

Presidents' Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WE HOPE YOU HAD A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY AND THAT ALL ARE WELL. WE KNOW A FEW OF YOU HAD ILLNESSES AROUND THE TIME OF THE HOLIDAY PARTY. WE HAVE OUR BIG PROJECTS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. FIRST UP IS THE 5TH GRADE SPELLING BEE ON JANUARY 23RD. (SNOW DATE IS JANUARY 30TH) IT WILL BE HELD AT ALLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN MEDFORD. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER TO HELP THAT NIGHT. WE ALSO PROVIDE SNACKS FOR THE KIDS AND THEIR PARENTS. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN DONATE CHIPS/SNACK BAGS/ JUICE BOXES, ETC. THIS IS A FUN EVENT FOR THE KIDS AND IS VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO BRING FOOD FOR THE GARDEN DISTRICT JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE PORCH CLUB OF RIVERTON ON THURSDAY JANUARY 18TH. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, REGISTRATION IS AT 9:30, THE MEETING BEGINS AT 10AM. THE COST IS \$5.00. RSVP BY JANUARY 11TH TO KIM OTTO, DISTRICT ASSISTANT - KMOTTO3@AOL.COM - 856 429-7896. A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL BE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE WHEN A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH CLUB WILL REPORT ON THREE PROGRAMS THAT WERE HELD BY THEIR CLUB DURING 2023, USING THE REPORT WRITING FORM.

THEY WOULD LIKE US TO DONATE PABA/FRAGRANCE FREE SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, BODY WASH, AND DEODORANTS FOR EMMANUEL CANCER FOUNDATION.

ALSO PLEASE BE THINKING ABOUT OUR SPRING FASHION SHOW AND TEA. ASK YOUR FRIENDS TO SAVE THE DATE AND BE LOOKING FOR ITEMS WE CAN USE IN OUR SILENT AUCTION.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR JANUARY 11TH CLUB MEETING AND TO A GREAT 2024!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!
ELLEN AND SHAWN

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 1 ~ NEW YEAR'S DAY

JANUARY 11 ~ GENERAL MEETING
MEDFORD MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER
7:00 PM

JANUARY 15 ~ MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

JANUARY 18 ~ DINNER SOCIAL
GINGER
6:00 PM

JANUARY 23 ~ FIFTH GRADE SPELLING BEE
ALLEN SCHOOL
6:00 PM
SNOW-DATE JANUARY 30

JANUARY 30 ~ BOOK CLUB
SUSAN'S HOUSE
6:00 PM
PENDING SPELLING BEE

JANUARY PROGRAM



VALENTINES FOR
VETS:

WE WILL AGAIN
PREPARE HANDMADE
CARDS FOR RESIDENTS
OF THE VA HOME IN VINELAND

REFRESHMENTS

APPETIZER ~ KATHY G.
DESSERT ~ ANN





THANKS TO TISH FOR ORGANIZING THE POLICE TREE DECORATING AND TO CHRIS, ANNE, SUSAN AND FORMER MEMBER KAREN FOR HELPING!

THANKS TO ELAINE AND SUSAN FOR ORGANIZING OUR HOLIDAY PARTY AND TO JOYCE AND ANNAHITA FOR HELPING.

THANKS TO ELAINE FOR CHAIRING HER LAST SPELLING BEE. WE ARE STILL IN SEARCH OF A MEMBER TO HEAD UP NEXT YEAR'S BEE. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS VERY WORTHY PROGRAM.

Things to Consider

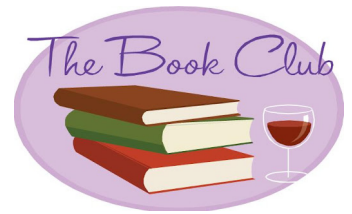


OUR 5TH GRADE SPELLING BEE HAS BEEN ONE OF OUR MOST WELL RECEIVED COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES. ELAINE HAS BEEN AT THE HEAD OF THIS EVENT FOR MANY YEARS AND HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THIS WILL BE HER LAST YEAR IN THIS POSITION. WE NEED A MEMBER OR MEMBERS TO STEP UP AND SHADOW ELAINE SO AS TO BE ABLE TO TAKE OVER FOR THE 2025 BEE. LET'S NOT LET THIS ONE GO!

WE WILL SHORTLY BEGIN THE PROCESS OF NOMINATING MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR CLUB YEAR 2024-2025. PLEASE, PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE BOARD IN ORDER TO HAVE AN INFLUENCE ON THE DIRECTION OF OUR CLUB. THE TIME COMMITMENT IS ONLY A COUPLE OF HOURS A MONTH ~ SOME MONTHS NOT EVEN THAT. ALL OF THE CURRENT BOARD WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CHAT AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.MEDFORDWOMANCLUB.COM



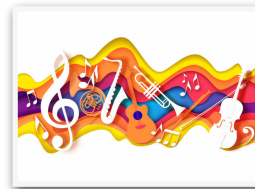
THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME BY LAURA DAVE

BEFORE OWEN MICHAELS DISAPPEARS, HE SMUGGLES A NOTE TO HIS BELOVED WIFE OF ONE YEAR: PROTECT HER. DESPITE HER CONFUSION AND FEAR, HANNAH HALL KNOWS EXACTLY TO WHOM THE NOTE REFERS—OWEN'S SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, BAILEY. BAILEY, WHO LOST HER MOTHER TRAGICALLY AS A CHILD. BAILEY, WHO WANTS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH HER NEW STEPMOTHER.

SUSAN'S HOUSE ~ JANUARY 30 ~ 6:00 PM
PENDING SPELLING BEE SNOW DATE

WANNA READ AHEAD?
FEBRUARY ~ THE DUTCH HOUSE BY ANN PATCHETT
MARCH ~ FAHRENHEIT 451 BY RAY BRADBURY

Social News



SAVE THE DATE

WE WILL AGAIN JOIN THE SOUTH JERSEY POPS FOR THEIR THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC CONCERT ~ MUSIC FROM THE 1770s, 1870s AND 1970s. THE CONCERT WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 24. LINK FOR THE TICKETS TO FOLLOW.

DINNER

WE WILL HAVE A DINNER SOCIAL AT GINGER ON JANUARY 18 AT 6:00 PM. GINGER IS AT 7 WILKINS STATION ROAD IN MEDFORD. PLEASE LET KATHY KNOW ASAP IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING FOR RESERVATIONS.

CLUB PRESIDENTS' MANUALS

- [VIDEO: A LEADERSHIP GUIDE FOR A SUCCESSFUL CLUB](#)
- [CLUB MANUAL 2022-SEC.1-5](#)
- [2022-2024 PROTOCOL MANUAL](#)

PLEASE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO SIGN UP FOR THE WEEKLY ECONNECTION.

[NJSFWC E-CONNECTION ENROLLMENT FORM](#)

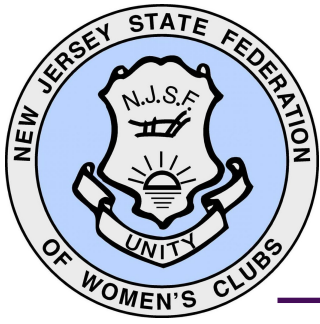
ALL OF THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, INCLUDING THE MONTHLY ALMANAC ON THE NJSFWC WEBSITE, AND AVAILABLE TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS.

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NJSFWC NEWS



NJSFWC ECONNECTION

December 27, 2023
Shirley A. Holly, NJSFWC President

As 2023 comes to a close, we take time to reflect on the accomplishments of NJSFWC made possible through the time, hard work and financial support of all of our members, and I could not be prouder. Our Federation is one, a united group of women dedicated to the mission of NJSFWC and GFWC.

Your commitment to enhancing your communities and the lives of those who live and work there is evident. Thanks to you, our communities are better places.

- The year started with a Day of Service in all eight Districts, benefiting those across the state with food insecurity.
- GCI was celebrated for reaching 75 years, and 161 delegates were hosted in this year's session.
- Douglass alumni were welcomed to Headquarters during their reunion weekend, just one aspect of NJSFWC's strong partnership with the college.
- 2,357 filled holiday stockings will let deployed military know that they are not forgotten.
- Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, our Special State Project, received unqualified support, every wish list filled and many fundraisers held on their behalf.

These are just a few projects. In addition we offered events and programs for our members: annual Convention at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, workshops, a basket raffle and luncheon at The Lobster Shanty, Fall Conference and the Headquarters Open House with a well-received Festival of Trees among them.

As 2024 peeks around the corner, we look forward to starting again with a Day of Service for the benefit of Domestic Violence programs and shelters across the state. And, there are more projects and programs, some old and some new as we enter our federation's 130th year.

Thank you for your support throughout 2023. I can't wait to see you at Convention, to join with club women from across the state, to share memories and celebrate our accomplishments!

Wishing Everyone a Happy and healthy New Year!





GFWC NEWS

HOTEL BOOKINGS FOR THE 2024 GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION ARE NOW OPEN



[BOOK HERE](#)

FOR ROOM BOOKING QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE HILTON CHICAGO AT (312) 922-4400

MEMBER BLOG

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT MEMBERS AROUND THE COUNTRY HAVE TO SAY ABOUT WHAT WE DO AND WHY WE DO IT

[HTTPS://WWW.GFWC.ORG/NEWS-PUBLICATIONS/BLOG/](https://www.gfwc.org/news-publications/blog/)



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