



SOUTHAMPTON BRANCH

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News and views from our local branch!

Upcoming Events

Fall Ingathering	October 8-12
Set-Up	Sun 1:00pm
Drop-Off	Monday AM & PM
Sorting	Mon-Wed 9am-12pm, 6:30-8pm
Fall Auction	November 18
Drop-Off	November 12 1-3pm
Sorting	November 12-16 AM & PM

Notice

Ryan King, president of the NGA National Board of Directors, notified us that Lisa Tordo is the new executive director of NGA. We welcome her to this leadership position and look forward to working together to change lives and save lives through our gifts of new clothes, linens, and toiletries.

Monthly Working Session

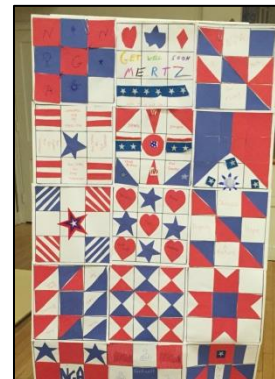
Please join us for our monthly working sessions on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 9am-12pm at the North & Southampton Reformed Church in the All Purpose Room. We come together each month to process new clothes, toiletries, and linens and distribute to local agencies. They are smaller versions of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

From Paper Craft to Fabric Heirloom

Last year at our annual ice cream social, we celebrated the Red, White and Blue. Each table designed an Americana quilt block to be part of a patchwork paper "quilt," which was presented to our branch president, Maryanna Trembath., who was unable to attend due to health reasons.



We sent photos of the quilt to one of our branch members, Doris Dungan, who lives in Ontario, Canada. Doris transformed the paper quilt into a

beautiful Americana, "real" quilt. Thank you to Maryanna, Doris, and all who work with NGA!

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

Get Involved in NGA

Distributing Fairly

Have you ever wondered how we decide which agencies get what items to distribute to their needy clients? This is how it works for us:

1. All like items (elementary tops, women's hats, men's briefs, etc.) are sorted, stickered and counted.
2. The total count of that item is entered into our computer system.
3. The computer indicates how many of the total available goes to each agency based on the number of needy reported (per agency) needing that item.
4. That number of items is packed in an agency appropriate bag and recorded on the bag.

This process is repeated over and over again for each category and item. It takes a big team of volunteers working together to accomplish this process. However, we are dedicated to distributing our resources fairly. (It may well be easier to divide the total number of items by the number of partner agencies, but should an agency serving 30 needy toddlers get the same number of items as an agency serving 500?)

A big thank you to all our volunteers – men, women, and kids – who work together using a labor-intensive, fair distribution process to give away the items we receive through donations and purchases and make a huge positive impact on the lives of our less fortunate neighbors.

2017/2018 Calendar

Fall Ingathering 2017	October 8-12
Working Session	November 8, 9am-12pm
Director's Luncheon	November 8, 12:30pm
Fall Auction Set-Up	November 12-16
Fall Auction 2017	November 18, 9am-4pm
Working Session	December 13, 9am-12pm
Working Session	January 10, 9am-12pm
Working Session	February 14, 9am-12pm
Spring Auction Set-Up	March 11-14
Spring Auction 2018	March 17, 9am-4pm
Working Session	April 11, 9am-12pm
Fall Ingathering 2018	October 14-18
Fall Auction 2018	November 17, 9am-4pm

Familiar Faces at the Spring Auction



Thanks to the help of Karen, Zachary, Paul, Betsy, Diana, George, Jack, and more, we raised \$5,434 at the Spring Auction. We can buy TONS of socks, soap, and diapers with that money!

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

Voices of our Volunteers

Auction Treasure

By Kathy Vogel

Last fall at our NGA auction, I purchased a unique, cut-glass bowl with the text of Isaiah 40:31 delicately engraved along the top edge. I had no specific use for it at the time but thought it was beautiful and special.



This past weekend we went to hear a friend preach (a retired Presbyterian minister) and to his home for lunch. I filled the bowl with wrapped mini-chocolates, encased it in white tulle, and added a big silver bow with a note. It was a perfect gift for the occasion and was well received and appreciated.

The moral of this story – if you see something intriguing at the auction – bid on it! It may be perfect later on. (There are always treasures to be had!) If anyone knows the story of this beautiful bowl, I would love to know.

Sad Passing

A few weeks ago, our Southampton Branch lost a dear member and friend, Jane Weis. She was a long time NGA volunteer and will be missed. Her daughter Sue, who also helped with the branch, gave us her Mother's collection of knitting needles, which was very special.

Camp "Sticker Socks"

By Lynn Castle

A young mother I know volunteered at Carson Simpson Day Camp (Hatboro, PA) when she was a teenager and now volunteers once a week with her children. She has a heart for teaching children about helping others that are less fortunate than themselves. All summer while she was there, she had service projects for the children to do.

I was invited to talk to 30 first and second graders about NGA. Of course, I came with TONS of socks for them to sticker while I was talking! We corralled them around picnic tables where I spread out elementary and infant socks to be labeled.

They enthusiastically stickered while I got them to think about what it would be like to not have



anything new to wear to school, or have to sleep in your car, or not feel good about yourself at school because you didn't have nice clothes to wear or you weren't clean. The kids learned about what it means to be a volunteer, that there are children who don't have the basic necessities to keep themselves clean, and how many hands can really make a difference in the lives of others less fortunate.

Partner Agency Responsibilities

Our partner agencies are an important part of the conduit that gets our gifts to those in need. To be a partner agency with our branch and receive our gifts for their needy clients, an agency must:

1. Register annually with our national organization in January and sign a contract stating that NGA gifts will be given only to needy people (an IRS definition); and will not be sold, given exclusively for holidays, or given based on behavior.
2. Complete a Branch Request Form each summer providing information for our computer allocations. It relates the number of clients in each age group and the specific items needed. For example, a summer camp does not need winter gear; a men's homeless shelter does not need women's toiletries.
3. Provide a contact person for our branch and agree to pick up our donations at given times and places.

48th Annual Fall Auction

Saturday – November 18, 2017

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 November 12 from 1-3pm only



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