



SOUTHAMPTON BRANCH

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News and views from our local branch!

## Name Change, But The Same

NGA, Needlework Guild of America, recently changed their name to National Giving Alliance. Although our branch activities are part of the "National Giving Alliance," we will continue to be known as the Southampton Branch of NGA.



## November 23, 2019 Auction Report

Kitchen/Cake	\$632.95
Jewelry Table	417.00
\$0.50 + Table	391.75
<u>General Sales + Donations</u>	<u>5063.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6506.70</b>

## What Happens in March and November?

### The NGA Auctions

November 17, 2019 found cars, vans, and trucks dropping off donations for the sale. Over 40 kids, men, and women helped to start to organize the donations. This was the first of 8 organizational times before the BIG day. Volunteers worked 209 shifts of 2-2 1/2 hours to prepare the goodies. It's a lot of work.



It takes 65-80 volunteers to staff the day of the auction. Thanks to all who donate things, who donate their time in organization, who provide the yummy food, who man the auction, or who come to buy treasures. The auction is truly a team effort.

## 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Auction Saturday March 21, 2020 A Fun Event for a Worthy Cause! 9am-4pm (Doors Open at 8:30am)

Treasures include but not limited to:  
Antiques and Early Attic, Linens, Jewelry,  
Depression Glass, Ephemera, Toys, Dolls,  
Games and Puzzles, Vintage Clothing,  
Household/Kitchen Items, Small Furniture,  
Vintage Sheet Music and Magazines, Tools,  
Collectibles, Military Items, Frames, Handwork,  
Artwork, Records, Decor Items, Old and Modern  
Books and Much, Much More...

### Delicious Lunch and Sweets Available for Purchase

Check [www.ngasouthamptonbranch.org](http://www.ngasouthamptonbranch.org)  
the week of the auction for more details.

## The Journey of a Pair of Socks

As a relatively ordinary pair of black socks, I had no idea how special my journey would become in the hands of these skilled NGA volunteers. First, I was sorted and labeled, and then joined other socks in a bag marked 20. I was about to be part of the hundreds of items of NEW clothes, toiletries and linens that were allocated to local agencies based on the needs of their clients. It was actually exciting to finally have the distribution day arrive where agencies gratefully took me to my final destination to give someone hope for tomorrow and warm feet for today! Way to go NGA!



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## First Time Perspectives on Ingathering

Grace ~

NGA was a very fun experience for me. I did a lot of stickering, counting, and sorting. First, we sorted through the various clothing items and put them in different piles.

Next, we put NGA stickers on all of the individual items. After we were done stickering a particular type of item, we counted them.



Then we sorted the items into different bags. All of the bags were labeled with a different agency, and we sorted them differently depending on how many people were at each agency. Once a bag was full, we tied it and put in front of the wall. It was actually enjoyable, because there were people to talk to and always something for your hands to do. I think it is a good way to help those who are in need.

Alyssa ~

I live in a big family of 8, so, as you can imagine, there's always something to do. Sometimes it's good, and sometimes it's bad. So, things can get frustrating. For me, NGA was a chance to get away from the stress, yet still have plenty to do. It was a wonderful experience, because I knew that everything I was doing was for people who needed help.

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## Answers to 1938 Quiz

1. Superman
2. Howard Hughes
3. Seabiscuit
4. March of Dimes by FDR
5. Kristallnacht (means "night of crystal" for glass that was broken)
6. War of the Worlds radio broadcast (Martian invasion story)
7. Nylon
8. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
9. Ballpoint pen
10. US: FDR; Russia: Stalin; Britain: Neville Chamberlin; Italy: Mussolini

## Curious Minds Want To Know These Volunteers

At a recent Working Session, five volunteers that represent the diversity of our volunteer force were interviewed and we thought you would be interested in their responses to the following questions:

- How did you get involved in NGA?
- How long have you been involved?
- Why is NGA important to you?



Ann K.

1. On my days off from Council Rock School, my mom would encourage me to come. I would label items and sort buttons.
2. I have been involved since 1977.
3. It connects me with others.

Mary R.

1. My parents and grandparents got me involved.
2. Since I was a little girl they (NGA) asked for two items - one to wear and one to wash. I'm 93 years old.
3. Helping out others.



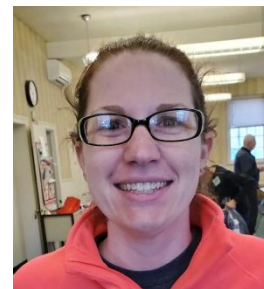
Laura S.

1. It's through the church, but even as a little girl my mom was involved with it.
2. I have been involved for 12 years.
3. It feels good to do something for someone else, and it's important to help people.



Laura G.

1. My mom and her mom did it, so I am a third generation, and now my kids are the fourth generation.
2. I have been involved since birth, 34 years.
3. I like the fact that we help local people. I've done overseas missions and it's important to help everyone, but most people don't realize that poverty is right here too. It's important to help our neighbors.



Gary K.

1. I'm a member of the church here, so I hear about it all the time, and my wife was involved when she was alive.
2. Kind of depends on how you define it. I helped my wife for many, many years, but I have been actively involved for about one year.
3. I find myself extremely blessed and I know that there are people who aren't, so my faith compels me to do this.



As you can see, we have come to Southampton Branch of NGA in different ways, for different reasons; but what unites us is our belief that this is important work and we are all better human beings as a result of our commitment to helping others through this mission.

## What's Great About 1938?

Well, first of all, 1938 was the year our Southampton Branch of NGA was founded. That makes us 82 years old this year! And, of course, other things were going on throughout the world at the same time. Try your hand at the following quiz to see if you know what else happened in 1938.

1. What superhero made his first appearance in April?
2. What aviator set a new world record for his around the world flight in July?
3. What underdog horse won a famous horse race in November?
4. What famous charity was created by a U.S. President in January?
5. What destructive attack was made on Jewish businesses in Germany in November?
6. What radio broadcast frightened listeners on the Eastern Seaboard in October?
7. What new fabric was introduced by DuPont this year?
8. What was the Disney Fairy Tale movie first shown in 1938?
9. What popular writing instrument was invented this year?
10. Who were the leaders of the US, Russia, Britain and Italy during 1938?

Good Luck! See how you do. The answers are found elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are not all work and NO play. Come celebrate our success and invite new volunteers to join us at the **Annual Ice Cream Social.**



Picnic Style without the ants!  
Come dressed for the occasion.  
Games, Prizes, Ice Cream, and More

**Friday June 5 from 6:30-8:30**

**RSVP by Friday May 29  
to Bev Barcalow at 215-760-8474  
or [nga.southampton@gmail.com](mailto:nga.southampton@gmail.com)**

## Surprise

Our branch is always working to be more effective and efficient, to use our resources wisely, and to meet the needs of our partner agencies' clients in urgent need. Because of this desire, a study was done of the needs of those in our network by each category. That's men/teen b, women/teen g, elementary, pre-school and infants; it was by tops, bottoms, undies, socks, sleepwear, outerwear, gloves, hats, scarves, footwear. This study found a total of 82,436 individual needs reported by our partners. Guess what? Which folks do you think had the most needs? Over 28,000 were men, about 20,000 were elementary, over 15,000 were women, over 10,000 were infants, and over 9,000 were pre-school. New clothes in every category are truly needed, but men led the list. Surprise, surprise!

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## Celebrating a 50 Year Relationship

The beginning of this school year marked the 50th year that the North and Southampton Reformed



Church (NSRC) has embraced the ongoing mission of the Southampton Branch of NGA by providing a

permanent home for activities and a steady volunteer base. For a couple of years prior to that, several folks met monthly in people's homes. Before the later 60's, NGA met only once a year, at Ingathering, to collect, sort and distribute new clothes and linens for needy neighbors. These annual events were carried out on a rotating basis in the second floor of the old Southampton fire house and at various area churches.

Meeting regularly at a known location has increased the success of our NGA over the years. From 1938 through 1969, our branch gave away 55,710 items of new clothes and linens. (Toiletry items were added more recently.) From 1970 through 2018, we provided over one million gifts to those less fortunate. To date we have given 1,287,337. We thank the church for making this possible.

## Volunteerism...What Are The Benefits?

*“Giving helps the giver as much as those to whom the gift goes. It broadens the vision, and enlarges life. It cultivates love, sympathy and kindness. It develops nobility of character and generosity of conduct” – Unknown*

Quite a lofty statement, but does donating your time, skills and talents really make a qualitative difference in your life? A study by United Health Group & the Optum Institute found a direct link between volunteering and better physical, mental & emotional health. As you can see in the chart below, there are tangible health benefits connected with volunteerism. So, while we are helping to make a positive difference in the lives of the people we serve, we are supporting a better lifestyle for ourselves. Such a Win/Win.



*Used by permission from United Health Group 1/9/2020*

## Did You Know?

“Council Rock School District has a long tradition of community involvement. Through the real-world context of volunteer service, genuine community needs are met by students whose personal development is in turn positively impacted in such areas as communication and problem-solving skills, confidence, and self-esteem. Although not a requirement for graduation, all students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to participate in CRSD’s service-learning program in order to experience the many benefits that partnering with the community affords.” (Copied from [www.crsd.org/lincs](http://www.crsd.org/lincs))

This program known as LINCS - Learning in Neighborhood Community Service - supports area non-profits by connecting them with High School students for a win/win relationship. The Southampton Branch of the NGA has recently become an approved non-profit and we have already begun developing relationships with some of the students. We advertise in their LINCS newsletter the volunteer options available for our Auctions and once the students sign up, we provide mentoring and instruction as well as valuable feedback on the job completed.

We have always maintained that becoming involved in the mission of NGA is an intergenerational goal and the LINCS program is one more way to reach out to young people and get them excited about



*Gabe helped us in November as part of the LINCS program.*

helping others in need as they add to their own personal skills. Volunteerism is contagious and so is the feeling that helping others can be fun! Look out for our LINCS students at the next Auction and please make them feel welcomed.

## Special Donations and Support

In 2019 we received special financial donations:

- In memory of Krista Burkholder, Helen Epp, Charles Koenig, and Clara Vaughan.
- In celebration of Marilyn Boyer’s birthday.
- In appreciation of school-age auction help.
- In support of the auction.

Special contributions were also received from:

- Barb who produced her beautiful photos into notecards and gave the monies earned.
- Bob and Joyce who re-directed new clothes from their church’s rummage sales for our distribution.
- Sue who encouraged her community, Bryn Gweled Homesteads, to focus on NGA during the holidays.
- A member who gave the proceeds from the sale of her hand-fashioned doll clothes.
- NSRC collections of socks and toiletries as part of their monthly collections.
- Ruth who heard of the sock drive and directed cozy slipper socks from a member of her Lawrenceville church for our distribution.
- National Headquarters who donated socks for our neighbors in need.
- Deann who got matching funds from her employer.
- A stranger who paid for the produce and pumpkins (\$11.35) of a member and told them to pay it forward. It (\$11.35) was given to the branch, the pumpkins used at the cake table at the auction, and then they were used as part of the Thanksgiving display in church.
- Sal when he shared his tech expertise, retrieved lost files, donated a new flash drive, and made this newsletter possible.



What special support might you be able to share with our branch and the people we serve?

Contributions should be made out to *Southampton Branch of NGA, c/o Karen Fesmire, Treasurer, 960 E. Maple Drive, Southampton, PA 18966*. Call 215-357-0121 with your ideas.



## Planning Ahead for Our Branch in 2020

Please save this page for display and mark your calendars. You are an important part of our success.

**Ask others - men, women, and kids - to be involved. All are welcome. Thanks!**

AP (west wing), Auditorium (east wing) of the North and Southampton Reformed Church, 1380 Bristol Road, Churchville, PA

February 12	Working Session (AP)	9 – 12:30	Distribution
March 11	Working Session (AP)	9 – 12	Organize, sort
<b>March 15</b>	<b>AUCTION Setup (1 - 5) and acceptance of sale items (1:30 - 3) Church auditorium.</b>		
	<b>March 16 thru 18 setup, sort, pack, pass on</b>		
	9 – 11:30 am	1:30 – 3:30 pm	6:00 – 8 pm
<b>AUCTION March 21</b>	Doors open at 8:30 am	Auction 9 am – 4 pm ish	
April 8	Working Session (AP)	9 – 12:30	Distribution
May 13	Working Session (AP)	9 – 12	Organize, sort
	<b>Branch Luncheon Meeting Noon</b> – Light lunch provided at noon. Meeting 12:30 pm This is the official notice of this short branch meeting. All are welcome.		
May 29	RSVP Ice Cream Social to Bev at 215-760-8474 or nga.southampton@gmail.com		
June 5	Ice Cream Social “Picnic”	6:30	NSRC Auditorium
	Come dressed for a picnic. Remember, “How you look is how you feel.”		
June 10	Working Session (AP)	9 – 12:30	Distribution
<b>No July or August Meetings</b>			
September 9	Working Session (AP)	9 – 12	Organize, sort
October 14	Working Session (AP)	9 – 12	Organize, sort
October 18 – 22	<b>Ingathering/Distribution</b>		<b>Church Auditorium</b>
October 22		9:30 – 10:30 am	Agency Pick Up
November 11	Working Session (AP)	9 – 12	Organize, sort
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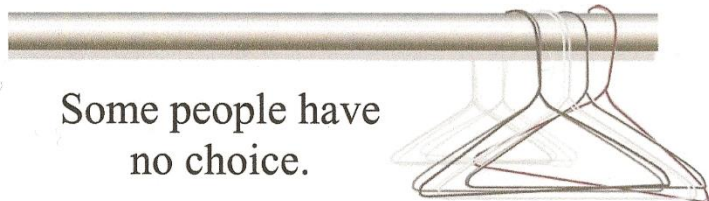
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Can't decide what to wear?



Some people have  
no choice.

**Volunteers in the Southampton  
Branch of NGA have been  
providing new clothes to  
neighbors in need since 1938.**

**We believe:**

- That how people look is how they feel and new clothes, linens, and toiletries make a difference.
- That people's circumstances do not define their worth.
- That we need to help our neighbors, friends, and strangers.
- That giving our time and talents enriches our lives and those we serve.
- That volunteers young and old and contributions large and small are the building blocks to our success.