

# The Crib Sheet

**The Crèche, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 601, Jamestown, NY 14702**

**Sept. 2013**  
**Elizabeth Snow, President**

## *A Note From Our President...*

Dear Crèche Members,

It has been a whirlwind start to a new year! I didn't really know all the things a President must do to ensure a smooth-running organization. I also forgot the help that is needed to get it all done. So before I move on, I want to thank the entire board, the trustees and all the members who give so much and have such a passion for Crèche!

### **BIG THANKS**

This year, we welcomed several new members on the Crèche board. Jeanne Holmes (Investigating), Anne Mathis (Social), Kathy Geary (Sewing), and Elizabeth Rankin (Fall Sale). We are so happy and thank them for their enthusiasm and support! After the board and trustee meetings, it was time to tackle the yearbook. Thanks to Megan Olson, Valerie Scarpino and Melanie Gritters for reviewing dates, times, places, emails & phone numbers. It was almost perfect....if you find any corrections, please let us know!

### **NEW FRIENDS**

Next up was an introduction to Chautauqua Tapestry. Amy Turner and I met with Rachel Ludwig to discuss how we could mutually benefit from collaborating with the wonderful group of nonprofits that interact to help the children of Chautauqua County. One nonprofit is the Child Advocacy Program. Executive Director Jana McDermott gave us a wonderful tour of their newly expanded facility last week. Crèche will work with CAP with the Teddy Bears and Blankets program. These items are given to foster children when they are taken out of their homes.

We are also working with the Gustavus and Deanne Shelters to provide items such as shoes, clothing and eyeglasses for children from Jamestown area schools. The Relief Zone (Frewsburg) now runs the former Reach-Out Program. Crèche members Carol Evans and Dodie Glatz played a big part in past Reach-Out Ministries projects and many of you donated the "Party in a Bag".

Members of the Community Service, Investigating and Special Projects Committees will be working with these new friends this year.

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## **CRÈCHE TRI-ANNUAL**

**Thurs. May 9, 2013**  
**1st Presbyterian Church**  
**509 Prendergast Ave.**

**Board of Directors 6:00 P.M.**  
**Tri-Annual Meeting 7:00 P.M.**

*You are cordially invited to:*

- *Reconnect with your Crèche friends and meet new ones!*
- *Hear Rachel Ludwig of Chautauqua Tapestry*
- *Enter for a chance to WIN a great Raffle gift!*
- *Hear reports of what YOUR organization has accomplished.*

## Investigating Committee



**... and a *Baby Shower!***  
***Investigating is always in need of items to include with a crib. Please remember to bring your gifts of crib sheets, blankets and diapers: size 1-newborn for our inventory to the Tri-Annual on Thursday, May 9. Thank***

***you...we appreciate your donation!***

The Investigating Committee handled 6 new cases from various agencies during the month of March. Two cribs and mattresses were delivered to the case worker from Chautauqua Opportunities for unwed mothers living solely on public assistance. Another crib and mattress was given to the CPS/Preventive Unit for a mother with 3 children. Recently homeless, she had just secured housing and was looking to "house" her newborn in a crib. The case workers expressed deep gratitude and appreciation for all that the members of Crèche do to create a safer environment for children.

Two sets of sheets and blankets were pulled from inventory for an unwed mother with four children who lives on a monthly income of just \$130. The PACERS representative told me that the mother was VERY thankful. Another case involved a 5th grade boy who had scoliosis surgery in Philadelphia. The mother needed gas money to help pay fuel expenses. A \$50 Kwik Fill Gas Card was purchased and mailed to her advocate, a past social worker at WCA. Our third request was for clothing for the children (ages 9, 3 and one month) of an unemployed, single mother of three. Clothes were pulled from inventory and given to the two youngest children. Clothing was purchased at Ebe's for the oldest boy as there were no sizes for him available in our inventory.

Our Committee would like to thank our members for **ALL** their contributions to Crèche. Without your monetary gifts and donations, the Investigating Committee could not successfully function!  
Keep up the good work!

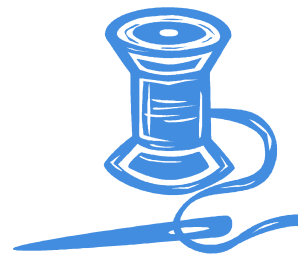
**Marty Carcione, Kristen Kreinheder and Jeanne Holmes**  
*Investigating Chairpersons*

## Attention all Sewers:

Gowns still need to be sewn. Kits including instructions, a sample and two gowns (with the sleeves already pinned in) will be available at the May and September Tri-Annual meetings. If you are willing to sew at home, please pick up your gowns at the next meeting. Call Cindy Rodgers at home at 665-4424 if you'd like items to be delivered to you instead. WCA is always asking us for burial gowns and the committee will assemble kits for anyone willing to work on over the summer.

Three Lenten sewing meetings were scheduled in February and March. Members of the Sewing Committee, 11 active members, three associate and two non-members participated. Twenty gowns were delivered to WCA. Many infant gowns are still in need of snap tape and will be delivered upon completion. No hats were made as WCA didn't have the stockinet available. Due to poor attendance, the Committee asks that sewers sew at home throughout the year. The Sewing Committee also plans to have limited events during the 2014 Lenten season for those who still enjoy the social part of sewing.

Special thanks to associate members Cheryl Johnson, Deb Johnston and Brenda Schultz for attending sewing this year. Cheryl was at sewing almost as much as Katryn. As always, a huge thank you to Betsy Dalton who sews all of our infant gowns each year. Betsy's work amounted to more than 36 hours of sewing this season. Thanks also to Michele Hartweg who brought her daughter, Mekenna, who plans a career in fashion design. A special thank you to Committee member, Karen Dennerlein, who sewed for two all-day sessions. Karen even brought a non-member friend who sewed all day at our final meeting.



Thanks to all who came to sew, cut, pin or took items home to complete. We couldn't do this without you.

**Cindy Rodgers, Brenda Swanson and Kathy Geary**  
*Sewing Chairpersons*

We were excited to see many active as well as associate members who serve on many other boards and in many other organizations. Three Crèche members have previously been voted as Woman of the Year: Active member Pat Phillips, Associate member Sue Jones and Holly Sullivan, also Associate. I am honored to be part of an organization with wonderful women such as these, who are all working towards the greater good of our community.

### Rummage Sale

The **Fall Sale** is Thursday **May 2** and Friday **May 3** at The Spire (formerly First Congregational Church). Please contact Brenda Fitzgerald to set up a shift if you have not done so. Our sale has been successful in years past due to the great items you bring us to sell! Please remember this is a great way to meet new members, share a little and help our community in two ways: we raise funds for Crèche while giving our community the opportunity to buy items at reasonable prices. Chairpersons Betsy Shepherd and Mary Phanuef look forward to your help and support!

### Crib Sheet

Amy Turner will continue to edit the Crèche newsletter this year. After all the articles are compiled, Megan Olson, our Corresponding Secretary, has the responsibility of preparing it for Bulk Mail. (This, after generously donating time (and paper) to print roughly 250 copies!)\*

Amy has helped Megan with mailing preparation over the past few years, as have Megan's children. Employees of Axiom, they have volunteered to fold, insert, wafer-seal, label and *run* to the post office before the 3 P.M. deadline. In an effort to make things a little easier this year, the Publicity Committee will lend a hand and we thank them for their help.

*\*Megan and Mark Olson own Axiom Business Machines and have generously provided copy services at no cost to Crèche for many years. The Crib Sheet is just one of their many gifts to Crèche. Other gifts include the Yearbook, Rummage Sale posters, Special Event posters, and Special Color Inserts such as the Villager's full-coverage of the Boogie Wonder Band Fundraiser (Sept 2012 edition).*

*The generosity of Axiom Business Machines has saved thousands of dollars over the years, enabling Crèche to focus on children. We sincerely appreciate their donations.*

### Friend Remembered

Sadly, our dear friend Anthony Guiffrida died at the age of 90. His family asked in his obituary that Crèche be remembered for memorials. Last fall, Mr. Guiffrida wrote a check for \$100 and brought it to the Rummage Sale. This was his generous way of thanking Crèche for helping his family so many years ago.

I visited with the family at the funeral home and told them what a great inspiration he had been to us this past year. It is always wonderful to be recognized for our efforts even if it was 80 plus years ago. It keeps me going to know we are still taking care of as many children as we can in the area and they **will** remember Crèche years from now.

Mr. Guiffreda's family was grateful for our acknowledgment of him and for the opportunity to learn a little more about his history with Crèche. Some had not been aware of his care in our Day Care home years ago.

Our history preserves many warm memories for those whom we have given care in one way or another over the years, whether it was a warm coat, a campership, shoes, cribs, or use of the Day Care home.

Please join us at the **Tri-Annual** meeting on **Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 P.M.**, at the First Presbyterian Church. We will have the opportunity to hear **Rachel Ludwig** of **Chautauqua Tapestry** speak, enjoy **tasty treats**, and purchase raffle tickets for a **great raffle gift!**

Attending the Tri-Annual is not only a great way to keep informed, it is a chance to **re-connect with friends** you may not have seen in a while. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,  
*Beth*



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## *Help Crèche Help a Needy Child*

### **Dues are overdue!**

**The Crèche, Inc.** membership dues are due! In February, a letter containing individual dues assessments was mailed with the new Crèche 2013 Directory insert.

If you haven't already done so, please make your check payable to – The Crèche, Inc., and mail it to:

**Valerie Scarpino, 20 Emory Drive, Jamestown, NY 14701**

*Have questions about your dues status? Please contact me @ 664-0753 for more information.*

Thank you!

Valerie Scarpino

*Financial Secretary*

