

## News from the Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council

By Joanne Dicker, President

I hope that everyone had a joyful and peaceful holiday season.

We are starting the year with new programs:

1. **Friday, January 10, 2020 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.:** We will be attending a forum on **Protecting Houses of Worship: preventing and responding to hate crimes.** The forum is facilitated by the US Department of Justice, Community Relations Service. Location: Genesee Theater 203 N. Genesee, Waukegan, IL (See attached flier for more information.)
2. **Sunday, February 9, 2020 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.:** Kingswood Methodist Church and Congregation Beth Am, in conjunction with the Simon Wiesenthal Center, are sponsoring a program on **Hate Groups and healing.** The speaker, T.M. Garret, a former Neo-Nazi and Klan member, will tell his story of transformation. He now sponsors the Memphis Peace Project. (Please bring non-perishable food items for the food pantry.)

Our upcoming and continuing programs:

1. **“Knock Your Socks Off” in February and March.** We collect new socks for the homeless attending PADS.
2. **“Stamp out Hunger”:** **May 9, 2020:** Postal workers pick up donated non-perishable food from our post boxes which is distributed by the NWSIFC to our food pantries.
3. **“i-walk against hunger”:** **June 28, 2020:** Our annual fundraiser to fight hunger in the suburbs and raise funds for the increased use of our food pantries in the summer due to the end of the school year and its free lunch program.
4. **Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration: November 22, 2020:** Our family oriented celebration including community harmony with prayers, music and hospitality.

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For more information on any of our programs, please contact us by e-mail or telephone:

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