

Noonday Senior Dinner

The Noonday Club will celebrate its 80th anniversary this year, having been founded in 1923 “to serve the community in any way possible towards improving and stimulating its business, social and cultural life.” For nearly one-third of that time, the annual *Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner* has been one of the major efforts of this local service organization.

On Sunday, December 8th, approximately 140 seniors gathered at the **Ellenville High School Cafeteria** for a free turkey dinner, replete with salad, potatoes, stuffing, and dessert. For those unable to attend, Club volunteers packed and delivered about 40 additional dinners.



Jane Eck, Sylvia Fogarty, and Karen Thornton prepare take-out meals for those unable to attend. On the counter is one of the floral-decorations-in-a-mug provided by the Shawangunk Garden Club; one guest at each table took home a similar centerpiece.

Dozens of volunteers and businesses make this event possible. Food donations were made by *Hydro-Aluminum, Imperial Schrade, Peters Market, Gillette Creamery, Janet Adamo, ARAMARK, Pine Grove Ranch, Freskeeto Frozen Foods, Sullivan/Eastern/ Ulster Correctional Facilities* (which also helped with the cooking and preparations), *Aero Transporters, Ellenville National Bank, and JM Originals.*

The *Nevele Grande Resort* loaned the Club enough tablecloths to cover each of the new round tables in the cafeteria. Also assisting were the *Ellenville First Aid & Rescue Squad* and the *Ellenville Lions and Lionesses.*



Noonday Club Vice President Debbie Briggs (top left) was among those who volunteered to serve guests at this year's Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner; below, Irwin Rosenthal of Ellenville Lumber serves dessert.



Group leaders Marty & Paul Lonstein, Clive & Cep Smith, Fran Wolfe, and Dave Eiksza headed up the cooking, carving, dessert, salad, and delivery crews, respectively.

The Noonday Club wishes to thank those whose time and donations again made the *Senior Dinner* a successful example of positive community effort. ✨



At Saturday setup, (l-r) Noonday Secretary Steven Krulick, Dinner Co-chair Dick Peters, Club President Robert Fontaine (with program), and Co-chair James Barry were aided by Bernie & Minnie Wainer, Ernie Bollin (Co-chairs), and Sylvia Kalipolites.