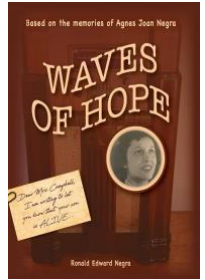


THE BULLETIN of THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF UPPER MONTCLAIR
March 2024 Issue

**In lieu of a printed Bulletin, we are sending the March Calendar/Events via e-mail.
Please mark your calendars and plan to attend all events.**

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES PROGRAM – Wednesday, March 6, 1:30 pm

This is a don't miss program! Our club is pleased to host author **Ron Negra** who will discuss his fascinating book, ***Waves of Hope***. Negra's book tells the remarkable story of the author's mother, an inspiring young woman named Agnes Joan (Verdi) Negra and her heroic acts of kindness performed during World War 2. Imagine a time back in 1944 when Agnes sat at her short-wave radio each night listening to broadcasts in which our German enemies read names of American POW's they were holding. As a young bride and mother, her husband, August, had been wounded at The Battle of the Bulge and was missing in action. Yet, Agnes did more than just listen. She wrote down the names of the American POW's and wrote to the soldiers' families. Often, her letters were the first news to the families that their loved ones were still alive.



Ron and his mom, Agnes, have been interviewed and highlighted on CBS News NY as well as News of New Jersey. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and have autographed by the author at the presentation.

Thank you!

Arlene Onnembo, Education & Libraries Chair

W&M ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON - Wednesday, March 13, 12:00 Noon

Please join us as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the end of winter. You will enjoy a wonderful homemade Shepherd's Pie, a delicious cabbage salad. as well as a yummy ice cream dessert.

Invite your friends and husbands to share in the fun and remember to wear green! The price per person is \$32.00. Take out is \$15.00, to be picked up after 2:30 p.m.

Please send in the reservation form by March 8th. Please note that the reservation must be in the week before for the committee be able to plan for the shopping and prepare the food. Thank you for your cooperation!! *Looking forward to seeing you all!*

W&M Saint Patrick's Luncheon - Wednesday, March 13 - 12 Noon

(Please print) Name(s): _____ Phone # _____

Please reserve ____ tickets at \$ 32.00 each. (Income Tax deductible 15.00)

Take out ____ \$15.00 – pick up after 2:30 p.m. **Paid reservations close March 8th.**

Make check (include all reservations) payable/mail to WCUM at 200 Cooper Avenue, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. - Sorry cannot attend – I would like to make a contribution - \$ _____

NJSFWC LIBERTY DISTRICT ARTS PERFORMING DAY - Thursday, March 14 - 10:45 a.m.

It will be held at the Montclair Women's Club at 82 Union Street, in Montclair.

Members of the Liberty District clubs, including WCUM, will perform in a wide variety of performances. It is a day event, starting registrations at 10:45 am. Refreshments will be served, bring a brown bag lunch. Cost per person is \$5.00.

Please call the Office at 973-744-9138 to make reservation.

Deadline for reservations is February 18th

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Monday, March 18 – 1 to 6 p.m.

The Club will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Monday, March 18th from 1-6 pm. If you wish to donate blood, appointments can be made on the Red Cross website. Information can be found on the WCUM website as well as on our Facebook page.

EASTER BASKETS WORKSHOP - Wednesday, March 20, - 1:30 p.m.

We will be assembling Easter Baskets for the children and their moms to be delivered to the Safe House in Belleville.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - Thursday, March 21 - 1:30 p.m.

The Book Discussion Group will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, March 21 at 1:30 pm** at the Club House. Our March book, ***The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store***, is a novel by James McBride, and was released in 2023. Please plan on attending the meeting regardless of whether or not you have read the book.

The group is also reading ***Growing Up***, a memoir and Pulitzer Prize winning best-seller, by Russell Baker, and copies were generously donated to members by Coco Kenny. For more information, please contact Barbara Davey, 973-432-5282 or BarbaraADavey@aol.com.

NJSFWC LIBERTY DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Wednesday, April 3 – Please see e-mail sent on February 11.

Achievement Day will be held at our club, on April 3. It is the day when club members enter a variety of items, either for Arts & Culture and/or for Environment, to compete with members of all Liberty District Clubs.

As Chairman of the Liberty District ENVIRONMENT, I would like to urge our club's talented members do consider entering items, either under Artistic Designs and/or Houseplants, where you may choose from 19 different pieces of flower arrangements, etc. or under Houseplants - 15 varieties. For any additional information please call me 973-783-8523. Trautie.

March 31 - Happy Easter!



We hope to see everyone at all these programs.

Thanks, Cyndee and Trautie