

You're Invited: ***Penny Social***

by Maryann Harvey

Ever wonder who takes care of our volunteer firefighters who are taking care of us? Well, it's the **Fire Company's Ladies Auxiliary**. *During structure fires, floods, accidents, and other life-threatening occasions, it's the women of the Ladies Auxiliary who bring food, water, supplies and moral support to the men on the front line. It's an all volunteer company on both sides of the fires, and they all need support. The Ladies Auxiliary raises their own funds for the supplies they need to provide support to the firefighters.*

The women of the **Red Hook Fire Company's Ladies Auxiliary** have the fun part and they invite you to participate. *Their first Penny Social will be held on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th when the doors open at 5 pm.* There will be lots of "gently-used" semi-valuable white elephant items to bid on for a penny and some more valuable items, like gift certificates for dinners for two, which will go for bids only a little bit higher. There will also be a **50-50 drawing** and lots of worthwhile **door prizes**. Add to that a **concession stand** serving food and drinks, and a **bake sale**, and you've got dinner and entertainment. *A fun night!*

*The Penny Social will become an annual fundraising event for the Ladies Auxiliary to be added to their other fundraisers at **Hardscrabble Day** and the **Apple Blossom Festival**. The women also help the men when they have fundraising events, such as their spaghetti dinners and pancake breakfasts and raffles.*

Great Group of Women

In operation for 18 years, the Red Hook Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary has grown to 18 members and they always need more. They have a big job to do, and they have a lot of fun along the way. *Their monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday at the Firehouse. If you would like to join, applications are available at the Firehouse.*

The Ladies Auxiliary's new slate of officers will be presented and installed at the same annual dinner meeting as the Fire Department's installation. Their officers are: **President Karen Lane, Vice President Samantha Coon, Secretary/Treasurer Wendy Coon. Other Board members are Germain Coon, Kristina Burnett and Roxanne McCarthy.**

For more information about the Penny Social or the Auxiliary or if you would like to donate to the fun night, you can call Samantha at 835-8002 or Ambyr at 337-8707.

CAPTION:

Left to right: Kristina Burnett, Samantha Coon, Ambyr Lane, Joan Grover and Kathy Helsley.