

SALEM H.O.P.E.

Human Organization Partnership Effort

Networking Breakfast Meeting

Thursday, December 11, 2008

9:00 A.M. Sharp

Hosted by:

**Enterprise Center at Salem State College
121 Loring Avenue, Training Room A – Room 106**

All social service agency representatives serving Salem residents are welcome.

PLEASE RSVP ATTENDANCE TO 978-542-7031

AGENDA

- 9:00 I. Welcome & Group Introductions – Salem H.O.P.E. Chair Jennifer Buchanan
- 9:05 II. Agency Welcome – Laura Swanson, Assistant Director, Enterprise Center
- 9:20 III. Information Exchange - All attendees present - 1 minute per agency please
Bring any new brochures!
- 9:55 V. 57th Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter (to be issued in February)
*Bring in your announcements, job postings, event notices, articles etc.
for March, April, May and June
or e-mail them to jguy@salem.com - Deadline 1/29/09*
- VI. Next meeting dates (tentative):
*Thursday, March 12, 2009 – The Wellness Community
Thursday, June 11, 2008 – Seeking host agency
Please email jguy@salem.com if you are interested in hosting an upcoming meeting!*

Networking & Refreshments

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House of the Seven Gables Hosts Fall Meeting

The September, 2008 meeting was hosted by the House of the Seven Gables. Representing the agency were Executive Director Anita Blackaby and Karen Pelletier. Present were Jane Guy of the City of Salem DPCD, Lee Hartmann of NSCAP, Pamela Foye of Anchor to Windward, Teury Marte of MA Rehabilitation Commission, Maureen Fiore of North Shore Infant & Toddler Early Intervention, Anne-Marie D'Angelo-Florent of MassHealth, Jacqui Williams of the MA Dept. of Public Health, Kimberly Jones of the N. S. Career Center, Roz Hurwitz of Goodwill Industries, Kathy O'Brien of the Independent Living Center, Janine Lang and Thomas Savage of the Social Security Administration, Scott McNeil and Nora McNeil of the Salvation Army, Samantha Spagnuolo and Alayna Hamed of the N.S. Rape Crisis Ctr., and Jan Wyner of North Shore Elder Services.

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Ms. Blackaby welcomed the group and stated that she became the Executive Director at the end of March. She is new to the Gables, the North Shore and Massachusetts. She stated that the gardens are now free to Salem residents. The Gables is approaching its 100th anniversary in 2010. The Gables was founded by Caroline Emmerton, which she purchased to use as an attraction that would generate money to support the social service mission at the Gables Settlement. She noted that Hawthorne's birthplace was moved to the Gables complex. The Gables board is currently taking a new look at and reflecting on Caroline Emmerton's original mission and determining if there is more things they can do. She noted that the Gables runs a school and provides a senior lunch once per week. She noted that 70% of the children served are from low income families.

Ms. Pelletier stated that the pre-school is run 8-5:30 daily and that they provide breakfast, lunch and a snack. They do not have transportation for the child care, but they do have transportation from the elementary schools for the after-school program, which provides homework help, gym, art room, library and computer lab. The program runs 2-5:30. They also have summer camp and vacation camp. They have 12 to 14 seniors, mostly from the neighborhood, who have hot lunch once a week, socialize and, for some, bingo. The Gables mission is to provide support for families who are new to the community. She stated that services are sliding scale.

Ms. Foye stated that Anchor to Windward is basically a recreation and social program that assists developmentally delayed adults. They provide daily living skills by contract and have two independent living clients in their own apartments for which they are responsible 24/7. Their 20th anniversary is July 2009. They will be starting a bowling league on Tuesdays.

Ms. Williams stated that she is MA Dept. of Public Health's Director of Outreach for the Bureau of Family and Community Health. There will be a senior expo/health fair at the Peabody Senior Center on September 17th. She added that they recently dedicated a community health center in Gloucester.

Ms. D'Angelo-Florent stated that she will go to agencies and talk about Mass Health's programs. She noted that eligibility applications are changing by the end of September.

Ms. Jones stated that she is the Outreach Specialist for N.S. Career Center. There are centers in Salem, Lynn and Gloucester, which are part of a statewide system of one-stop career centers. Services are free, such as career development and assessment tools. She will speak to groups about their programs and they have a newsletter. There is a MA Career Day on September 17th.

Ms. Marte stated that she works at MA Rehabilitation Commission and N.S. Community College. At MA Rehab, she works with people with disabilities to integrate them into the labor market. There are income eligibility requirements. At NSCC, she administers the Pathway Program for non-English speaking persons to get into Certified Nurse Assistant Training Program. The program Pathway Program provides clinical, ESL, job readiness and lifeskills training. She can be contacted at 978-745-8085.

Ms. Hurwitz stated that she is a placement specialist with Goodwill Industries. The main focus of the agency is employment for persons with physical and developmental challenges. They employ job coaches and are currently in need of a job coach supervisor.

Ms. Fiore stated that N. S. Infant and Toddler Program provides an Early Intervention Program for ages 0-3 at risk for developmental delay. They have an office on Lafayette Street in Salem and an office in Lynn.

Ms. O'Brien stated that the Independent Living Center is run by and for people with disabilities of any age or any disability. They provide independent living skills training, such as budgeting and transportation). They provide advocacy to help people find their voice, as well as community education. They will be having a benefit on September 20th at the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Savage stated that the Social Security Office has revamped their website and that he is promoting their on-line services. They have an on-line retirement estimator. Mr. Savage stated that he will do outreach seminars at agencies. Ms. Lang is the Operations Supervisor.

Ms. O'Neil stated that the Salvation Army's division headquarters is gearing up to send people to Texas for after-hurricane help. The Salvation Army's fall programming will include character building classes for teens and ladies night out. For social services, they are gearing up for the energy season.

Ms. Spagnuolo stated that she is an intern at North Shore Rape Crisis Center. They provide services to men and women survivors and their families. Services are free. They provide advocacy and outreach and are starting groups in Lynn High School. They will be moving from Beverly to Lynn.

Ms. Hamed stated that North Shore Rape Crisis Center has a 24 hour hotline with a certified rape crisis counselor.

Ms. Hartmann stated that NSCAP's fuel assistance program starts soon and noted that those with heat included in their rent might also be eligible. They also offer weatherization. They will be starting

a financial literacy program, a free 8 week program which, if completed, participants receive a \$25 gift certificate for Target or Shaws.

Ms. Wyner stated that she administers North Shore Elder Services' Family Caregiver Support Program, which provides education and community services for elders and people taking care of elders. NSES also has home care for persons 60+.

Ms. Guy stated that the City of Salem Department of Planning & Community Development is seeking to fill a Staff Planner position. The Staff Planner administers the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. She stated that the Draft Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report for FY08 is available at http://www.salem.com/Pages/SalemMA_DPCD/studies. The public comment period ends on September 26th.

House of the Seven Gables Settlement Programs & Services



Caroline Osgood Emmerton founded The House of the Seven Gables Settlement Association in 1910. Emmerton was a Salem philanthropist, vitally concerned with human services and historic preservation. Observing the increasing need to care for the influx of immigrants who were rapidly settling in Salem, she became a pioneer in the effort to provide social services for them. Emmerton

bought the old Turner-Ingersoll Mansion, hired noted architect Joseph Chandler to help her restore the venerable structure, and opened it to visitors to help fund her Settlement House. The House of the Seven Gables Settlement House, modeled after the Jane Adams' Hull House in Chicago, was developed to aid new residents to the surrounding Derby Street neighborhood advance both socially and educationally.

The mission of The Gables' Settlement House is to serve the children and families of Salem and surrounding communities through educational, social, and recreational programs in a safe and supportive environment on a sliding fee scale. The goals of The Settlement are to foster independence, intelligence, social skills, and emotional well-being.

Programs for Preschool (ages 2.9 - 5) and School Age (ages 5 - 11) students are developed by highly qualified and exceptionally dedicated staff members. A camp program is available for school vacation weeks throughout the academic year and for eight weeks in the summer. The bustling Settlement House features a computer lab, large and small classroom spaces, a gymnasium, a library, a playground ---all across the street from The House of the Seven Gables and Salem Harbor. All Settlement families become special members of The Gables where their children have full access to the grounds, buildings, and programs.

The Settlement House's Hours of Operation are as follows:

- Preschool: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Monday through Friday for three, four or five days/week during the school year. Preschool also offers extended hours of 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM or 8:00 AM -5:30 PM.
- After School: 1:45 PM – 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday.
- Vacation Camps: December, February and April school vacation weeks from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM; extended hours until 5:30 PM are also available.

- Summer Camp: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM; extended hours until 5:30 PM; eight weeks in July and August.

- Senior Lunch Program: October – May, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM every Tuesday, excluding school vacation weeks.

The Settlement House is licensed through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) and participates in the USDA Food Program through the Massachusetts Department of Education.



**For more information please call 978-745-5909 or write to
Director, Education and Community Services, 114 Derby Street, Salem, MA 01970.**

www.7gables.org

House of the Seven Gables Calendar of Events

Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 7:00pm at The House of the Seven Gables.

Salem author John Hardy Wright will lecture on his book, *Hawthorne's Haunts in New England* as part of Salem's Arts and Antiques Month. A book signing and exhibit of the author's Hawthorne artifacts will follow the lecture. Tickets are FREE for members of The House of the Seven Gables and \$5.00 for Non-Members. For tickets please call Heidi at 978-744-0991 X 104.

A Classic Christmas at The House of the Seven Gables

December 6 & 13, 2008 4:00PM – 7:00PM

December 7 & 14, 2008 4:00PM – 6:00PM

The House of the Seven Gables welcomes you to experience Salem's newest Christmas tradition – A Classic Christmas. This December, surround yourself with the spirit of the season as Christmas scenes from famous works of literature including *Little Women*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *A Child's Christmas in Wales* are brought to life for audiences in the rooms of the Turner-Ingersoll Mansion. This unique theatrical experience is sure to excite guests of all ages and transform The House of the Seven Gables into a living illustration of Christmas. Performances begin every 10 minutes and last approximately 30 minutes. Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling Heidi at 978-744-0991 ext. 104. Adult Tickets: \$12 each. Child Tickets (Ages 5-12) \$8.00 each. Performances begin every five to ten minutes in The House of the Seven Gables and last approximately 30 minutes. Last performance begins at closing. Reservations highly recommended. For Tickets please call 978.744.0991 ext. 104.

Sunday February 8, 2009 5:00-7:00pm at The House of the Seven Gables.

We love our members! The House of the Seven Gables welcomes its members to come and raise a toast to our 2009 season! Shake off the February frost with hors d'oeuvres and drinks while getting a sneak peek at vignettes of the Gables' newest theatrical event featuring Nathaniel and Sophia Hawthorne's love letters. Members receive 25% discount in the Museum Store during this event. ***Snow Date: Wednesday February 11, 2009.***

February 14 & 15 and 21 & 22, 2009 at The House of the Seven Gables.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, The House of the Seven Gables announces a new theatrical program featuring Nathaniel and Sophia Hawthorne's legendary love letters. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting new offering or log on to our website at www.7gables.org.

Financial Literacy Training

Do you need toFigure out where your money goes? Know why there never seems to be enough? Develop a budget? Find a way to save?

North Shore Community Action Programs, Inc. is offering Financial Literacy Training. Session Three runs January 5, 2009 through February 2, 2009 and Session Four runs April 27, 2009 through May 20, 2009. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. (excluding holidays). Child care and transportation will be provided for those who may need it.

For more information, contact Deborah Grace, Transition to Work Director at 978-531-0767.

**Post Your Job Vacancies at
North Shore Career Centers' Job Bank for FREE!
Contact Charlene Snow, Business Service Representative
at 978-825-7242 or csnow@detma.org.**

Wellspring House - *MediClerk Program* *Training for Jobs in Healthcare*

MediClerk is a comprehensive 13-week training program designed to provide the skills necessary to succeed in the medical administrative profession. Tuition assistance is readily available on a sliding scale. Up to 100% scholarship may be awarded to eligible low income residents of the North Shore region. Prerequisites: a high school diploma or equivalent, some computer or typing experience, and a clean Criminal Offender Record Investigation (CORI). The next 2008 sessions begin on November 3rd. Classes run from 8:45am-3:00pm, Monday through Friday at Highland Hall on the Salem Hospital campus. Graduates are competent in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook; Medical Terminology; Medical Keyboarding; Medical Office Procedures; Business Communications; and Professional Success and Job Search Skills. Student support services continue through the program and into employment. For further information call 978-354-2499 Sandy Sabo, Program Coordinator.

Meetings & Events, Etc.

- Friday, November 14, 2008, 8:30 am to 10:30 am – [Best Practices & Responsibilities of a Non-Profit Board](#) - Enterprise Center, Salem State College
- Friday, November 14, 2008, 11:30am to 1:00pm – [Independent Living Center Luncheon](#) – Fantasy Island Restaurant, 516 Loring Avenue, Salem

- Friday, November 14, 2008, 6:00pm – [Boys & Girls Club Open House](#), 13 Hawthorne Blvd., Salem
- Thursday, December 11, 2008, 9:00 am– Salem HOPE Winter Meeting – Enterprise Center at Salem State college
- Friday, December 12, 2008, 1:30pm – [Independent Living Center Open House](#) – 27 Congress Street, Suite 107, Salem
- Thursday, March 12, 2009, 9:00 am – Salem HOPE Spring Meeting – Seeking host agency

www.salem.com has [links to social service agencies](#), as well as information on [housing programs](#) and [foreclosure prevention and legal resources](#).

What is Salem H.O.P.E. ?

Salem H.O.P.E. is a networking group of human service agencies that serve Salem residents. It is a free forum for agencies to learn about the services being provided by other agencies in order to fill in gaps, coordinate efforts and avoid the duplication of services. All human service agency representatives are welcome to attend the quarterly breakfast meetings held at rotating locations.

We need your announcements, notices and articles for this newsletter. Share your resources; advertise a job opening; seek out agencies to collaborate on a grant application; announce new programs; publicize your events, etc. Please e-mail your submissions or requests to be added to the newsletter e-mail distribution list to jguy@salem.com. Newsletter printed four times per year. However, information that needs to be disseminated in a more timely manner will be forwarded to the listserv upon receipt.

The Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter is prepared and distributed by Jane Guy of the Department of Planning & Community Development of the City of Salem, Kimberley Driscoll, Mayor.
