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♥ *My Big Lake County* Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017  
*Kemper Lakes Golf Club*

## Wedding Gala

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*Purchase tickets by Feb. 18 at  
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A CWC CELEBRATION!

## Upcoming Gala Evening

**F**un, celebration, toasts, food and dancing . . . sounds like a wedding reception! Caring Women's Connection will host "My Big Lake County Wedding Gala" on February 25 at Kemper Lakes Golf Club. Guests are welcome to join in this lighthearted evening playfully themed around a reception. The attendees will have an enjoyable night out, all while helping CWC do the serious business of fundraising for our worthy grant and scholarship recipients. Proceeds will go to our Love Fund and our goal of raising \$75,000 this year! Guests will enjoy a cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing with our "wedding" DJ. There will be a mini live auction of some great items also. Kemper Lakes will provide a perfect backdrop for our event.

Last year the CWC Gala returned after several years in hiatus, and the Gatsby themed evening at Biltmore Country Club in February 2016 was a very successful event. This Gala event, along with the Love Fund Auction in September and the Spring Fashion Show in April, are major fundraisers for our organization. RSVP and ticket purchases for the evening are due by Feb.18 (\$75/person or \$70/person for a reserved table of 8 or 10, available at CaringWomensConnection.com). Thank you to Karen Korenkiewicz, this year's chairperson, and to our event sponsors!



**2016 Flapper Fun!**

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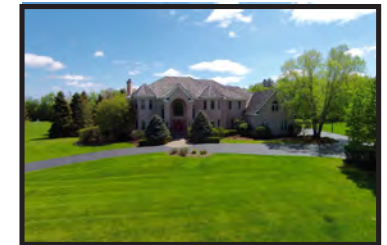
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Hope your holidays were wonderful and you're ready for a fabulous new year! CWC has been busy with member events, fundraisers and giving back to the community. We have had a wonderful turnout at our monthly meet-ups and with corporate members. Thank you to everyone who participates in our organization — we couldn't do it without you! Please let me know if you are interested in getting more involved this year or serving on a committee or on the board.

Thank you to Hawthorn Gardens for collecting spare change from their customers and raising over \$120, to MOD Pizza in Kildeer for their large donation from pizza revenues collected during Thanksgiving promotion, to Continental Motors in Deer Park for their generous donation towards scholarships, and to Couture 360 Salon and Yin Yang Pilates for selling our Christmas tree ornaments and raising funds and awareness for us as well. Please take a moment and support our Corporate members listed in the newsletter and on our website — there are so many wonderful LOCAL businesses that help CWC with their time, talent and treasures.



Second half of the year is here with so many great events to mix, mingle and have fun at while doing good for the community. The Wedding Gala at Kemper in February, Clay Monet meet up, and more! Please sign up for our email newsletter to stay current on our events and news, check the website, and/or Facebook. We are about halfway to our goal of raising \$75,000 this year for charities and scholarships. If you have an extra jingle in your pocket, please consider a donation to CWC. As a registered 501(c)(3) with no paid staff, more of your money goes directly to those in need.

We look forward to seeing you! Let's have some fun and make some new friends memories while helping to change lives.

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In this case it is not a bride and groom, but women and children transitioning from emergency shelters to independent life.

Gifts should be brought to the Big Event on February 25th. If you cannot attend, we will offer other opportunities for drop off.



**“Wedding Registry” Link:**

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*Sponsorships. . . We need your help to make this evening a success!*

*Premier - \$2000 / Reserved table of 8*

- Company name on invitation
- Listing & logo with link on CWC webpage through end of 2017
- Name on all promotional invitations, press releases, materials
- Prominent recognition on front page of program
- Live recognition at Gala
- Email recognition to 1,000+ members, businesses and government leaders
- Follow-up list of all attendees

*Gold - \$1000 / Gala tickets for 4 adults*

- Company name on invitation
- Listing & Logo with link on Webpage through the end of 2016
- Name on all promotional invitations, press releases, materials
- Prominent recognition in program
- Live recognition at Gala
- Email recognition to 1,000+ members, businesses and government leaders

*Silver - \$500 / Gala tickets for 2 adults*

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- Company listing in program and on CWC website
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*Tickets available until Feb. 18, 2017:*

*Individual tickets / \$75 per person*

*Reserved table of 8 or 10 people /  
 \$70 per person*



## HOLIDAY HELPERS

# Comfort & Joy for the Holidays

Together, we've built connections and changed lives. One woman, one child at a time.

What is your most fervent holiday wish? If you ask low-income women and children who are homeless, abused, or down on their luck, their needs are simple and profound: warm shelter. A nurturing meal. A new winter coat to stave off the cold. Tools to build self-sufficiency. An opportunity to educate their children and give them a fighting chance.

For hundreds of needy families, you are their guardian angel. Together, you and Caring Women's Connection have helped worthy Lake County-based charitable organizations make a difference for so many deserving women.

*When you and Caring Women's Connection team together,*

*GOOD THINGS HAPPEN.*



*Thank You!*



## Holiday Stats:

- 9 families were adopted this year — a total of 25 people.
- 44 shoebox gifts were given to children at Staben House, a transitional housing and community enrichment center for the homeless. Babies received sleepers, diapers and a small toy, while older children delighted to shoeboxes or gift bags packed with items picked especially for them.
- 28 robes and slippers were provided to women at Lake County Haven, empowering homeless women and their children to achieve permanent, independent living.
- 18 delicious Thanksgiving meals were brought to a Safe Place, transforming lives after domestic violence.
- 15 Pad folio/2017 planners were gifted to women at Lake County Haven, along with 28 cozy robes and slippers.

### And, as a result of your generosity, we provided:

- >> 6 sets of pots-and-pans sets
- >> 5 microwave ovens
- >> laundry baskets
- >> \$650 in gift cards for basic necessities

During this bountiful holiday season, it's so important to once again realize that we are all connected. When CWC members and friends, dedicated volunteers, corporate members and YOU join together, we give women and children more than a festive holiday. We give them an extra reason to hope.

What we do, hand in hand, is changing the future for so many women and children.

SHOEBOX SUCCESS

# Staben House Party

The children living at Staben House celebrated their holiday party on Sunday, Dec. 11th. Forty-four children from little babies to teenagers all received gifts thanks to the many generous women of CWC!

The babies were given sleepers, diapers and a small toy while the older children received shoeboxes or giftbags filled with items picked especially for them.

Thanks to Laurie Watt's GirlScout troop for decorating the namecards for the top of the boxes.



EMMAUS HOUSE

# Opportunity to serve our community



## Emmaus House of Hospitality – Sunday, March 12, 2017

Emmaus House is a weekly program that provides dinner and food pantry access to families in the area. CWC has partnered with the wonderful people at Emmaus House many times and always enjoyed helping out with such a well-run program. This event will be held at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Lake Zurich.

We invite you to come along side of Caring Women's Connection and serve over 200 members of our community. We need volunteers to bring food and non-perishable items as well as help us serve the meal. **Please visit our website at [www.caringwomensconnection.com](http://www.caringwomensconnection.com) to sign up for food items and volunteer positions.**

Together we can make a real difference in our community.



**Operation Warm  
2016**



# CWC 2017 Grant Application

It's almost here....the BEST time of our year!

**A**pply for a Grant from the Caring Women's Connection. If your non-profit organization serves women and children in Lake County, we encourage you to submit a Grant Request to the CWC. Each spring we tally up all the funds raised during the year and then give it all away!

The Grant Application is online at [www.caringwomensconnection.com](http://www.caringwomensconnection.com).

**All applications are due April 1, 2017.**

*Now Online!*

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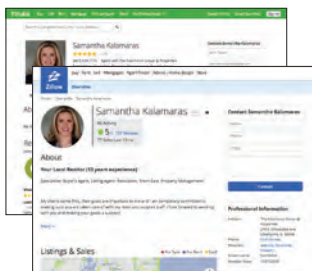
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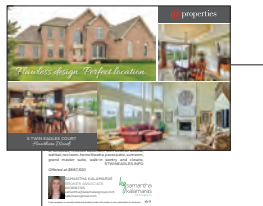
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Registration is open on our website and is required!

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# Valentine Wines & More

BY SUE KINNEY



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The Vineyards have harvested their grapes and Wine makers are working their magic to create fabulous wines with this harvest. I spoke to the wine maker from Shafer Vineyards located in Napa Valley and he reported, this year they are coming off a drought they had last year, so the vines are in transition. This growing year they had rain in May so the vines lean towards a standard year in the all around. The yield will only be down 15% from their standard yield. So we have great news from California for this 2016 harvest.

As we approach Valentine's Day, this would be a good time to make lists of your favorite white and red wines. Also keep your eyes open for Special wines for gifts. Do not forget the Sparkling Wines and the Champagnes for those special Family and Friend gatherings. Watch for sales now!

## Wine selections that are notable under \$30.00

White Wines:

- 2014 Kunde Chardonnay, Sonoma CA
- 2014 Louis Pouilly-Fuisse Burgundy, France
- 2015 Au Contraire Chardonnay, Russian River, CA

Red Wines:

- 2014 Hahn Winery, Pinot Noir Monterey CA
- 2013 Spellbound Petite Syrah, CA
- 2013 Route Stock 29 Cabernet, Napa Valley, CA
- 2014 Smith & Hook, Cabernet, CA

Wine Suggestions for the Collectors

- 2014 Rombauer Chardonnay, Carneros CA
- 2013 Chateau Montelena, Chardonnay, Napa Valley
- 2012 Robert Craig Cellars, Howell Mtn. Cabernet, Napa Valley
- 2012 Hoopes Vineyard, Cabernet, Oakville Napa Valley
- 2012 Chimney Rock Cabernet, Stags Leap District, Napa CA

If you have any questions or need help locating wines, please contact me at [winetales@hotmail.com](mailto:winetales@hotmail.com). Have a great time drinking new wines and checking out all the wine events.

'Til Next Time,  
*Cheers!*



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BY MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR PAULA HOERNER



We are having a great year with members including returning members as well as new members. If you have been a member previously and haven't had a chance to sign up yet for membership this year, please take time to do so. We have many exciting things planned for the coming months and would love for you to join us. You can sign up directly on the CWC website. Our new Corporate membership has been very popular. We encourage everyone to support our corporate members who are so generously supporting CWC.

If you are a new member, we encourage you to attend one of our new member events – smaller events specifically for new members to meet others in an informal setting and learn about CWC and how to get involved. Watch the website for future dates or contact me for specifics at 847-525-9746 or [membership@caringwomensconnection.com](mailto:membership@caringwomensconnection.com). Looking forward to the rest of a great year!



Happy Valentine's  
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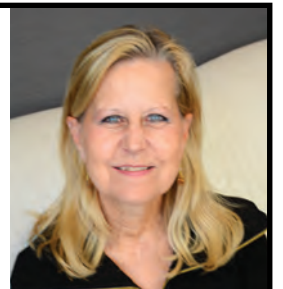
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We appreciate every level of donation. Caring Women's Connection will send you a tax receipt and publicize your donation, along with your name/company's name (if you so choose) on our website and in our CONNECTIONS newsletter publication, which is mailed to over 4,000 residents. The Caring Women's Connection is a 501(C) 3 not-for-profit organization, all monetary donations are tax deductible Below is a list our donation designations.

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The "Love Fund" is the heart of the Caring Women's Connection organization. In the spring, CWC rewards an outstanding high school graduate(s) a \$3,000 scholarship towards tuition. With a donation of \$3,000 or more, the scholarship will be named after you/ your organization. We think this is a great way to show your support for education and the community and assist in the educational goals of a deserving local student. You may donate to the scholarship online at any time on the CWC website.

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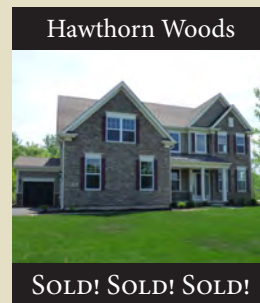
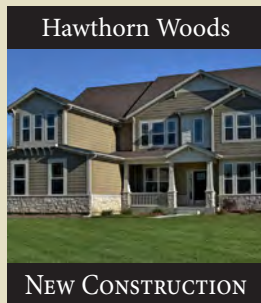
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### February

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|---|---------------|--|
| Connections Event "Clay Monet" 7-9pm    | Tues. Feb. 07 | See page 11  |
| GALA Event "My Big Lake County Wedding" | Sat. Feb. 25  |   See page 1 |

### March

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| Connections Event 7-9pm | Tues. Mar. 07 | See website for updates |
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### April

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| Connections Event "Chef's Table" 6-8pm | Tues. Apr. 04 |   |
| Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon         | Tues. Apr. 23 |   |

### May

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| Connections Event "Bunco" 7-9pm         | Tues. May 02 |
| Annual Village-Wide Garage Sale 8am-4pm | Sat. May 20  |