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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Some traditions around the world!

In Spain, locals will **eat exactly 12 grapes** at the stroke of midnight to honor a tradition that started in the late 19th century. Back in the 1800s, vine growers in the Alicante area came up with this practice as a means of selling more grapes toward the end of the year, but the sweet celebration quickly caught on. Today, Spaniards enjoy eating one grape for each of the first 12 bell strikes after midnight in the hopes that this will ward off bad luck and bring about a year of good fortune and prosperity.

For the past 25 years or so, it has been a Russian holiday tradition for two divers, aptly named Father Frost and the Ice Maiden, to venture into **a frozen Lake Baikal**, the world's largest freshwater lake, and take a New Year Tree—typically a decorated spruce—more than 100 feet below the surface. Though the temperature is normally well below freezing in Russia on New Year's Eve, people travel from all over the world to partake in this frozen fête.

Italians have a New Year's tradition of **wearing red underwear** each Dec. 31. In Italian culture, the color red is associated with fertility, so people wear it under their clothes in the hopes that it will help them conceive in the coming year.

No, this New Year's Eve tradition has nothing to do with vampires. Rather, the Greeks believe that **onions are a symbol of rebirth**, so they hang the pungent vegetable on their doors to promote growth throughout the new year. Greek culture has long associated this food with development, seeing as all the odorous onion ever seemingly wants is to plant its roots and keep growing.

In Denmark, people take pride in the number of **broken dishes outside their door** by the end of New Year's Eve. It's a Danish tradition to throw china at your friends' and neighbors' front doors on New Year's Eve—some say it's a means of leaving any aggression and ill-will behind before the New Year begins—and it is said that the bigger your pile of broken dishes, the more luck you will have in the upcoming year.

In ancient Greek mythology, the pomegranate symbolizes fertility, life, and abundance, and so the fruit has come to be associated with good fortune in modern Greece. Just after midnight on New Year's Eve, it is customary for Greeks to **smash a pomegranate** against the door of their house—and it is said that the number of pomegranate seeds that end up scattered is directly correlated with the amount of good luck to come.

In Turkey, it's considered good luck to **sprinkle salt on your doorstep** as soon as the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve. Like many other New Year's traditions around the globe, this one is said to promote both peace and prosperity throughout the new year.

Each year, an estimated one million people gather in **New York City's Times Square** to watch the New Year's Eve ball drop. Satellite technology helps millions more U.S. Americans experience the tradition from the comfort of home, with upwards of a billion people watching worldwide. If those tuning in live from home are located in the American South, chances are they'll be doing so with a bowl of collard greens and black-eyed peas in hand. These foods are thought to help secure **good luck and financial gains** in the new year.



**March 2, 2024 is only 62 days away!**

### **TIMELINE**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th**

**Lunch meeting:**

- ◆ Terry will be handing out tickets if you have not received them yet.
- ◆ Items can be brought to this meeting.
- ◆ If you do not want to shop please bring in your monetary gift of \$75.00 so that I can go shopping. If you are not at this meeting please make arrangements with me. Text me 814-706-2505.
- ◆ If you have ticket money please bring it to this meeting.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8th**

**Dinner meeting**

- ◆ Items to be brought to this meeting
- ◆ Money for tickets
- ◆ RETURN ALL TICKETS THAT ARE NOT SOLD. (we have a waiting list)

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 19th**

**Post pictures on Facebook and our website.**

**All tickets need to be in.**

### **MONEY/LOTTERY TREE**

**We will be having a tree. I will be passing an envelope around for donations**



Our Annual Christmas Gathering was an awesome success. Sharing great memories, good food, and some great laughs. Dirty Santa included a copper Angel that made it's way around the tables. A hand made pillow and gnomes were also passed around many times.

Hoping all had a  
**HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

# Christmas Parade's in Warren and Youngsville



Thank you to all our members that participated.  
Thank you Erin for the use of your pick up truck.

THE SALVATION ARMY

# BATTLE OF THE BELLS

RING TOGETHER, WIN TOGETHER!  
12/15-12/16



**THANK YOU TO ALL  
OUR BELL RINGERS!**

Colleen Sloan  
Tammy Bimber  
Cathy Peterson  
MaryAnn Zdarko  
Marcia Zeybel  
Jennifer Bliss  
Judy Templeton  
Brianna Pollock  
Chery Gruber  
Wendy Clawson  
Phyliss Wright  
Judy Yeagle

1. Kiwanis—2,368.39
2. Rotary—1,461.43
3. Zonta—1,384.17
4. Lions—\$779.49

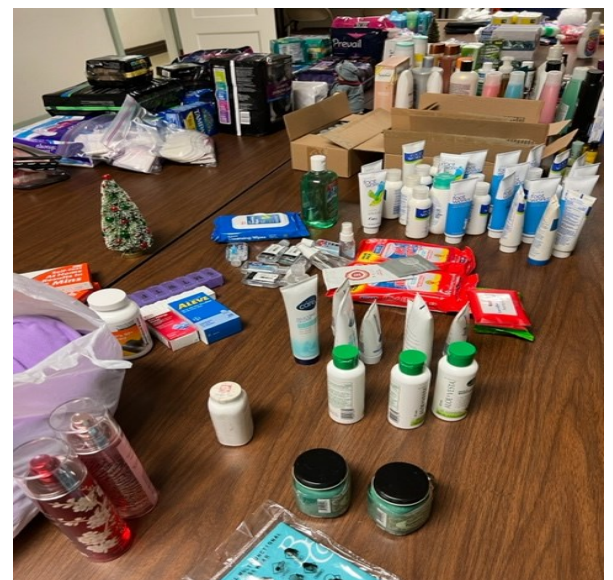


# ***I SUPPORT THE GIRLS***



Members gathered to count, sort, & distribute Hygiene Products to 3 local non-profit organizations including [Wellness and Forensic Center](#) - [Warren County Children's Advocacy Center](#) - and 3 [Warren County](#)

[YMCA - PA YMCA Sheffield Site](#) [YMCA Youngsville Site](#) - It's all part of our new partnership with [I Support the Girls](#) - in less than 1 month - 553 items were collected. This will be an ongoing collection. We are still collecting new and gently used bras, too!



# SEXUAL ASSAULT EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT - ENACTMENT

Act of Dec. 14, 2023, P.L.  
, No. 59

Cl. 35

Providing for access to treatment for sexual assault survivors and for duties of the Department of Health.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

## Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Sexual Assault Emergency Services Act.

## Section 2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"County." A county of any class in this Commonwealth.

"Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

"Hospital." As defined in section 802.1 of the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act.

"Registered nurse." A registered nurse, clinical nurse specialist or certified registered nurse practitioner under the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law.

"SANE program." A program that utilizes a sexual assault nurse examiner for a forensic medical examination based in this Commonwealth.

"Sexual assault." Any of the offenses specified in 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 31 Subch. B (relating to definition of offenses).

"Sexual assault nurse examiner" or "SANE." A registered nurse who completed additional education and training that meets the most recent edition of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Education Guidelines established by the International Association of Forensic Nurses in effect on the effective date of this section to provide comprehensive health care to survivors of sexual assault.

"Sexual assault survivor." An individual who reports that they have experienced sexual assault.

## Section 3. SANE program for access to treatment for sexual assault survivors.

In addition to the sexual assault emergency services required under 28 Pa. Code § 117.52 (relating to minimum requirements for sexual assault emergency services), a hospital may establish a SANE program.

## Section 4. Duties of department.

(a) List of SANE capabilities.--

(1) No later than 180 days after the effective date of this section and updated on an annual basis, the department shall publish a comprehensive list of each hospital, by county, that provides SANE care on the department's publicly accessible Internet website. The list shall include the location and phone number for each hospital listed and, when applicable, the hospital's publicly accessible Internet website.

(2) A hospital shall notify the department of changes to the hospital's SANE capabilities within seven days of the change. The department shall update the publicly accessible Internet website to reflect a change by a hospital within seven days of receipt from a hospital.

(b) Browsing history.--The department shall develop a feature on the department's publicly accessible Internet website that simultaneously deletes the user's Internet browsing history and redirects the user to the web browser's home page. This feature shall be a button affixed to the top-right of the web browser and shall be added to each publicly accessible Internet website pertaining to information or services for sexual assault or domestic violence survivors.

(c) Funding.--The department shall make grant funding available if sufficient funds have been appropriated for the purpose of establishing and supporting infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of sexual assault nurse examiner services.

## Section 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.



ZONTA  
SPIRIT

BE PREPARED PLAN  
AHEAD

**January 11:** Noon – Career Center?

Reminder for nominations for Women Who Make a Difference and Community Grant

Program: Amelia Earhart

Women R Wonderful

**February 8:** Dinner – Plaza

Women R Wonderful February 10<sup>th</sup>

LNL

Vote for Women Who Make a Difference and Community Grant

Program: Zonta Spirit

**March:** March 2<sup>nd</sup> LNL

**March 14:** Lunch – Career Center or if Dinner ?

Women Who Make a Difference awards

LNL wrap up

Program: International Women's Day – End Child Marriage, Infant Mortality

Nominations for officers and board and nominating committee to Board by April meeting

**April 11:** Dinner – Cable Hollow?

Vote on officers, board, nominating committee

Induction of new members

Program: Climate Change (Zonta says NOW)

**May 19:** Dinner - ?

Installation of Officers, board, nominating committee

Program to be decided: Maybe something related to leadership or about women

Judge Skerda suggested speaker

**June 13:** Lunch

Scholarship recipient or a program about education: NPRC or HiEd.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th**

**LUNCH MEETING AT NOON**