



THE BULLETIN

NEWSLETTER OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF UPPER MONTCLAIR
MEMBER OF THE NJSFWC OF THE GFWC - LIBERTY DISTRICT
CELEBRATING OUR 126TH YEAR!
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026



CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2026

- 7 - Labor Day
- 11 - Rosh Hashanah (Begins at sundown)
- 14 - **Board Meeting - 10 AM**
- 17 - Book Discussion Gp - 1:30 PM
- 17 - Thursday Eve. Com. - 7:30 PM
- 19 - UMBA Sidewalk Sale - 9AM-5PM
- 20 - Yom Kippur (Begins at sundown)
- 22 - NJSFWC Liberty District Fall Council Meeting - 10 AM
- 23 - First Day of Fall!
- 30 - NJSFWC Stuff Stockings

OCTOBER 2026

- 5 - **Board Meeting - 10 AM**
- 7 - Opening Luncheon - Noon
- 9 - GFWC Middle Atlantic Region Conf. - Albany, NY
- 14 - NJSFWC Canva Wksh - 10:30 AM
- 14 - Ed. & Libraries Program - 1:30 PM
- 15 - Book Discussion Gp - 1:30 PM
- 15 - Thursday Eve. Comm. - 7:30 PM
- 19 - NJSFWC Fall Conference in Point Pleasant, NJ
- 20 - Liberty Dist. Past Presidents' Club Luncheon - 11:30 AM
- 21 - Civic Engagement & Outreach Workshop - 1:30 PM
- 22 - American Red Cross Blood Drive - ???
- 27 - NJSFWC Report Writing Workshop - 10:30 AM - Noon
- 28 - Benefit Luncheon - Noon
- 31 - Happy Halloween

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Our President's Message

Dear Members,

This Officer hopes that you have had a wonderful Summer, and that you are ready for the start of a new Club year. The Board Members have worked hard putting together fun and informative programs for the 2026-2027 Club year.

The Club is happy to welcome a new Committee: *The Thursday Evening Committee*, and their first meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept 17, at 7:30 P.M. All members are welcome to attend.

For the Opening Luncheon on October 7, First Vice-President Janet Oscar has planned a lovely afternoon, and we hope you will be able to join us. The 2026-2027 Directory will be handed out at the luncheon. A reminder to members that the Directory contains valuable information, i.e., upcoming programs in the Calendar, The Collect, listings of Committees and Departments, as well as the contact information of all members. It's more than a phone book.

Please check all the wonderful programs depicted in this Bulletin. Looking forward to seeing you at the events that have been planned in the coming months.

~ Cyndee



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Book Discussion

Thursday, September 17, 2026 - 1:30 PM

The September meeting of our monthly book discussion group will be held on Thursday, September 17 at 1:30 PM in our Clubhouse. ***The Girl Who Wrote in Silk***, an historical fiction novel by Kelli Estes, will be the focus of our discussion. The novel was inspired by the real-world, anti-Chinese purges and force expulsions that occurred in the Washington Territory during the mid-1880's. Everyone is welcome to attend, whether or not she has read the novel.

The October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15, and that book will be selected at the September meeting. Please contact Barbara Davey for more information. ~ **Barbara Davey, Moderator**



Thursday Evening Committee

Thursday, September 17, 2026 - 7:30 PM

We are thrilled to be expanding with a new Evening Committee, aimed at bringing in a new generation of outstanding members seeking to carry forth the mission and values of the Club. The Committee will meet primarily the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM. Upcoming meetings will be a mix of community-focused activities and educational or social programs. All current members are welcome to join these meetings and programs.

Thursday, October 15, 2026 - 7:30 PM

The Thursday Evening Committee will meet for its second gathering. An educational or social program will be planned, with details to follow later. ~ **Jaclyn Buccellato, Chair**

UMBA Sidewalk Sale

Saturday, September 19, 2026 - 9 AM to 5 PM

The Club will have a table at the Upper Montclair Business Association's Sidewalk Sale from 9 AM to 5 PM on Saturday, September 19. This is a wonderful opportunity to let the community learn about us and all of the wonderful programs and events we have. If you have an hour or so to help out at our table please call or email the office. See you there!



Operation Holiday Stockings

Wednesday September 30, 2026 - 1:30PM

Please join us to fill Christmas stockings (hand made by Trautie Becker) for our active military. A list of items from the NJSFWC will be purchased ahead of time. Monetary donations will be collected to defray the cost at the opening luncheon. Thank you! ~ **Caroline Johnson CEO Chair & Barbara Hyland CEO Vice Chair**

Opening Luncheon

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 - Noon

Please save the date for our Opening Luncheon on Wednesday, October 7, at Noon. The Montclair House Grill will be catering. Menu: Greek Salad, Chicken Francaise, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee/Tea. Cost is \$42 per person. RSVP by Thursday, October 1. Looking forward to seeing you at the luncheon. ~ **Janet Oscar, 1st Vice President**



Education & Libraries Department

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 - 1:30 PM



We are thrilled to announce that on Wednesday October 14, at 1:30 PM, we will be hosting the multi-talented Carol Simon Levin at our Clubhouse. Carol will portray and tell the remarkable story of America's first female cabinet secretary of Labor under FDR from 1933-1945, Frances Perkins: Mother of the New Deal. Please mark your calendars, and join us for a fascinating and fun afternoon! ~ **Mary Sellitto-Curcio, Chair and Barbara Davey, Vice-Chair**

Civic Engagement & Outreach Workshop

Wednesday October 21, 1:30 PM

Please join us to write thank you notes to Veterans to be delivered to the East Orange VA Medical Center. The notes will be delivered with a sweet treat just in time for Veterans Day. It is a fun meeting with lots of chatter and a good time. We are still collecting thank you notes and individually wrapped, sugar-free hard candy. We will also be signing Christmas cards to be delivered in December with candy canes attached. Thank you! ~ **Caroline Johnson, Chair & Barbara Hyland, Vice Chair**



Club Hosting a Blood Drive

Thursday, October 22, 2026 - Noon to 6 PM



The Club will be hosting a much needed blood drive on Thursday, October 22, at the Clubhouse. We will need volunteers to greet and register donors. Any amount of time you can give would be appreciated. Please let me know if you are available to donate time for this worthy cause. You can also register to give blood online at RedCrossBlood.org. ~ **Celia McAllister, Health & Wellness Chair & Vivien Finn, Federation Secretary**

Benefit Luncheon & Gift Raffle for Human Needs & MESH

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 - Noon

All members and their guests are cordially invited to attend our annual benefit luncheon and gift raffle, which will be held on Wednesday, October 28, at the Clubhouse beginning at Noon. All proceeds from this year's event will be given to support the work of two nonprofits in our immediate community. They are: MESH (Montclair Emergency Services for Hope, Inc.) and Human Needs Food Pantry. The menu for this year's luncheon will include: a savory chicken dish, tossed salad, rolls and butter, and a scrumptious dessert. The cost is \$38 per person, and the reservation deadline is Wednesday, October 21. As the need for services provided by these two organizations continues to grow, members and their guests are also encouraged to bring items of nonperishable foods such as peanut butter, rice, soups, and feminine and baby products to donate. We hope to see you at this worthwhile event. **Caroline Johnson & Barbara Hyland, Co-Chairs**





SAVE THE DATE: Holly Berry Craft & Gift Show

Set-Up Days: Thursday, Nov 5 and Friday, Nov 6

Show Dates: Saturday, Nov 7 and Sunday, Nov 8

Holly Berry is the Club's annual main fundraiser, and to be a success we really need the help of our members. Please save these dates, and plan to lend a hand for as much time you have to spare, either with the setting up, or on the days of the show. A sign-up sheet will be at the Opening Luncheon, and at other meetings prior to the show. You may also call Trautie to sign up. Thank you! ~ **The Holly Berry Committee**

Membership News

The Woman's Club of Upper Montclair would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members: **Jaclyn Buccellato** of Upper Montclair; and **Angelica Diggs** of Montclair.

Jaclyn is the chairman of the newly-launched Thursday Evening Committee (TEC), and she is interested in Advocates for Children, Arts and Culture, Book Discussion Group, Education and Libraries, Health and Wellness, and the Holly Berry Craft Show. After the September board meeting, a list of the newly approved TEC members will be emailed to all club members.

Angelica is the executive director of the Montclair History Center, and she is interested in participating in Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, and the Health and Wellness Committees.

Please join me in welcoming Jaclyn and Angelica to our Club. ~ **Barbara Davey, Membership Chair**



Tiffany Corner Needs You!

We need your baubles, bangles and beads for Tiffany Corner! You can drop your donations off any Monday or Wednesday from 10 AM to 3 PM, or bring your them to any of our programs. Would you like to help us display and sell our jewelry at all the scheduled programs as well as Holly Berry and the Flea Market? It is a lot of fun! The funds raised at Tiffany Corner support nursing scholarships at Caldwell University and Montclair State University. Thank you in advance for your help! ~ **Karen Bell & Sonyia Woloshyn**

REMINDER:

Please bring old eyeglasses you no longer want (prescription, reading, sunglasses) to our next event, or any event, so that we may deliver the glasses to the Lion's Club "Cycle for Sight" program. Regional volunteers clean, sort and distribute the glasses to people of low-income areas who are unable to afford them, helping millions to see clearly. Even broken glasses are accepted! ~ **Celia McAllister, Health & Wellness Chair**



NJSFWC News

Liberty District Fall Council Meeting - September 22, 2026

The Liberty District Fall Council meeting on Tuesday, Sept 22, at 10 AM (Registration begins at 9:30 AM) hosted by the Woman's Club of Arlington and Arlington Woman's Club EMD. Held at the Henrietta Benstead Senior Building, 60 Columbia Avenue, Kearny, NJ, 07032. Adrienne Fowler, NJSFWC Arts & Culture Chair will be speaking. Optional: Bring a brown-bag lunch in case meeting extends past noon.

Artificial Intelligence Workshop - Monday, September 14, 2026 - 10:30 AM to Noon

Katie Chambers, Communications Chairman (chambers2@njsfwc.org)

Leadership Workshop - Tuesday, September 29, 2026 - 10:30 AM to 12 PM (In person & Zoom)

Chris Sienkielewski, President Elect (sienkielewski@njsfwc.org)

Canva Workshop - Wednesday, October 14, 2026 - 10 AM to Noon

Kathy Reddick, Shore DVP (reddick@njsfwc.org) & Shelley Rothstein, Palisades DVP (rothstein@njsfwc.org)

NJSFWC State Fall Conference - Monday, October 19, 2026 - Harbor Point (Formerly the Lobster Shanty)

Information will be announced at the District Council Meetings

NJSFWC Report Writing Workshop - Tuesday, October 27, 2026 - 10:30 AM to Noon

Patricia Dahl, First Vice President (dahl@njsfwc.org)

The NJSFWC has a weekly email newsletter called the "eConnection." If you would like to be on the mailing list to receive this fact-filled newsletter email your name and email address to: njsfwc@njsfwc.org. Be sure to mention you're a member of the WCUM!

Opening Luncheon

Wednesday, October 7 - Noon

Name: _____

Telephone #: _____

Please reserve _____ seat(s) at \$42 per person

Reservations due by Thursday, Oct 1, latest!

Send this reservation form with your check to the WCUM, 200 Cooper Avenue, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043



Benefit Luncheon & Raffle for Human Needs & MESH

Wednesday, October 28 - Noon

Name: _____

Telephone #: _____

Please reserve _____ seat(s) at \$38 per person

I cannot attend, but would like to make a donation of: \$ _____

Reservations due by Wednesday, Oct 21, latest!

Send this reservation with your check to the WCUM, 200 Cooper Avenue, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043



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