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MEMBER OF THE NJSFWC OF THE GFWC-LIBERTY DISTRICT



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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 1 Holly Berry: set up all day
- 2-3 Holly Berry: Sat 10am-5pm, Sun. 11am-4pm
- 4 Daylight Savings ends
- 4 Board Meeting, 10am
- 6 Education & Libraries Program, 1:30pm
- 11 Veterans Day
- 13 Arts Performing Program, 1:30pm
- 17 NJSFWC 130th Anniversary Celebration, 12-4pm
- 20 Arts & Culture Program, 1:30pm
- 21 Book Discussion Group, 1:30pm
- 27 No Board Meeting
- 28 Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

- 2 Board Meeting, 10am
- 2 Decorate Club for Christmas
- 4 GFWC, Washington, DC, Open House
- 11 Christmas Tea, Business Mtg, 12:30pm
- 18 No Board Meeting
- 21 First Day of Winter
- 25 Christmas Day, Hanukkah begins at sundown

OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Our Club year kicked off beautifully with the Opening Luncheon chaired by Janet Oscar. It was a delightful afternoon, and it was wonderful to see everyone. We also celebrated our 124th Anniversary of community service.

A big thank you to all who attended the Benefit Luncheon! Your support and donations were greatly appreciated by the Human Needs Food Pantry and Montclair Emergency Services for Hope (MESH)--two worthy local nonprofits in our community. Special thanks to our Co-Chairs Caroline Johnson and Trautie Becker for preparing such a delicious meal.

Looking ahead, our annual Holly Berry Craft and Gift Show will be held on November 2nd & 3rd. It's a great way to begin your Holiday Shopping! Be sure to stop by with friends and family to browse unique gifts and enjoy lunch or a sweet treat at our Berry Cafe.

On November 6th, our Education & Libraries Committee will present an engaging program about Emily Roebling, a notable New Jersey woman who oversaw the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge. Please join us at 1:30 for an informative and entertaining afternoon. December 11th is our annual Christmas Tea. This beloved Club tradition is sure to fill you with holiday cheer.

Wishing you a Blessed Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a happy and healthy New Year! Enjoy this special time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events in the new year!

Fondly, Cyndee



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HOLLY BERRY CRAFT & GIFT SHOW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 10:00AM-5:00PM | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 11:00AM-4:00PM

As the Club's major fundraiser, we need your support! Each member is part of the Ways & Means Committee, and a dedicated group of volunteers work year-round preparing for this special event. We encourage everyone to participate, whether it's through volunteering for a two-hour shift, enjoying a cup of coffee in the Café, or shopping for holiday gifts from our many vendors. Even if you haven't attended before, this is the perfect opportunity to get involved, meet fellow members, and contribute to our community. If you're able to volunteer, please contact Trautie at 973-783-8523—or simply stop by and say hello! *Ways to Support: Volunteer ~Shop ~ Bake or Cook for the Café ~ Spread the Word to Friends and Family*



Thank you! The Holly Berry Committee

BERRY PATCH CAFE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 10:00AM-5:00PM | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 11:00AM-4:00PM



The Berry Patch Café is open during the hours of the Holly Berry Craft and Gift Show. The Café will provide bagels, croissants and coffee cake for breakfast. Lunch entrees include homemade vegetable soup, quiche, meatball sandwiches, hot dogs, and chicken salad sandwiches. There will be many homemade desserts to munch on as well as to take home. All proceeds from the Café will benefit WCUM's philanthropic charities.

Thank you! Vivien Finn, Federation Secretary

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6, 1:30PM

Join us for an exciting program hosted by the Education & Libraries Department. We're thrilled to welcome back Carol Simon Levin, who previously gave a fantastic presentation on Montclair's own Lillian Galbreth. This time, she returns to our Clubhouse as Emily Roebling, the remarkable New Jersey woman who supervised the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge. This iconic structure was hailed as one of the greatest technological achievements of its time, often referred to as the "Eighth Wonder of the World." Don't miss it!

Thank you! Arlene Onnembo, Chair



ARTS & PERFORMING PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 1:30PM

The Arts Performing Committee is thrilled to announce a performance celebrating Italian heritage! Mary Lou Romano, a prominent local vocalist, will serenade our membership, singing a variety of Italian songs. This is a day when we can all enjoy the spirit of Italy - so, wear your green, white and red, and join us at the clubhouse for an afternoon full of fun and Italian desserts! We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Thank you! Mary Sellitto-Curcio, Chair

Italia



ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 1:30PM

Curator and Club member Heather Zises will host an engaging conversation with artist and fellow Club member Jo Guscott, exploring her work and practice in oil painting and printmaking. The event includes a live demonstration where Jo creates a print. Select artworks by Jo will be available for purchase at the end of the presentation, with 20% of all proceeds benefiting the club.

Thank you! Carla Helb, Chair

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

MONDAY NOVEMBER 21, 1:30PM

Our monthly meeting of our Book Discussion Group will be held on Thursday, November 21 at 1:30 pm at the Club House. Our November read, *Small Things Like These*, by Claire Keegan, is an historical fiction novel, which is described as a quiet, haunting tale that focuses on how kindness can make a difference in people's lives, and how having a purpose can instill a sense of meaning and fulfillment. The book was adapted into a film by the same name, and stars Oscar winner Cillian Murphy. It had its world premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival earlier this year, and is scheduled to be released in the United States on November 8. Please plan on joining us. Everyone is invited regardless of whether or not you have read the book. Please note, the Book Discussion Group will not be meeting in December, therefore this is our last meeting for the year. Any questions or concerns, please contact Barbara Davey, 973-432-5282.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

We are gathering food donations for the Human Needs Food Pantry in preparation for Thanksgiving. Non-perishable items, as well as free turkeys or hams (if possible), are greatly appreciated. Please bring your donations to the Club by November 21st.

On another note, we recently had a wonderful afternoon signing thank you cards for Veterans. The cards, along with a sweet treat, were delivered to the East Orange VA Medical Center.

Thank you! Caroline Johnson & Coco Kenny Co-Chairs



WAYS & MEANS CHRISTMAS TEA

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11, 12:30PM

Please join us as we usher in the Holiday Season with a very elegant Christmas Tea. Those who have joined us in the past know how beautifully our members decorate the tables. You will be served an assortment of delicious tea sandwiches followed by dessert. To ensure ample food and seating, your paid reservation must be made by December 4th. The cost is \$32 per person. We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you! Janet Oscar, First Vice President



HISTORICAL NUGGET:

“ALBERT PAYSON TERHUNE, CECIL B. DE MILLE...CONNECTIONS”

The Monday, November 10, 1924 Girls Club meeting at our clubhouse included a talk entitled “My Dogs” by the well known author, Albert Payson Terhune. Mr. Terhune & his second wife Anice Potter Terhune lived at his family’s estate, Sunnybank in Wayne Township (Passaic County) NJ. When Albert’s father, the Revd. Edward Payson Terhune purchased over 40 acres of property in 1865, both Wayne Township & Pompton Lakes Borough were part of Pompton Township. Over his ministerial career, Revd. Terhune pastored Presbyterian, Congregational & Reformed churches.

The de Mille family were close neighbors of Terhune. Henry Churchill de Mille & his wife Matilda Beatrice raised Cecil B. & his brother William on a 76 acre estate called “Pamlico.” The de Mille’s were Episcopalians & Cecil’s father served as a vestryman, lay reader & supporter of Christ Church in Pompton Lakes. When Cecil was 12 his father died & Albert became

a surrogate father. Albert was an excellent boxer & taught both Cecil & William how to box. It is also reported that Cecil helped cowgirl, Annie Oakley practice at his family’s estate. Cecil would throw mud balls into the air ... shooting targets for Annie. De Mille movies are considered classics and were enjoyed by many, including WCUM members.

Notwithstanding his pious youth, life in Hollywood presented Cecil with temptations he couldn’t refuse. I will leave it to the reader to discover the stories about his mistresses, movies, controversies, etc. However, let us not forget Cecil B. de Mille’s Jersey roots!

[My sources: Newspapers.com database; 1991 & 2011 articles from Suburban Trends, (West Milford, NJ); articles from the Montclair Times and Wikipedia]

Pat Piermatti, Historian, Recording Secretary

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

WANTED! INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MEMBERS!

In an effort to learn more about the diverse, talented, and creative women who make up The Woman’s Club of Upper Montclair, we are urging all of our members to complete a membership form below, and return it to our Club House, at 200 Cooper Avenue, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. (You can snail mail, email, or deliver in person.) As this is a membership survey, you may also email the information to Barbara Davey, Membership Chair, at BarbaraADavey@aol.com.

Name:

Special Skills, Talents, Aptitudes:

Hobbies:

Employment (Past and Present):

What I enjoy most about the Woman’s Club of Upper Montclair:

Please return by January 1, 2025.

W & M CHRISTMAS TEA, DECEMBER 11, 12:30PM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

PLEASE RESERVE _____ TICKETS AT \$32 PER PERSON. RESERVATIONS CLOSE DECEMBER 4TH.

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