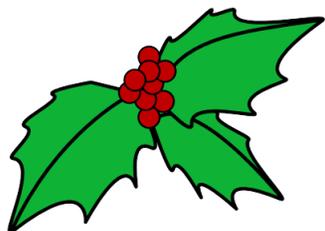


The Woman's Club of Medford



VOICE December 2019

NJSFWC GARDEN DISTRICT - WOMAN'S CLUB OF MEDFORD, NJ



Presidents' Message

Happy Holidays to all of our members!

**As this year comes to a close we thank each and every one of you for your support throughout the last 12 months. Club has and continues to
Make our Community a Better Place
and we could not do that without such dedicated members.**

**We wish all of you a safe, happy and healthy holiday season
and a sparkling New Year!**

~ Kathy and Vicki



Dates to Remember

- December 2 ~ Holiday Party
6:00 PM
Medford Leas
Please bring a pair (or 2) of socks
and a dozen cookies for
distribution to the homeless
- December 7 ~ Police Tree Decorating
9:00 AM
VFW Post - 317 Church Rd
- December 7 ~ Dickens Festival
4:30 PM
Medford Main Street
- December 9 ~ Dine and Donate
Dinner Time
Tacos El Tio
- December 11 ~ WCOM At the Movies
Date and Location TBA
(possible change to December 18)
- December 12 ~ Samaritan Tree of Life
6:15 PM
Medford Memorial School
- December 13 ~ Caroling for Seniors
Time TBA
Medford Care Center
- December 18 ~ Book Club
6:30 PM
Barbara's House
- December 22 ~ Start of Hanukkah
- December 25 ~ Christmas Day





Thanks to Alberta for overseeing the blanket making at our November meeting. The lap blankets will be distributed to seniors at Medford Care Center.

Thanks to Vicki for offering to deliver Thanksgiving dinner to our on duty police officers and for coordinating the turkey drop off at Seneca High School.

Thanks to all those members who dropped off shoes for the Soles4Souls project.

Things to Consider

If you volunteered to donate turkeys for Seneca HS please remember that drop off is November 26 from 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM at Vicki's house.

We continue to collect non-graphic magazines, books and greeting cards for the residents of Ancora Psychaitric Hospital. Julie will collect anything you have at meetings throughout the year.

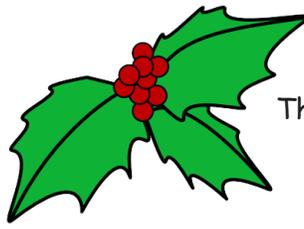
Thanks to those who have stepped up but we are still looking for committee members. Please see pages 3-5 of this newsletter for more information.

From Nora: "As many of you know, I am a volunteer with the Friends of the Burlington County Animal Shelter. The shelter is in need of towels and fleece blankets to keep our furry friends warm and comfortable. No fiber filled quilts please (the dogs will rip the stuffing out literally)." Please contact Nora for pick up or bring to a meeting (or the holiday party).



Birthdays

- Christine Chamoun ~ December 7
- Karen Tecce ~ December 8
- Ellen Walsh ~ December 14
- Cindy Duke ~ December 19
- Barbara Schwait ~ December 22
- Nora Pearce ~ December 23



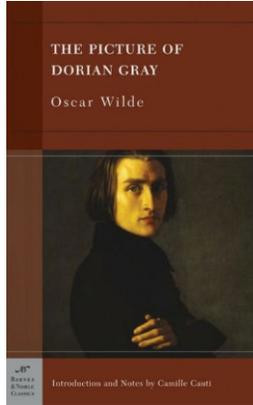
Book Club

The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde

Oscar Wilde brings his enormous gifts for astute social observation and sparkling prose to The Picture of Dorian Gray, his dreamlike story of a young man who sells his soul for eternal youth and beauty...

Taking the reader in and out of London drawing rooms, to the heights of aestheticism, and to the depths of decadence, The Picture of Dorian Gray is not only a melodrama about moral corruption. Laced with bon mots and vivid depictions of upper-class refinement, it is also a fascinating look at the milieu of Wilde's fin-de-siècle world and a manifesto of the creed "Art for Art's Sake."

~ Camille Cauti, Ph.D



December 18 ~ 6:30 PM ~ Barbara's House

Next up ~ I, Robot by Isaac Asimov

Annual Violet Tea Fundraiser

Our annual Violet Tea will take place on Sunday, February 9, 2020 from 3:00 - 5:00 PM at Medford Village Country Club.

This year's tea will feature members' Favorite Things baskets for auction.

This is our major fundraiser for the year and will benefit our Scholarship fund as well as the many community projects we support. Please let Ellen and/or Chris M. know if you would like to volunteer for this wonderful event.

General Federation of Women's Clubs NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs

Please visit

<https://njsfwc.org/projects/special-state-project/> to learn more about the NJSFWC Special State Project ~ Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children

www.GFWC.org
www.NJSFWC.org



Our Projects Explained:

The Woman's Club of Medford has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available to our members. This year we have begun to have board liaisons for each of these projects.

If you would like to learn more about any of our projects or volunteer for the committee, please contact the board liaison listed. If no liaison is listed, please contact Kathy C or Vicki for further information.

Valentines for Vets ~ Kathy C (Board Liaison)

We create Valentines cards for those veterans at the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Vineland. Committee responsibilities include purchasing supplies (reimbursement will be made), setting up the craft tables on the night of the January meeting and delivery of the cards.

5th Grade Spelling Bee ~ Sharon (Board Liaison) and Sheila (Chairperson)

The spelling bee is held annually in January. Responsibilities include working with the chairperson to confirm the venue, coordinating all positions relevant to the event (judges, pronouncer, calligrapher, registration table) and coordinating refreshments for the event.

Annual Violet Tea ~ Ellen and Chris M. (Board Liaisons)

Our annual tea is held in February (usually the Sunday after the Super Bowl). Committee responsibilities include communication with the chosen venue (menus, extras such as open bar etc.), coordinating entertainment for the event and coordination and creation of the gift baskets that will be up for auction.

Nominating Committee

Responsibilities include contacting all members to gauge interest in the various executive board positions. Nominations are offered at the March general meeting.

Spring Clean Up ~ Alberta (Board Liaison)

Club performs routine clean up at area parks - parks are recommended by the township offices. Responsibilities include coordinating with the township and with other groups to have enough volunteers on hand to perform the clean up in one morning. Past group partners have included local scout groups and Shawnee HS NHS members. Dates and times vary.

Flower Baskets on Main ~ Ellen (Board Liaison) Shawn and Alberta (Chairpersons)

Club hangs flower baskets on the light posts along Main St. The baskets hang from May through September/October. The baskets are sponsored by local businesses and individuals. Responsibilities include keeping track of sponsorship and creating tags to identify each basket with its sponsor, coordination with the township offices as to when they will be hanging the spring banners (the banners, another club project, are hung at the same time as the baskets), and coordinating watering of the baskets with Glenn Sinclair (caretaker of the Community Center).

Scholarship ~ Sharon (Board Liaison) and Karen M. (Chairperson)

Club offers a scholarship to a high school senior girl who will be furthering her education beyond high school graduation. Responsibilities include coordination with Shawnee guidance department and publicity beyond that so that all eligible females in the 08055 area code are made aware of the scholarship. The high school scholarship is based on an essay written in answer to a specific question which the committee agrees upon. Responsibilities also include reading and rating the essays. Club has decided to create a new scholarship for a woman returning to education at a later point in her life. Responsibilities will also include the creation of this new scholarship and its rules.

Feeding Families ~ Joette (Board Liaison)

Club uses some of its fund-raising proceeds to purchase grocery gift cards for distribution to underprivileged families in the Medford Township School District. Responsibilities include acquiring the gift cards and coordinating the donation through the school board. Gift cards are distributed at the end of the school year.

Trunk or Treat ~ Board Liaison TBD

Club holds an annual trunk or treat event on Halloween day. Responsibilities include coordination with the Taunton Forge Shopping Center, publicity for the event (through our PR person), and entertainment for the event.

Turkey for Seneca ~ Vicki (Board Liaison)

Club donates turkeys to Seneca High School's food pantry for distribution to those in need. Responsibilities include coordinating member donations and delivery to Seneca during Thanksgiving week.

Thanksgiving Dinner for On Duty Police Officers

Club brings Thanksgiving dinner to those police officers who are required to be on duty that day. Responsibilities include coordinating member donations and delivery to the police station on Thanksgiving morning.

Samaritan Hospice Tree of Life Lighting ~ Chris M and Joette (Board Liaisons)

Club provides refreshments for the Samaritan Hospice Tree of Life Lighting ceremony. Responsibilities include coordinating member donations and delivery and set up on the night of the event. The tree lighting is held at Medford Memorial School and is usually during the second week of December.

Police Tree Decorating

Club decorates holiday trees for use in the police department's annual party for underprivileged children. Responsibilities include coordination with the police department regarding the date/time and storage and maintenance of the decorations which belong to club.

Lap Blankets for Seniors ~ Alberta (Board Liaison)

Club creates and distributes lap blankets to seniors at the Medford Care Center during the holiday season. Responsibilities include acquiring supplies necessary for the blankets and coordinating with the center for distribution.

Ongoing Projects:

Sunshine ~ Chris M. (Board Liaison)

Club members may face difficulties throughout the year. The Sunshine committee attempts to lighten that load by providing flowers, cards, etc to lift the spirits of members.

Social Events

Club members like to enjoy social events outside our service projects. Committee responsibilities include coordinating such events. In the past our social events have included dinners, lunches, trips to Longwood Gardens during the holidays and spa nights.

Dine and Donate ~ Chris M. and Ellen (Board Liaisons)

To supplement club's fund-raising activities we have decided to take advantage of the dine and donate programs offered by local restaurants. Responsibilities include coordination with local restaurants regarding their rules and dates and times for the event as well as publicity

Social Services ~ Julie P. and Alice. (Chairpersons)

Club has two 'adopted' grandmothers. These ladies are in local care facilities and have no family of which the club is aware. Club celebrates their birthdays as well as other holidays throughout the year. Responsibilities include coordinating the celebrations with the facilities as well as communicating with club members as to the dates and times.

Club also supports NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and their annual fund-raising walk. In the past the walk has been an actual walk held in the spring however they have now added a virtual walk. Responsibilities include putting together a team from club and coordination with the local NAMI chapter.

Dinner Dance

Club is considering adding a dinner dance event to our calendar. Responsibilities include garnering interest and coming up with a theme, venue, date and time.

Meeting Programs

Responsibilities include scheduling meeting programs throughout the year. Programs include lap blanket making in November and Valentines for Vets in January (these will be coordinated by the applicable committees). Other programs for which this committee is responsible are speakers and other projects that need to be performed at a meeting rather than outside.