

THE WELCOMING CLUB OF GARDEN CITY

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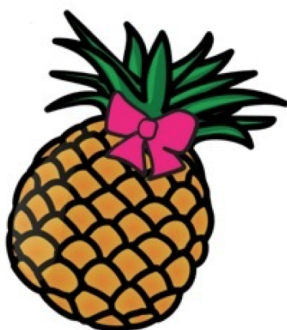
President's Message

Hi Ladies,

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Amanda Desiderio and I am thrilled and honored to serve as the President of the Garden City Welcoming Club this year. It seems like just yesterday I joined the club for the very first time. My husband and I were so excited to move to this beautiful town and build a life here for our family.

Garden City is a wonderful town filled with beautiful and historical landmarks, delicious restaurants, fantastic shops and fun-filled activities for children and adults. Moving to a new town can be overwhelming; from the hassle of moving to navigating a new area especially when there is so much to explore. The Garden City Welcoming Club is committed to making that transition as seamless and enjoyable as possible. We are here to answer any questions that you have and introduce you to some amazing people.

Friendships are important for both children and adults and I can tell you personally that some of my closest friends are those that I met when I first moved to this town. Through the Welcoming Club, there are so many ways





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Upcoming Events
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March 7	Craft Club
March 21	Sip & Shop
March 21	Book Club
April 9	Newcomers Cocktail
May 2	Spring Fling
May 31	Family Mini-Golf Event

for you to form friendships; we have 5 social clubs and 3 athletic clubs, each one filled with great people. Be sure to check out our Club page for more information on each of them.

Throughout the year we also have some amazing events planned that I know you'll love. From Couples to Ladies Only to Family Events, I promise you won't be disappointed. Not only are these events so much fun but they are all for a very important cause.

The Garden City Welcoming Club is committed to making the world a better place through charitable and humanitarian projects. Each year the President chooses a charity that the club rallies around and supports throughout the year. All proceeds from each and every one of our events goes to that charity at the end of the year.

This year, I chose a charity that is very near and dear to my heart, The Muscular Dystrophy Association. My very best friend's son was diagnosed with MDA at just 4 years old. It broke my heart to see her so distraught and even more so when I looked into her son's beautiful eyes. From that moment on I promised myself that I would do everything to give her as much support and love as I could. I wanted to give her hope for the future for her son and for her family.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is that hope. MDA is leading the fight to free all individuals and the families who love them from the harm of muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases that take away physical strength, independence and life. Together with their supporters, they are helping children and adults live longer and grow stronger.

We hope that you'll join this amazing club and see what it's all about. Not only will you form new friendships here, but you'll also make a difference in children's, adults and families lives through meaningful and charitable projects.

All the Best,
Amanda Desiderio

A few words about our charity...

The Welcoming Club is pleased to announce **Muscular Dystrophy Association** as its 2018-2019 charity.

MDA's legacy of progress has always started with families. For more than 65 years, they have been committed to saving and improving the lives of children and adults living with muscular dystrophy and related life-threatening diseases. They have a rich history and remain grateful to the dedicated families and supporters who have made today's progress possible. The victories of our past will lead to tomorrow's treatments and cures.



Upcoming Events

Craft Club

Thursday, March 7th

The next craft club will be on March 7th and the craft is a spring wreath. Please contact Becky Iudica at beckybondo1@gmail.com for more information.



Sip & Shop

Thursday, March 21st 7-10PM

Sage & Angie Boutique

Specializing in Women's Fashion

235 Nassau Blvd West Hempstead, NY 11552

It's like having your own personal stylist!

Event will be \$25. It will include a coupon for 20% off total purchase, champagne, wine and light appetizers.

Book Club

Thursday, March 21st

The next book club meeting is March 21st at 8PM and the book is "Educated: A Memoir" by Tara Westover. Please contact Rachel Weber at rachelmwoodward@gmail.com for more details.



Family Mini-Golf Social

Friday, May 31st 5-7PM

Garden City Community Park Mini-Golf Course



Bring the kids and come on down to the GC mini-golf course for an evening of putt putt, pizza, crafts and more! Meet new friends and reconnect with old while we kick off the summer with a fun evening for the whole family. Tickets on sale soon!

Join a Group

Book Club

Enjoy a good book amongst good friends. Our book club meets on a monthly basis to discuss the page turner of choice. We have been known to discuss over a glass or two of wine! For upcoming book club events please contact Rachel Weber (rachelmwoodward@gmail.com).

Bowling Club

Join us!! No experience necessary! We are looking for new faces to join our Wednesday morning league. Pacers are also welcome. Onsite babysitting available! Anyone interested, please contact Ellen Diller (dillero5@aol.com), Carol Santangelo (santao6o@yahoo.com) or Elizabeth Colantonio (mcdea@aol.com).

Bunko

Bunko is a simple dice game usually played in a group of 12. It is a great way to meet people and make new friends. The game is easy to learn and play. We will be starting a new group in April. If you are interested, please contact Janalyn Pomeroy (janalynfs@yahoo.com) or Sasha Iudica (sashaiudica@gmail.com).

Golf

Golf lessons at Cherry Valley Club are always a big hit! Golf pro Ed Kelly helps us GCWC ladies improve our golf game. Look out for spring sign-ups coming in late March! Contact Meg Cremins (megdockery@yahoo.com) if you are interested in reserving your spot for the spring session.

Craft Club

The craft club is a great way to meet with friends and practice your crafting skills! This club meets every few months and creates a seasonal project. If you are interested in joining, please contact Becky Iudica (beckybondor@gmail.com) or Sasha Iudica (sashaiudica@gmail.com).

Supper Club

Bring your significant others out for this one! This is a great way to make new friends as a couple. You will be paired up with 3 or 4 other couples to set up a rotation of dinner events. Host your new friends at a pot luck dinner or head out to try our local restaurants. Please contact Michele Serafino (mserafino35@gmail.com) for more information.

Toddler Playgroup

Toddler playgroup is a way to connect with other moms with kids similar to the age of your children. It's a great way to get to know other moms in town and make new friends! If you are interested in being placed in a group please email Emily Kasel (ejkasel@gmail.com).

Stroller Walking Club

The stroller walking club is for those moms who don't want to leave the kiddos home but would like to get out with some girlfriends. We meet weekly at one of our lovely GC parks to walk and chat. We are currently on a winter hiatus but walks are scheduled to begin again in April when the weather warms up. Please contact Emily Kasel (ejkasel@gmail.com) for more information.

Newcomers Cocktail

Our next Newcomers Cocktail is just around the corner on April 9th! If you are new to town or know someone who is, please contact Laura Zonneveldt (laura.a.perniciaro@gmail.com) for more information.

Membership

If you know someone who has recently moved to town or who would like to join The Welcoming Club of Garden City, please have them visit our newly revised website www.thegardencitywelcomingclub.org and follow the membership link for registration and PayPal payment or they can send a check for \$37 payable to "The Welcoming Club of Garden City" to Mandy Agnetti, 61 Euston Road (mandyagnetti@gmail.com).

