



THE BULLETIN

NEWSLETTER OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF UPPER MONTCLAIR
MEMBER OF THE NJSFWC OF THE GFWC-LIBERTY DISTRICT



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023 ISSUE

EDITOR: HEATHER ZISES

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 4 *Labor Day*
- 11 Board Meeting, 10:00am
- 11 MONDAY GAMES *Cancelled*
- 15 *Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown*
- 21 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 1:30pm
- 23 UMBA Sidewalk Sale, 9:00am-5:00pm
- 23 *First day of Fall*
- 24 *Yom Kippur begins at sundown*
- 26 NJSFWC Liberty District Fall Council Meeting
- 28-1 GFWC Middle Atlantic Region Conference, Atlantic City, NJ

OCTOBER

- 2 Board Meeting, 10:00am
- 4 OPENING LUNCHEON, 123rd Anniversary, 12:00pm
- 9 *Columbus Day*
- 9 MONDAY GAMES *Cancelled*
- 11 ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAM, 11:30am
- 18 ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM *Cancelled*
- 19 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 1:30pm
- 23 NJSFWC Fall Conference, Battleground Country Club, Manalapan, NJ
- 25 BENEFIT LUNCHEON for Human Needs and MESH, 12:00pm
- 31 *Halloween*

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Ruth Gardner
- 11 Marjorie Tom
- 13 Anne Ross
- 18 Barbara Johnson
- 23 Celia McAllister
- 25 Pat Sanders
- 29 Margo Browne

OCTOBER

- 1 Cyndee Rowan, Jeanine Vignone
- 2 Deborah Michelsen
- 8 Frances Maccia
- 12 Angelina Corvino, Caroline McGovern Johnson
- 15 Joan Candee
- 18 Linda Kenyon
- 21 Bobbie Holden
- 28 Dorothea Wefing
- 29 Helen Fallon

OUR CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Summer is fast getting to its end! We hope you had a good one, enjoyed it with much fun with your Family and Friends. The club's year will start soon and we hope you all are ready and planning to attend the great programs and events organized by the Board Members. The first event will be the Opening Luncheon on October 4th, celebrating 123 years of community services. Make your reservation as soon as possible. Please check all other wonderful programs depicted in this Bulletin.

Looking forward to seeing you all on October 4th.

Fondly,
Cyndee & Trautie

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Please be advised that despite our best efforts, revisions, corrections and changes must be made in our blue yearbooks throughout the calendar year. In order to keep your book up-to-date, please make the following changes to the 2023-2024 yearbook:

Linda Kenyon: correct cell phone area code is 973

Barbara Zingaro: add cell phone (973) 342-2138

Heather Zises: correct mailing address is 6 Fairview Place, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043

You may send ongoing corrections to Barbara Davey, Membership Chair at 973-432-5282 or BarbaraADavey@aol.com.

WCUM SUPPORTS LOCAL CHARITY

How sweet are we? This summer, the Club contributed to support the efforts of Good Success Academies, a mission through Watchung Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield. Founded and led by the Rev. Allen Shelton, Good Success Academies' mission is working with young people, empowering them to succeed in school, work, and life. The focuses: college readiness, work readiness, career readiness and world readiness. The Sweet Roots Farmstand, part of the Summer Entrepreneurial Project, "employs" about 25 students, and was held on the lawn at St James Episcopal Church on Saturday mornings in late July through August 26th. This amazing program serves minority high schoolers from Newark, Bloomfield, Montclair and Paterson. Our Club was joined by several Upper Montclair Business Association members in sponsorship, like Kidville, Mercado, Haven Savings Bank, Moline Kronberg and The General Store. Proceeds from the Sweet Roots farm fresh market help subsidize student's public transportation.



L-R: Diane Esty, Cyndee Rowan, Wendy Lacey, President of UMBA, and youth.
Photo by David Oscar

Diane Esty, Assitant Treasurer

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 1:30PM; THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, 1:30PM

Our Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, September 21 at 1:30 pm at the Club. At our June meeting, our members opted to read two books -- *Me Before You*, a romantic novel published in 2012, and *Someone Else's Shoes*, a story of mix-ups, mess-ups, and second chances published in 2023. Both are written by Jojo Moyes. (You may recall we read *The Giver of the Stars* last year, also by Jojo Moyes.) Our group thought it would be interesting to compare and contrast the various writing styles by the same author. Please feel free to join us even if you haven't read any of the books. We will also meet on Thursday, October 19 at 1:30 pm, and that month's featured book will be selected at our September meeting. For questions, comments, or more information, please contact Barbara Davey, 973-432-5282, BarbaraADavey@aol.com.

Thank you!

Barbara A. Davey, Membership Chairman

LIBERTY DISTRICT SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 5:45PM

The Liberty District September Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26th at the Summit Fortnightly Club. Registration and light dinner is at 5:45 and the Meeting will begin at 6:30. Speakers include NJSFWC Education Chairman, Advocates for Children Chairman, and Day of Service Chairman. The cost is \$10 and reservations can be mailed to the club no later than September 15th. We will be carpooling from the club.

If you have any questions, please email me at vfinn89@verizon.net

Thank you!

Vivien Finn, Federation Secretary

OPENING LUNCHEON: 123RD ANNIVERSARY

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4

12:00PM: LUNCH

Please save the date for our Opening Luncheon on Wednesday October 4th. The Montclair House Grill will be catering. Menu: Greek Salad, Chicken Francaise, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee/Tea. Cost is \$38 per person. Reservation deadline is September 28th. Payment must be included with the reservation form. Please call or email Janet Oscar with additional questions: joscar@benefitnavigator.com or (862) 215-0017.

Thank you!

Janet Oscar, First Vice President

ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11, 11:30PM

The Arts and Culture Committee has planned a day filled with cultural, social and hands-on experiences for our members on October 11th at Montclair's downtown galleries on 3 South Mountain Avenue. The day will begin with a BYOB lunch at the Club at 11:30 followed by a car-pooled trip to Montclair Art Museum. Once there we will be greeted by a docent who will guide us through two exhibits: Meryl McMaster's *Chronologies* and the traveling group show *Taking Space: Contemporary Women Artists and the Politics of Scale*. The tour will be followed by a hands-on workshop where each participant will use a photograph of their own to design a collage to depict the character of the individual who is portrayed in the picture of their choice. Materials and guidance will be provided by the MAM's artist in residence Emily Kenselaar. As such, each traveler will return to our Club with an artistic creation of their own design. Cost is \$20 per person. You may send your check to Virginia, give it to Dorothy T. Meissner or mail it to the Club. Please note: the number of participants will be limited to 15 therefore it is imperative that you sign up for the tour ASAP. I can assure you that if you decide to join us, you will be in for treat!

Thank you!

Dorothy T. Meissner, Chairperson



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

A warm welcome is extended to three new members: **Robin Woods**, **Sonyia Woloshyn** and **Marcia Fusilli**. Robin is a writer and resident of Montclair, and has expressed interest in Arts and Culture, Book Discussion Group, Education and Libraries, Communications and Women's History. She may be reached at rew.writer@gmail.com; Sonyia is a resident of Elmwood Park, and has expressed interest in the Arts and Culture Committee. Her email is sonyiaep@gmail.com; Marcia is a resident of Upper Montclair, and has expressed interest in the Arts Performing Committee, the Book Discussion Group, Education and Libraries, Health and Wellness and Libraries. She may be reached at mfusilli570@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Barbara A. Davey, Membership Chair

NJSFWC STATE FALL CONFERENCE

MONDAY OCTOBER 23

The NJSFWC State Fall Conference will be held on Monday, October 23rd at the Battleground Country Club in Manalapan. The morning begins at 9 am with Registration and juice, mini muffins, coffee and tea. The Business Session opens at 10 am and speakers include NJSFWC Day of Service Chairman and Mary Ellen Brock, NJSFWC Past State President and International President, 2020-2022. We will then work on two "Done in One" projects before having lunch which will feature a choice of four entrees, chosen tableside. To date, thirteen vendors have signed up to be with us for your shopping pleasure. Following lunch, Membership and GFWC awards will be presented. The afternoon keynote speaker is Marci Hopkins, author and motivational speaker. The cost is \$50 and the deadline for reservations is October 6th.

For more information, please check the NJSFWC website or contact me at vfinn89@verizon.net.

Thank you!

Vivien Finn, NJSFWC State Fall Conference Chairman

BENEFIT LUNCHEON: HUMAN NEEDS & MESH

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25

12:00PM: LUNCH

All members and their guests are cordially invited to attend our annual benefit luncheon which will be held on Wednesday, October 25 at the Club House beginning at 12:00pm. 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 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 \$34 per person, and the reservation deadline is Wednesday, October 18. 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, and soups; and feminine and baby products to donate.

We hope to see you at this worthwhile event.

Thank you!

Linda Kenyon and Karen Bell, Co-Chairs



SAVE THE DATE: HOLLY BERRY CRAFT & GIFT SHOW

SET UP DAYS: NOVEMBER 2 & 3

SHOW DAYS: NOVEMBER 4 & 5

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 days and plan to give a hand for as much time you want or 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, or you may call Trautie at 973-782-8523.

Thank you!

The Holly Berry Committee



HISTORICAL NUGGET:
“HIGHLIGHTS FROM A 1902 NJSFWC CONFERENCE”

On Thursday, May 22, 1902 the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) Spring Conference was held in Montclair at the Montclair Club Hall on Church Street. Several Montclair clubs, including the Woman's Club of Upper Montclair had promoted the town and this venue. Trains & trolley cars brought nearly 400 women to the conference. The NJSFWC president's table was graced with a large bunch of lilies of the valley, the floral emblem. On the left side of the table was the federation shield in blue & white colors containing the word "Unity." A needed word for today's fractured society. Delegate seating was by district and then club. Federation president, Mrs. Stewart Hartshorne presided. The Revd. Howard S. Bliss gave the invocation... "may clear minds be given to discern the plans & purposes of the Divine, that we may continue to work for the upbuilding of every good cause in our towns & villages." Mrs. Clarence Willard Butler, president of the Town Improvement Association spoke briefly ... "in this continuous growth towards better things... of all the factors contributing ...none has been more effectual than the club movement." The morning address, given by Mrs. Eva D. Kellogg, editor of Primary Education, was on the topic of summer schools. It was her opinion that teachers

needed to attend summer schools that allowed both study & time for leisure. Time away would refresh overworked teachers and help them better prepare for their teaching duties. Likewise, children should attend vacation schools that offer the same balance of mental and physical activity. The afternoon program included a report given by Mrs. Benjamin Graham of the Audubon Society discouraging the buying & wearing of feathers of any wild birds; environmental action before Rachel Carson. Another speaker, Mrs. Lillian Betts, associate editor of The Outlook spoke about vacation homes. Interestingly, she mentioned the topic of summer vacations for working women & their children. The aristocratic & wealthy had enjoyed vacations for quite some time. Eventually, middle class & working women found it more socially acceptable to enjoy public entertainments. These women & their families, when working hours, time-off & budgets allowed could plan and enjoy summer and other vacations near & far at beaches, parks & vacation homes or hotels. May we continue to have the means to enjoy vacationing & escaping for a brief while from our usual daily routines. [The online "Newspapers" database and its collection of the Montclair Times was utilized for this article.]

Best Wishes, Pat Piermatti, Historian, Recording Secretary

LIBERTY DISTRICT SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 5:45PM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

PLEASE RESERVE _____ TICKETS AT \$10 PER PERSON. RESERVATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY, SEPTMEBER 15.

KINDLY MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO WCUM. MAIL OR BRING IT TO 200 COOPER AVENUE, MONTCLAIR, NJ 07043

OPENING LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4, 12:00PM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

PLEASE RESERVE _____ TICKETS AT \$38 PER PERSON. RESERVATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY, SEPTMEBER 28.

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A DAY AT MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11, 11:30AM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

PLEASE RESERVE _____ TICKETS AT \$20 PER PERSON. RESERVATIONS CLOSE ASAP.

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ANNUAL BENEFIT LUNCHEON: HUMAN NEEDS & MESH WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25, 12:00PM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

PLEASE RESERVE _____ TICKETS AT \$34 PER PERSON. RESERVATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18.

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