# **Special Holiday Edition**





# **Warwick Parc Newsletter**

### December 14, 2014

### Greetings

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This is a Special Edition of the Newsletter to share with you photos from the recent Warwick Parc Adult Holiday Party at the home of Cherie and Jim Gribschaw. Unfortunately, our inchoate photographer (viz., yours truly) failed to take any pictures of the three tables filled with all sorts of delectable foods and sumptuous sweets (he will try to do a better job next year or we'll give him notice). If you were unable to attend, please enjoy the pics (pp. 4-11) of your neighbors who had a great time and know that you were missed.

I also want to give a big "Thank You!" to the volunteers who worked with Shelia Hodge, Chair of the Holiday Party Committee, to make the event a great food-and-fun filled time for all: Valerie Hatcher, Cherie Gribschaw, Mary Morton, Paula Henderson, and Sandy Cotton.

Finally. I would like to wish each of you, on behalf of the entire WP Board, a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and a most healthy and prosperous 2015!
Sincerely,
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"Novel Neighbors" meet the second Tuesday of the month, 1:00pm, September through May. Each member has the opportunity to host, choose a book and lead the discussion.

The next meeting will be January 13, 1:00pm, at the home of Caroline Shank, 6908 Peter's Path. The chosen book will be **THE GOOD GIRL by Mary Kubica:** 

I've been following her for the past few days. I know where she buys her groceries, where she has her dry cleaning done, where she works. I don't know the color of her eyes or what they look like when she's scared. But I will." Born to a prominent Chicago judge and his stifled socialite wife, Mia Dennett moves against the grain as a young inner-city art teacher. One night, Mia enters a bar to meet her on-again, off-again boyfriend. But when he doesn't show, she unwisely leaves with an enigmatic stranger. With his smooth moves and modest wit, at first Colin Thatcher seems like a safe one-night stand. But following Colin home will turn out to be the worst mistake of Mia's life. Colin's job was to abduct Mia as part of a wild extortion plot and deliver her to his employers. But the plan takes an unexpected turn when Colin suddenly decides to hide Mia in a secluded cabin in rural Minnesota, evading the police and his deadly superiors. Mia's mother, Eve, and detective Gabe Hoffman will stop at nothing to find them, but no one could have predicted the

emotional entanglements that eventually cause this family's world to shatter. An addictively suspenseful and tautly written thriller, THE GOOD GIRL is a propulsive debut that reveals how even in the perfect family, nothing is as it seems....

Enjoy the following Holiday Recipe from Novel Neighbors:

#### **HOLIDAY SANGRIA**

1 bottle white wine

1 bottle sparkling cider

2 clementines (sliced)

1 Granny Smith apple (chopped)

1 Gala apple (chopped)

1-2 cups cranberries

Combine wine and cider in a pitcher. Add chopped apples and clementines. Add cranberries. Stir well. Chill until serving.

Future meeting dates and hosts:

February 10 - Sheila

March 10 - Mindy

April 14 - Paula

May 12 – TBD

A listing, with synopses, of all books read by Novel Neighbors, since its inception in 2008 through May 2014, is included on the website in the Novel Neighbors folder.

### Please Check Out the New Warwick Parc HOA Website

(warwickparc.wordpress.com)



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# **Holiday Party Pics**



Hosting Home:

Cherie and Jim Gribschaw















Jim and Kristine Kjolhede with Kristine's Mom, Beth Kahanek from Montana

Jim and Kristine Kjolhede

Ralph Cotton, Paul Hallen,

Jim Gribschaw



Priya and Rajiv Pandit

Ralph and Sandy Cotton

Valerie Hatcher, Charee Wilson,

Shelia Hodge and Carl Wilson

Cherie Gribschaw and Mark Hodge



Left: Valerie Hatcher and Shelia

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Left: Mary and Bill Morton

Right: Cherie Gribschaw and Barb Orf



Above: Valerie Hatcher and Sandy Cotton



Deborah Jenkins, Brian Shank, Caroline Shank, Ronnie Clowe and Brad Clowe

David Seibert, Julie Seibert, Jim Gribschaw

Brian Jenkins, Grace Hallen and Jody Hatcher

Brian Jenkins, Valerie Hatcher and Jody Hatcher



Cherie Gribschaw and Deborah Jenkins

Dave and Barb Orf



Brad and Ronnie Clowe with

Charee and Carl Wilson





Shelia Hodge's Popular White Chocolate Dipped, Oatmeal, Cranberry Cookies (see recipe below). Ed. Note: The secret is the toasted pecans.

WHITE CHOCOLATE-DIPPED OATMEAL-CRANBERRY COOKIES

- 1 CUP BUTTER OR MARGERINE SOFTENED
- 1 CUP FIRMLY PACKED LIGHT BROWN SUGAR
- 1/2 CUP GRANULATED SUGAR
- 1 LARGE EGG
- **1 TBSP VANILLA EXTRACT**
- 2 CUPS ALL PURPOSE FLOUR
- **1 TSP BAKING SODA**
- 1/2 TSP BAKING POWDER
- 2 CUPS CRAISENS ( I USE A LITTLE LESS)
- 1 ¼ CUPS UNCOOKED QUICK-COOKING OATS
- 1 ½ CUPS PECAN PIECES, TOASTED

3 (4 OZ) WHITE CHOCOLATE BAKING BARS COARSLY CHOPPED( I USED GHIRARDELLI)

#### **3 TBSP SHORTENING**

Beat butter at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy, gradually add sugars, beating well. Add egg and vanilla until blended.

Combine flour and next 3 ingredients, gradually add to butter mixture, beating until blended. Stir in cranberries, pecans, and oats.

Drop dough by heaping tablespoons 2 inches apart onto lightly greased baking sheets.

Bake at 375 for 9-11 minutes, or until lightly browned. Cool on baking sheets 2 minutes. Transfer to wire racks to cool completely.

Microwave white chocolate and shortening in a medium size microwavable bowl on High 1 minute or until chocolate melts stirring once. Dip half of each cookie into melted chocolate, letting excess drip back into bowl. Place dipped cookies on wax paper, let stand until firm.

Yield - 4 doz

I don't think I used as much chocolate as they have here. These are good without the chocolate too.



Happy Hanukkah Happy Kwanzaa to you all!



If you know of any noteworthy neighborhood activity, personality, or event which should be included in the Warwick Parc Newsletter, or have neighborhood photos you would like to share via this Newsletter, please contact:

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