



SOUTHAMPTON BRANCH

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News and views from our local branch!

Upcoming Events

Fall Ingathering	October 16-20
Set-Up	Sun 1:00pm
Drop-Off	Monday AM & PM
Sorting	Mon-Wed 9am-12pm, 6:30-8pm
Fall Auction	November 19
Drop-Off	November 13 1-3pm
Sorting	November 13-16 (Times TBD)

Monthly Working Session

Please join us for our monthly working sessions on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 9am-12pm at the North & Southampton Reformed Church in the All Purpose Room. We come together each month to process new clothes, toiletries, and linens and distribute to local agencies. They are smaller versions of our annual Ingathering, but still play a big role in our overall success!

Quick Reminders

Choose "Southampton Branch of NGA" for...

- ✓ Your Amazon Smile partner
- ✓ Your United Way Donor Choice Code 024360

Fall Ingathering Director Notes

Director/leaders, please bring your stickered items and paperwork on Monday, October 17. All bags should be labeled in these categories: Infant (0-24 mo.), Pre-school (2T-6), Elementary (6-18/20), teen boys or teen girls (appropriate youthful styles), men, women, linens, and toiletries. This will be very helpful to properly and quickly allocate items.

She's Finally Home!

Early this year, our faithful NGA Southampton Branch President, Maryanna "Mertz" Trembath became ill and spent some time in the hospital and rehab. However, she just recently was able to come home! Please keep both her and Jack in your prayers as they persevere through the recovery.

Mertz can't wait to get back to her NGA duties. While she was recovering at Moss Rehab this summer, she was able to take a field trip to Walmart with a group of patients (with Jack following in the car). Can you guess what she bought? Clothes off the clearance rack for NGA! Even in a wheelchair, Mertz was putting NGA at the front of her mind!

Although she's doing much better, Mertz is still taking some time off from her NGA duties to recuperate. Email Lynn Castle, the Branch Vice President, at nga.southampton@gmail.com if you have any questions about scheduled events.

Mertz would love to get mail from you! Send your get well wishes to:

Maryanna Trembath
7 Kay Drive
Southampton, PA 18966



A Special Note from Mertz

"I'm finally home and it feels good! Jack is a good nurse, cook, and chief bottle washer. I'm looking forward to being able to go to outpatient rehab. Thanks for all your support! Love to all, Mertz"

What's Been Happening This Summer

Americana Ice Cream Social

Decked out in patriotic colors of red, white, and blue, a spirited group of NGA members, families, and friends, gathered on a warm summer evening



at the North & Southampton Reformed Church to celebrate another year of generosity and commitment to NGA. The community room was transformed with patriotic tablescapes full of flags and centerpieces filled with red, silver, and blue sparkling tinsel bursts.



The evening featured flag design contests, a paper quilt project to give to Mertz, and presidential quiz questions/trivia. And of course, there were all-American desserts – ice cream, pretzels, yummy cake, and cookies.

The evening ended with a silent auction and the suspenseful drawing for door prizes. We hope you can join us next year!

Special thanks to all who helped make our evening fun – those who set up; scooped ice cream and brought toppings and treats; made cakes, brownies and lemonade; brought and made decorations and centerpieces; took reservations;



provided door prizes and chance gifts; donated for the silent auction; and especially all the friends who came ready to laugh, play, and celebrate together.

Milestone Events

One of our oldest volunteers, Mary Rich, turned 90, and our youngest volunteer, Leah Gauntt, turned 1! They celebrated together at one of our monthly working sessions (with Leah's mom, Laura).



Mertz and Jack Trembath celebrated 54 years of marriage on June 30!



Great Items at Great Prices!

We have a dedicated team of volunteers who are always on the lookout for current-style, good-quality clothes and linens at rock bottom sale prices. If you'd like to help us find good buys and remarkable sales, contact Doris at 215-355-0198.

Suggested Maximum Prices			
Underwear	\$1	Towels	\$2
Socks	\$0.50	T-Shirts	\$2
Sheets Sets	\$10	Sweats	\$3
Jackets	\$15	Blankets	\$4
Washcloths	\$0.30	Hats/Gloves	\$1

Voices of our Volunteers

From Observer to Volunteer

Hi. My name is Dee Rhoda. I was introduced to NGA a few years ago by Karen Fesmire. I was a branch manager at a local bank; Karen asked to put up a flyer to advertise the NGA Ice Cream Social. We talked about the outreach and good work of NGA. It sounded simple: give clothes to the shelters to help the needy and homeless. The proceeds from the social would help buy the items. Simple, right?

But then I went to my first “work meeting.” I was amazed when I saw all the people, and tables of clothes, linens, and toiletries. Each item is new and needs to be counted, folded, and stickered. To realize that a pair of new clean socks and a new T-shirt can make a difference to someone is humbling.

But wait! Volunteers had to shop for those items. Well, “simple” went right out the window! When you think of the time and energy these folks donate to help others, it is truly heart-warming. No fanfare, no awards, just nice people doing good work.

Thanks, Dee! We appreciate your help too!

Tangled Yarn

Who remembers the huge boxes of “Tangled Waste” we got from a mill in Philadelphia at no charge back in the 1970s? Hundreds of knitted and crocheted items were made from it after dozens of NGA volunteers untangled it! One of our current volunteers found this newspaper clipping and immediately thought of NGA.



Editor's Note: My grandmother, Ellie Catalano, was one of those volunteers who untangled and knitted with this yarn!

Saying Good-Bye to Rose



On August 23, long-time NGA Southampton Branch friend Rose Andrews passed away peacefully at the age of 94. Rose was a faithful volunteer for many years, and was usually found at the back table during auctions tabulating items and organizing records. Her personality and talents will surely be missed.

Unexpected Treasures

Twice a year, NGA accepts donations to be sold at the March and November auctions. There are always lots of dishes, linens, glassware, tools, lamps, small furniture, collectibles, art work, holiday items and more. We never know what to expect, but that is part of the fun!

As volunteers, we get a first look at some unusual items. Once, we had a wind-up record player. That's right – no electric – just crank it up, turn it on, and Presto! – music. Sold with it was a collection of records by Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Johnny Ray, Theresa Brewer, etc. We have also seen a genuine “Teddy Bear,” an original 1910 manual typewriter, a British metal biscuit tin embossed with pictures of the royal family, and a lovely framed print with a collage of Philadelphia's historic sites.



Come out November 19 to see what treasures we'll have this year!

If you wish to make a memorial, celebration, or general donation to our branch, send a check payable to “Southampton Branch of NGA” to Karen Fesmire, Treasurer, 960 E. Maple Drive, Southampton, PA 18966. Thank you!

46th Annual Fall Auction

Saturday – November 19, 2016

9am – 4pm (Doors Open at 8:30am)

Antiques and Early Attic, Linens, Jewelry, Depression Glass, Coverlets, Ephemera, Old Toys and Dolls, Old Doll Dishes and Flatware, Vintage Clothing, Pottery, Household/Kitchen Items, Local Memorabilia, Old Photos and Mini Tintypes, Old and Modern Books, Small Furniture, Old Sheet Music and Magazines, Tools, Collectibles, Military Items, Frames, Handwork, Prints and Paintings, and Much Much More...

North & Southampton Reformed Church
1380 Bristol Road, Churchville, PA 18966

Homemade Refreshments and Lunch Available

Sponsored by the Southampton Branch of NGA
Volunteer 501(c)(3) Charity Since 1938

All proceeds buy new clothes for neighbors in need

Items accepted Nov. 13 from 1:30-2:30pm only



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