs with a hefty fine posted throughout Silvermine to act as a deterrent to littering and to preserve its beauty. Meanwhile, watch for another Trash Walk in the spring.



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January 23, 2009 Silvermine Pot Luck Dinner!

Join Us for SCA's Old Fashioned Pot Luck Dinner January 23, 2009!

Remember all those church suppers with dishes ranging from macaroni to brisket? Well, in the spirit of community, dust off your cookbooks and find a favorite recipe to share!



The Silvermine Community Association is hosting its first Old Fashioned Pot Luck Dinner on January 23rd at the Silvermine Guild. What a perfect site and time of the year to throw off winter doldrums and "break bread" with your neighbors. Although we're still in the planning mode, the evening will start off with a social hour in the Guild's Gallery at 6:30 followed by a delicious Pot Luck Dinner. Your dinner beverage is BYOB. Seating is limited and entrance is \$10 per person plus a potluck food contribution, of course.

Please keep in mind when planning your pot luck contribution that heating facilities (stoves, ovens, microwaves, etc.) will not be available at the Silvermine Guild. Selection of food contribution will be confirmed closer to the January 9 cut-off date. Questions, suggestions and **especially your offers to help** are welcomed! For questions and suggestions, please contact Janet Fisher (846-8629), janetsue183@optonline.net or Judy Cornier (849-0057) at cornier123@optonline.net.

Register Now!

The reservations and payment deadline is January 9. Sign up early to avoid the disappointment of missing this fun and casual evening. Register early! We expect a sell-out. Seating is on a first sign-up basis. Please reserve now online using PayPal or a credit card or mail the registration form below plus your check to:

SCA c/o Janet Fisher
183 Perry Avenue
Norwalk, Ct. 06850

Name(s): _____ Number in Party: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

- I/We Will Bring:
- Appetizer for 10-12 people
 - Side/Salad for 10-12 people
 - Main Dish for 8-10 people
 - Dessert for 10-12 people

If you already know what you'll bring, please describe it here: _____

The "Helping Hands" Program

SCA HELPS SILVERMINERS IN NEED

When the first annual SCA Wine Tasting event was first conceived, the tremendous enthusiasm it promoted, both from volunteers and attendees, was in large part because it was designated as a fundraiser to help our neighbor Silverminers in need.

Soon after the last drop of wine was enjoyed and net profits of \$8000 were counted, Eleanor Sasso, Chair for the Wine Tasting and the Helping Hands program, began to meet with the Social Services Directors of Norwalk, New Canaan, and Wilton to determine where the need was greatest.



Eleanor Sasso, Chair of Helping Hands, presenting checks to Laura Epstein (left) and Carol McDonald (right).

As many of the federal, state and local programs have had budget cuts, there were more local families, individuals, and seniors than in previous years facing near desperate financial and physical situations.

We would like to be able to give to everyone in need, but with limited funds, choices had to be made and the first choice was to focus on folks within the Silvermine boundaries.

Laura Epstein, Director of Senior and Disabled Services for Norwalk (there is no Social Services Director in Norwalk); Carol McDonald, Director of Human Services for New Canaan; and Cathy Pierce, Director of Social Services in Wilton were contacted. The Helping Hands program was discussed in detail and we joined forces to locate those folks who had the most urgent needs. In early October, Eleanor handed checks to Laura and Carol for immediate dispersal. Here's what those

disbursements allowed:

In the Norwalk portion of Silvermine:

- A frail woman, 86 years old, blind, and not able to pay her fuel bills has received financial relief
- Another frail woman, 84 years old, with multiple health problems, is now attending Elderhouse.
- An elderly couple, victims of much misfortune, mentally and physically exhausted, are now attending Waveny.



In the New Canaan portion of Silvermine:

- A single mom and two children, victims of domestic violence, with no child support, are now receiving assistance with their electric and oil bills.
- A couple in their 80's, who have lived in New Canaan for 50 years, and are now trying to survive on social security with their disabled son, are receiving assistance with their energy bills.

What else is there to say except this: Help us to ease the suffering of those not as fortunate as ourselves by generously supporting our second annual Wine Tasting fundraiser in June of 2009!

For more information on how you can help NOW, contact Eleanor Sasso—(203) 762-0216, easasso@optonline.net.

Call to Artists: Fifth Annual SCA Artists-in-Residence Show



The Silvermine Artists-in-Residence have an upcoming exhibition at the Silvermine Tavern from Sunday, February 22 to Saturday, March 7. The show is open to all artists in the Silvermine community, in all media, and has a signup deadline of January 26. Art for the show will be received on Saturday, February 21. A reception will be held in conjunction with the SCA's "Meet and Mingle" party on February 27 (tentative date, check website).

For information, contact Dave Muessel at 972-3762 or at dmuessel@iglls.com. Use "SCA Art Show" as the subject for an e-mail. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and the medium of your art.

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January 1 through December 31, 2009



Send this form and your membership dues to:

The Silvermine Community Association
c/o The Silvermine Tavern
194 Perry Ave.
Norwalk, CT 06850

2009 Household Membership Dues	\$ 25.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
SCA's "Helping Hands" Fund	\$ _____
General Contribution	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town & ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

(None of the above information will be shared with any other organization.)

Yes, I'd like to help the SCA reduce mailing costs by receiving the Newsletter via e-mail.

Please contact me, I'd like to work on the following committee(s)/events:

- Membership Family Events Pancake Breakfast
- SilverMiler Beautification Wine Tasting
- Website Updates Pot Luck Dinner Silvermine Board
- Trash Walk Outreach Other

For membership matters, contact:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/24** Santa in Silvermine
- 1/7** Open Monthly Board Meeting
- 1/23** Pot Luck Dinner at the Guild
- 2/4** Open Monthly Board Meeting
- 2/21** Artists-in-Residence Art Show Set Up
- 2/22** Artists-in-Residence Art Show Opening
- 2/27** Artists-in-Residence Art Show Meet & Mingle
(Tentative, check Website)
- 3/4** Open Monthly Board Meeting
- 3/7** Artists-in-Residence Art Show Closes
- 3/8** Artists-in-Residence Art Show Tear Down
- 3/25** Silvermine History Dinner
(Tentative, check Website)
- 4/4** Pancake Breakfast