

MOREHOUSE WOMEN'S NEWSLETTER

September, 2017

TOWN OF MOREHOUSE EVENT CALENDAR

The following events will be held at the Morehouse Rec Center, Route 8:

Morehouse Volunteer Fire Company

Turkey Dinner:

October 21, 2017 – 4:30 till gone

Rod and Gun Club Game Dinner

November 11, 2017; 6:00 p.m.

Women's Club Xmas Party and Cookie Exchange

December 12, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Our thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends of Janice Reynolds, Walter Key and Tracey Fredericks.



Samantha (Sam) Valik is back home in Morehouse from her year as an exchange student in Finland. Below is Sam's story of her year in Finland.

My Year in Finland
8/6/16 – 7/6/17

"When I stepped off the plane I was so ready for whatever exchange was going to throw at me. I had all my goodbyes out of the way and had my Mom's words 'you can do this' repeating in my head.

After arriving to my new home, I was immediately submerged into language, culture, new cities and 100% strangers. And let me tell you, I definitely wasn't ready. I was put into a language camp with 80 other students from all over the world. We studied the language, made what were soon to be my 'family' exchange friends. We did many Finish things. Soon it was time to meet my first host family. The family consisted of a Mom, Dad and 3 daughters, but 2 were on exchange. I clicked instantly, however they were speaking English with me. I didn't mind because everything was overwhelming.

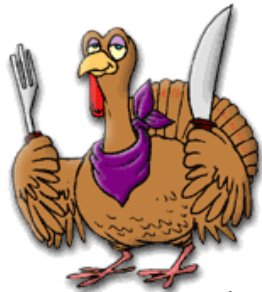
School was all in Finish and I felt like I was never going to understand. I had no friends and the food was different, but in time it got better. I made friends, figured out the food and the language began to make sense. Before I knew it, it was Christmas. They celebrate it on the 24th and Santa comes in the front door.

Then I moved to my second family. We didn't click. I explain it as we had different values and not everyone can get along under the same roof. I was there for 2 months and in that time, I really got connected with school. I attended the 'prom' which is actually traditional dances. We practiced for 3 months with our partners and performed at 3 different venues. Lots of dancing!! Soon after I moved into my third host family. They were amazing!! They had 2 girls and 2 boys and it made me feel at home. I instantly was part of the family. By this time, I was almost fluent in the language. They threw me my 17th birthday party and stuck by me 100%. They were my happy place. We went to Summer cottages, had game nights, went grocery shopping, made traditional foods, went naked in the sauna, and even packed all my things up together. I am so thankful to have had 2/3 amazing families. And all of my friends who helped me through home sickness and the times I just needed a hug.

Exchange has changed my perspective on the world for the better and I think it is a great opportunity for youth. I learned how to manage my money, talk to people for help in another language, and live without my parents in the next room over. I now plan to study abroad. Without everyone's support I wouldn't have made it.

Thank you for following up my story!!!!"

Samantha Valik



**MOREHOUSE
VOLUNTEER FIRE
COMPANY TURKEY
DINNER – October 21,
2017**

It might be true that not many people outside the area know where the Town of Morehouse is located, but you can be guaranteed that those who live within a 50-mile radius know of the Morehouse Volunteer Fire Company's turkey dinner.

The all-you-can-eat dinner includes turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, squash, green beans, coleslaw, cranberry sauce, and dessert.

Serving starts at 4:30 p.m. until sold out – which is normally quite quickly.

Once again, we have to thank all those who work hours to make this dinner possible.



POTLUCK DINNER

**ROD AND GUN CLUB
GAME DINNER**

The Rod and Gun Club game dinner will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend – just bring a dish to pass and enjoy sampling all kinds of food. Game

dishes are not a requirement – salads, side dishes and desserts are also needed.

In addition, donations of gift baskets or new items for the drawings would be greatly appreciated. All donations should be delivered **by noon** to the Rec Center on Friday, November 10.

Be sure to bring some extra cash to participate in the raffles and 50/50.



A portion of the proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 1005 in Fort Drum, New York.



**WOMEN'S CLUB XMAS PARTY
AND COOKIE EXCHANGE**

The Women's Club will host their Xmas party and cookie exchange on December 12 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a wrapped gift and join in the fun.

If you would like to participate in the cookie exchange, please notify Mary Ann Mosher at 826-7313 or mam@ntcnet.com.

**SOMETHING TO DO IN THE AREA –
September 16 & 17, 2017**



Garage Sale Weekend – Includes Speculator, Lake Pleasant, Arietta, Piseco and Morehouse

Lake Pleasant Library Book Sale – Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Sunday Noon to 3:00 p.m.