

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

CONGRATULATIONS ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SPELLING BEE, THANKS TO OUR CHAIR ELAINE AND EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED OR CONTRIBUTED. WE HAD 60 ENTRANTS AND AN AUDITORIUM FULL OF ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTERS! THIS ANNUAL EVENT IS ONE OF THE WAYS TO SHOW WHAT MEDFORD WOMAN'S CLUB DOES FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

WE'VE HAD A BUSY YEAR SO FAR AND WE NEED TO CONTINUE WITH SUPPORT FOR OUR FUNDRAISER TEA. WE NEED EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE. CHECK OUT SIGNUP GENIUS AND VOLUNTEER FOR A COMMITTEE, BRING IN DONATIONS FOR OUR AUCTION BASKETS AND SELL TICKETS! THE TEA IS WHERE WE RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP. LAST YEAR WAS A FUN AND SUCCESSFUL EVENT, LET'S TOP IT THIS YEAR!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. JOIN US THIS MONTH FOR WINE AND CHOCOLATES,
SEE YOU AT THE MEETING,

~ ELLEN AND SHAWN

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 2 ~ GROUNDHOG DAY

FEBRUARY 8 ~ GENERAL MEETING
MEDFORD MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER
7:00 PM

FEBRUARY 10 ~ CHINESE NEW YEAR
YEAR OF THE DRAGON

FEBRUARY 14 ~ VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 16 ~ LUNCH SOCIAL
ZINC CAFE
12 NOON

FEBRUARY 20 ~ BOOK CLUB
ELAINE'S HOUSE
6:00 PM

FEBRUARY 29 ~ LEAP YEAR

APRIL 14 ~ FUND RAISING TEA
MEDFORD VILLAGE COUNTRY CLUB
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

SPEAKER: JACKIE SCHAFER ~ MS. NJ INTERNATIONAL ON HER ADVOCACY FOR NJ HUNGER HEROES.

REFRESHMENTS

CHOCOLATE ~ JO ANN
CHOCOLATE ~ SUSAN





THANKS TO ELAINE FOR CHAIRING HER LAST SPELLING BEE. AND THANKS TO SHAWN, ELLEN, SHARON, ANN, DENISE, JOANN, CHRISTINE, JOYCE, SUSAN AND LIBBY FOR A GREAT 24TH ANNUAL BEE. WE HAD 60 STUDENTS!

THANKS TO VICKI FOR ONCE AGAIN SETTING UP OUR YEARLONG FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN WITH SEES CANDIES.

THANKS TO DENISE FOR ORGANIZING OUR VALENTINES FOR VETS PROGRAM. WE CREATED 150 BEAUTIFUL CARDS AND THANKS TO ELAINE AND HER HUSBAND FOR DROPPING THEM AT THE VETERAN'S HOME IN VINELAND

THANKS TO AN ANNAHITA FOR TAKING ON THE CHAIR POSITION OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

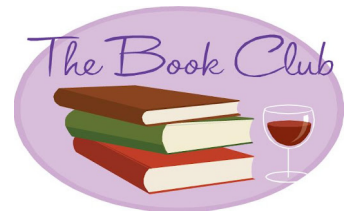
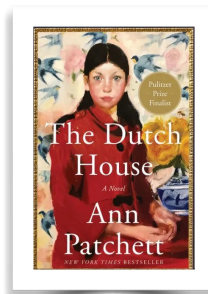
Things to Consider

NORA IS CONTINUING TO COLLECT DRY CAT AND DOG FOOD FOR THE BURLINGTON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER. PLEASE BRING TO FUTURE MEETINGS OR ARRANGE TO DROP OFF AT NORA'S HOME.

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. THIS IS OUR CLUB'S 110TH YEAR ~ LET'S NOT LET IT BE THE LAST.



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THE DUTCH HOUSE BY ANN PATCHETT

PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST | NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER | A READ WITH JENNA TODAY SHOW BOOK CLUB PICK | A NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW NOTABLE BOOK | TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 MUST-READ BOOKS OF THE YEAR

FROM ANN PATCHETT, THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF COMMONWEALTH, COMES A POWERFUL, RICHLY MOVING STORY THAT EXPLORES THE INDELIBLE BOND BETWEEN TWO SIBLINGS, THE HOUSE OF THEIR CHILDHOOD, AND A PAST THAT WILL NOT LET THEM GO. THE DUTCH HOUSE IS THE STORY OF A PARADISE LOST, A TOUR DE FORCE THAT DIGGS DEEPLY INTO QUESTIONS OF INHERITANCE, LOVE AND FORGIVENESS, OF HOW WE WANT TO SEE OURSELVES AND OF WHO WE REALLY ARE.

ELAINE'S HOUSE ~ FEBRUARY 20 ~ 6:00 PM

WANNA READ AHEAD?

NEXT UP ~ FAHRENHEIT 451 BY RAY BRADBURY
THEN ~ REBECCA BY DAPHNE DU MAURIER

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.

WE WILL HAVE A LUNCH SOCIAL AT ZINC CAFE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 12 NOON. LET KATHY C. KNOW ASAP IF YOU CAN MAKE IT.

Fund Raising News



WE WILL CONTINUE OUR SEES CANDIES FUND RAISING. PLEASE USE THE QR CODE HERE TO ACCESS OUR STOREFRONT AND PASS IT ON TO YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

OUR BIGGEST FUND RAISER OF THE YEAR IS OUR ANNUAL TEA. PLEASE SEE PAGE 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.



TEA NEWS



OUR TEA IS THE BIGGEST FUND RAISER OF OUR CLUB YEAR AND WE REQUIRE 100% PARTICIPATION. THAT PARTICIPATION CAN BE IN A VARIETY OF FORMS. JOYCE AND SUSAN ARE AGAIN CHAIRING THE TEA AND THEY AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ASK THAT THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES BE FILLED BY MEMBERS:

PROMOTION ~ PRIOR TO THE EVENT THIS COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING FLYERS AND PLACING THEM IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS AS WELL AS PLACING NOTIFICATIONS IN LOCAL PRINT MEDIA AND WORKING WITH BOARD OF ED TO DISTRIBUTE TO SCHOOL FAMILIES. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.



ITEM COLLECTION FOR BASKETS ~ PRIOR TO THE EVENT THIS COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING THE GATHERING OF DONATED GIFT CARDS FROM LOCAL RESTAURANTS, SALONS AND GYMS AS WELL AS DONATIONS IN KIND (ITEMS OTHER THAN GIFT CARDS). THIS COMMITTEE IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THAT THE DONATION LETTER (WHICH IS LINKED HERE) IS DISTRIBUTED PROPERLY.

BASKET CREATION ~ PRIOR TO THE EVENT, THIS COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CATEGORIZING THE COLLECTED ITEMS INTO THEMED BASKETS, DOCUMENTING THE CONTENTS OF EACH BASKET AND WRAPPING AND PREPARING EACH BASKET FOR THE AUCTION. SUSAN WILL CHAIR THIS COMMITTEE BUT SHE CAN'T DO IT ALONE.

SET UP ~ DAY OF THE EVENT THIS COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRIVING TWO HOURS EARLY TO THE VENUE, SETTING UP THE CENTERPIECES ON THE INDIVIDUAL TABLES AND FOR PLACING UP THE SILENT AUCTION BASKETS, BIDDING SHEETS AND ANY OTHER LAST MINUTE PREPARATIONS.

REGISTRATION AND TICKET SALES ~ PRIOR TO THE EVENT THIS COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRACKING TICKET SALES AND CREATING THE TABLE ASSIGNMENTS BASED ON REQUESTS FROM TICKET PURCHASES. DAY OF THE EVENT THIS COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTENDING TO THE FRONT TABLE TO ENSURE ALL TICKETS/ATTENDEES ARE PROPERLY REGISTERED.



SILENT AUCTION ~ DAY OF THE EVENT THIS COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING THE SILENT AUCTION BIDDING SHEETS AND FOR DISTRIBUTING THE BASKETS TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER WHEN ANNOUNCED.

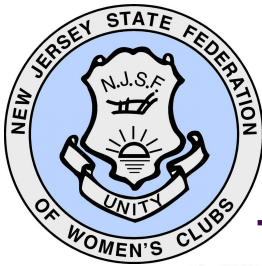
50/50 TICKET SALES ~ DAY OF THE EVENT THIS COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING 50/50 TICKET SALES AND ACCOUNTING FOR THE FINAL TALLY AND SPLIT OF THE PROFITS.

PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK TO SIGN UP FOR ONE OR MORE OF THESE COMMITTEES. REMEMBER WE RELY ON ALL MEMBERS TO MAKE THIS DAY A HUGE SUCCESS. EVEN IF YOU UNFORTUNATELY CAN'T ATTEND THE TEA THAT DAY, YOU CAN STILL HELP OUT. [SIGN UP FOR A TEA COMMITTEE](#)

WE ARE PLEASED TO BE WELCOMING J.JILL FOR ANOTHER SPECTACULAR FASHION SHOW!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY ~ CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US SO LET'S MAKE THIS A FUN AND SUCCESSFUL EVENT!





NJSFWC NEWS



THE NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS HAS BEEN NAMED THE SERVICE CLUB OF THE YEAR AND WILL BE HONORED AT THE EMMANUEL CANCER FOUNDATION CRYSTAL GALA ON MARCH 2, 2024!

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 6:00 PM TO 11:00 PM AT THE NEWLY RENOVATED TILLING HOUSE AT SUNEAGLES GOLF CLUB, 2000 LOWTHER DRIVE, EATONTOWN, ENTERTAINMENT, OPEN BAR, DINNER.

ECF IS OFFERING DISCOUNT TICKETS TO NJSFWC MEMBERS FOR \$160 A PERSON. TO MAKE RESERVATIONS, PLEASE EMAIL ROSE CONTRERAS, EASTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR EMMANUEL CANCER FOUNDATION AT (RCONTRERAS@EMMANUELCANCER.ORG) LET ROSE KNOW HOW MANY TICKETS YOU WOULD LIKE AND THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF NJSFWC. ECF WILL SEAT NJSFWC MEMBERS TOGETHER. LEAVE YOUR PHONE NUMBER SO ROSE CAN CALL YOU BACK. YOU CAN PAY BY CREDIT CARD OR CHECK - WHATEVER IS EASIEST FOR YOU.



THE NJSFWC HONORS AND MEMORIALS GARDEN WILL BE A WONDERFUL WAY TO HONOR OR MEMORIALIZE ANY MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB OR SOMEONE SPECIAL TO YOUR CLUB. YOUR MEMBERS MAY WANT TO HAVE THEIR CLUB PERMANENTLY RECOGNIZED AS PART OF THE GARDEN. THE GARDEN WILL BE LOCATED IN THE FRONT OF OUR BEAUTIFUL HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. MONIES RAISED WILL BENEFIT THE HEADQUARTERS FUND.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING OUR ENGRAVED BRICK CAMPAIGN PLEASE CONTACT PATTI NOTARIANNI, NJSFWC.HQ@GMAIL.COM OR CALL 732-249-5474.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY- CLICK HERE TO ORDER YOUR ENGRAVED BRICK TODAY!

DEADLINE IS MARCH 6, 2024.

FOLLOW THIS LINK TO SIGN UP FOR UPDATES FROM THE STATE FEDERATION AND TO SEE WHAT THEY (AND WE) ARE UP TO!



GFWC NEWS

GFWC AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT



HOPE FOR JUSTICE

FOUNDED IN 2008 IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, **HOPE FOR JUSTICE** WORKS FROM MORE THAN 30 LOCATIONS ACROSS FIVE CONTINENTS TO BRING AN END TO MODERN DAY SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING BY PREVENTING EXPLOITATION, RESCUING VICTIMS, RESTORING LIVES, AND REFORMING SOCIETY. HOPE FOR JUSTICE IS MADE UP OF WORLD-CLASS SPECIALISTS WITH THE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE TO HELP END HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND PROVIDE TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE TO SURVIVORS. HOPE FOR JUSTICE FOCUSES ON RESCUING VICTIMS, EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES, WORKING WITH SURVIVORS TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES, AND REFORMING SOCIETY BY TRAINING PROFESSIONALS TO SPOT THE SIGNS OF TRAFFICKING.



MEMBER BLOG

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

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**GENERAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF MEDFORD IS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS AND IN TURN OF THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS. CLUB WOMEN ARE 'DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT BY ENHANCING THE LIVES OF OTHERS THROUGH VOLUNTEER SERVICE'.