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American Red Cross of Northeast Massachusetts

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Did you know...?

December is the peak month for candle fires, with nearly twice the average number of incidents.
44% of reported candle fires in the home started in the bedroom.

Candle Fire Safety points to remember:

- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire.
- Use candleholders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that can't burn and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Don't place lit candles in windows, where blinds and curtains can close over them.
- Place candleholders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface and do not use candles in places where they could be knocked over by children or pets.
- Keep candles and all open flames away from flammable liquids.
- Keep candlewicks trimmed to one-quarter inch and extinguish taper and pillar candles when they get to within two inches of the holder or decorative material.
- Votives and containers should be extinguished before the last half-inch of wax starts to melt.
- Avoid candles with combustible items embedded in them.

ARC Northeast MA Chapter Fire Statistics for Oct-Dec.		
Oct—Dec 2004	Oct—Dec 2005	Oct—Dec 2006
5 Fires 18 Clients	4 Fires 43 Clients	4 Fires 16 Clients

Last minute gift idea for your loved ones:
A Smoke Alarm
Don't forget batteries!



Welcome to our newest Volunteers
Patricia Walton, Tim Walsh, Rebecca Kucera, and Marlene Piazza.

THANK YOU
... to Joie Busby, Donna Grfroerer, Laura Holt and Rachael Crosse for assisting Cindy Quinn at the Gloucester Senior Center Disaster Preparedness Session in November.

... to Lianne Authier and Joie Busby for representing our Chapter in the Gloucester Holiday Parade last month.

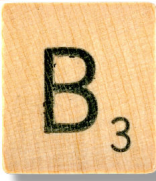
... to Joyce Heinze, Sally Pawolski, Joie Busby, Marilyn Morrill, Judy Chamberlain, Ann Morrill and Heidi Hatch for helping our at very busy December Blood Drives.

... to Marian Seigel, Dennis Quinn and Rachael Crosse for working the Holiday Sale, which raised over \$275!

Dare to compete in next month's
DAT Meeting Chili Cook Off!



Volunteer Spotlight




BARBARA LEBEL

What is a 7-letter word that adds up to a great point value? That word is "B-A-R-B-A-R-A" who has added great value to the Red Cross. Barbara LeBel joined our chapter as a volunteer in the Fall 2005, shortly after Hurricane Katrina hit. She has been an integral part of our team ever since!

Barbara manages our donor database, inputting and tracking all donations that come in to our chapter, and generates acknowledgement letters for those donations. She also volunteers at many of our chapter's special events. And she even manages to make time for her paid position in database management for a local company.

In case you hadn't guessed, Barbara is an accomplished SCRABBLE player. She lives in Ipswich with her husband and two sons. Barbara truly is one of our most dedicated volunteers. Most importantly, she is a J-O-Y to be around.



The Gift of Giving

The Beverly Rotary kindly donated tickets to Le Grand David in Beverly, to 20 of our clients this month.

Thanks to Microsoft's (Beverly) Toy Drive, 13 children of our clients received toys for this holiday season.

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year from Elizabeth and all the staff!



Next DAT Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2007 6:30 PM in Beverly