



# THE BULLETIN

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



## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024 ISSUE

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### CALENDAR

#### SEPTEMBER

- 2 *Labor Day*
- 9 Board Meeting, 10am
- 19 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 1:30pm
- 21 UMBA Sidewalk Sale, Upper Montclair 9am-5pm
- 23 *First Day of Fall*
- 24 Liberty District Council Meeting, 5:45pm
- 25 Meet & Greet, tea/cookies for all WCUM Members 1:30pm, 7pm
- 26-29 GFWC Middle Atlantic Region Conference, Harrisburg, PA
- 30 Board Meeting, 10am

#### OCTOBER

- 2 OPENING LUNCHEON, 12pm
- 2 *Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown*
- 7 AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
- 9 ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM, 1:30pm
- 11 *Yom Kippur begins at sundown*
- 14 *Columbus Day*
- 16 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH WORKSHOP, 1:30pm
- 17 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 1:30pm
- 21 NJSFWC Fall Conference
- 23 BENEFIT LUNCHEON, 12pm
- 31 *Halloween*



### OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I hope that you had a wonderful Summer, and are ready for the start of a new Club year. The Board Members have worked hard putting together fun and informative programs for the 2024-2025 season.

The All-Members Meet-And-Greet will take place on Wednesday, September 25. There will be two meetings to choose from: one during the afternoon at 1:30 pm for tea and cookies, or one at 7 pm for wine and cheese. This is a great opportunity for members to come together for a friendly yet informative gathering.

The next Club event will be our traditional Opening Luncheon on October 2. First Vice-President Janet Oscar has planned a lovely afternoon, and we hope you will be able to join us. The new Directory will be handed out at the luncheon. Reminder that the directory contains valuable information, i.e., upcoming programs in the calendar, The Collect, listing of committees, as well as the contact information of all members. It's more than a phone book.

I look forward to seeing you, and am excited for all that has been planned in the coming months.

Fondly, Cyndee



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## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19, OCTOBER 17, 1:30PM

Our monthly meeting of our Book Discussion Group will resume on Thursday, September 19 at 1:30 pm at the Clubhouse. Our summer read is *The Women*, an historical novel by Kirsten Hannah, published by St. Martin's Press in 2024. The book follows a San Diego debutante turned combat nurse into the battlefield of Vietnam. However, her real challenge comes when she arrives home. Please plan on joining us as we discuss her journey. Everyone is invited regardless of whether or not you have read the book.

Thank you! Barbara A. Davey, Membership Chair

Upper Montclair

Sidewalk  
SALE

Saturday,  
September 21<sup>st</sup>  
9am - 5pm

Shop,  
Eat,  
Explore!



## SIDEWALK SALE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 10:00AM-5:00PM

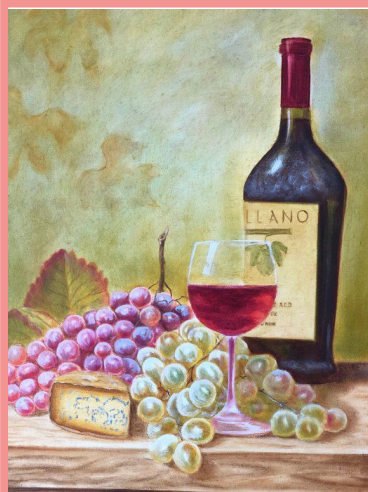
Once again, we are pleased to announce that our Club will be participating in the annual Sidewalk Sale sponsored by the Upper Montclair Business Association on Saturday, September 21. During the sale, we will have a table to promote our upcoming events, solicit members, and sell Christmas ornaments, handmade wine bags and other items. If you'd like to volunteer to sit at our table anytime from 10 am to 5 pm and greet our neighbors, we'd love to have you. Please call the Clubhouse at 973-744-9138.

## NJSFWC LIBERTY DISTRICT FALL COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 5:45PM

The Liberty District Fall Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24th at the Belleville Senior Center. Registration will be at 5:45pm and the Meeting will begin at 6:15pm. Registration fee is \$5 and we will carpool from the Club. Speakers include the Day of Service Chairman, the Special State Project Chairman, and NJSFWC President Elect. Dessert and beverages will be provided and you are welcome to bring a brown bag supper. Deadline for reservations is September 15th.

Thank you! Vivien Finn, Convention Chair



## MEET & GREET

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 1:30PM & 7:00PM

Have you ever wondered how the committees of the Woman's Club of Upper Montclair function? What about the various departments that make up our organization and the special events that each one plans? Do you know what the relationship is between our Club and the Liberty District or the State Federation? If you'd like to learn more about our rich history, our members, and the numerous activities we support, plan on attending our Meet and Greet event at 1:30 pm or 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 25 at the Club House. Meet our board members, enjoy some refreshments, and bring a friend. We're looking forward to seeing you!

**Thank you! Barbara A. Davey, Membership Chair**



## OPENING LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2, 12:00PM

We are looking forward to welcoming back our members to the Club's first social event of the 2024-2025 year, with our Opening Luncheon on Wednesday Oct 2, 2024 at 12:00 noon. The luncheon will be catered by Jack's Surf & Turf of Montclair and the menu will consist of a delicious salad, mashed potatoes, vegetables and a choice of chicken or salmon or chicken & salmon, and of course a yummy cheese cake for dessert, coffee and tea. Price per person \$40. Please indicate on the reservation form your choice of entrée. RSVP by September 24th. We hope to see you all on October 2nd.

**Thank you! Janet Oscar, First VP and Event Chair**

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY OCTOBER 7, 1:00-6:00PM

After a very successful Blood Drive last winter, WCUM will again be hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, October 7th, from 1:00-6:00 pm. Our goal is to collect 20 pints of blood. The Red Cross will arrive with their staff at noon to set up. If you can help with registering donors, please let me know. Better yet, consider being a donor.

**Thank you! Vivien Finn, Convention Chair**

GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE



## **ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM**

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9, 1:30PM

A wonderful field trip to an Arboretum is in the works for October 9. Let's hope for a sunny day! Details will follow by e-mails and phone calls.

**Thank you! Carylmead Eggleston, Environment Chair**

## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH WORKSHOP**

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16, 1:30PM

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 individual wrapped hard candy. We will also be signing Christmas cards to be delivered in December with candy canes attached. Finally, we are participating in Operation Jersey Care in support of our troops. We have a list of items to purchase to fill the stockings. We will also take monetary donations at the opening luncheon.

**Thank you! Caroline Johnson, CEO Chair**

## **NJSFWC STATE FALL CONFERENCE**

MONDAY OCTOBER 21, ALL DAY

NJSFWC State Fall Conference will be held on Monday, October 21st at the APA Hotel in Woodbridge. The cost of the luncheon is \$60 and includes a choice of Chicken Francaise, Filet of Salmon, or Penne Primavera. Registration is from 9:00-9:45am with the Business Session beginning at 10:00am. Speakers include Assemblyman Brian Bergen, NJSFWC Legislation Chairman, and representatives from the Special State Project, NJ Children's Alliance. GFWC and Membership awards will also be presented. Deadline is October 1st. Reservation and a check for \$60 (made payable to WCUM) should be sent to the Club.

**Thank you! Vivien Finn, Convention Chair**

## **BENEFIT LUNCHEON: HUMAN NEEDS & MESH**

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23, 12:00PM

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Club's annual benefit luncheon, which will be held on Wednesday, October 23, at 12:00pm, to support two worthy causes ... the work of two nonprofits in our 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 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. For information, please call 973-744-9138.

**Thank you! Caroline Johnson and Trautie Becker, Co-Chairs**



Since 1982





## NEEDLEWORK GROUP

The Needlework Group is starting up again, and will be meeting at the Club once a month starting in October for a relaxing afternoon of handiwork and chit-chat. If you knit, crochet, embroider, cross stitch, needlepoint or any type of handiwork, and are interested in joining in, please contact Sarah Ross at [SBRinNJ@aol.com](mailto:SBRinNJ@aol.com).

**Thank you! Sarah Ross**

## TIFFANY CORNER NEEDS JEWELRY

Last year was very successful for the Tiffany Corner. We now have very little jewelry left to sell. Please look through your jewelry for pieces that you can donate to us. Ask your friends and family as well. Holly Berry Fair will soon be here and your help is needed. You can drop your items off at the club or bring to our October meeting.

**Thank you! Karen Bell**



## SAVE THE DATE: HOLLY BERRY CRAFT & GIFT SHOW

SET UP DAY: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1; SHOW DAYS: NOVEMBER 2 & 3

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 973-783-8523 / 201-452-9358 and/or e-mail to [waltrautbecker@aol.com](mailto:waltrautbecker@aol.com)

**Thank you! The Holly Berry Committee**



## SAVE THE DATE: EDUCATION PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6, 1:30PM

Carol Simon Levin who presented a wonderful program on Montclair's own Lillian Galbreth is coming back! This time, she will come to our Clubhouse as Emily Roebling, another famous New Jersey woman, who oversaw the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge. The bridge was considered one of the most amazing technological achievements of its time "the Eighth Wonder of the World." Don't miss this terrific program to be held by the Education Department at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, November 6.

**Thank you! Arlene Onnembo, Education Chair**

## HISTORICAL NUGGET: “BIRTH CONTROL, MARGARET SANGER”

This month's "Historical Nugget" grew from a local history fact mentioned on television. While watching a "Story Television" program, I heard that in 1882/83 Julius Schmid, a German immigrant, formed a company which manufactured condoms at a plant in Little Fall, NJ. Schmid Laboratories manufactured not only condoms, but also toiletries and toothpaste. In the late 1970s condom manufacture moved to Georgia and in the latter 1990s to Alabama. A 1987 New York Times article stated that "... 95% of the condoms sold in the U.S. ... are made by New Jersey based companies." And, speaking of condoms ... that lead me to think of birth control & then the work of Margaret Sanger.

Margaret was born in Corning, NY in 1879, the 6th of 11 children in an Irish Catholic family. Margaret's early life must have been difficult as her father was an alcoholic and her mother, who had 7 miscarriages, died at age 49. In 1902, Margaret married Mr. William Sanger an architect and they eventually settled in Greenwich Village. Mrs. Sanger practiced obstetrical nursing and gave sex education talks to many women, notwithstanding their race or economic standing.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1926, Mrs. Sanger, then President of the Birth Control League of America, spoke at WCUM on the topic "National and International Aspects of Birth Control." Margaret had spoken to

New Jersey women before. On Sunday, November 23, 1924 she gave a lecture before the Montclair Unity Forum audience on the topic of "Population and Civilization." On January 14, 1926 she spoke at a public meeting held at the Hotel Walt Whitman in Camden. A birth control bill was to be considered by the NJ legislature that month and many NJSFWC clubs were having programs on the topic. An additional NJ speaking engagement was held January 1926 at a hidden location in Silver Lake, NJ (Camden area) for the women's group of the KKK. Biographical sources say that Mrs. Sanger was not a member or proponent of the KKK. However, this group and other groups such as eugenicists contributed to much controversy during Sanger's life and afterwards. Her work in later years included establishing the International Planned Parenthood Federation in 1952, recruiting Gregory Pincus to work on development of "the pill", and getting Katherine McCormick, the International Harvester heiress to fund this research project. Mrs. Sanger died on September 6, 1966 in Tucson, Arizona.

[The Newspapers.com database (including the Montclair Times), Story Television on FIOS Channel 519, "Montclair Patch" online news, Biography.com and Britannica.com were used in preparing this article.]

Pat Piermatti, Historian, Recording Secretary

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

As the Membership Chair, I would like to welcome the following two members. They include: **Kim Constantine** and **Sarah B. Ross**. Kim is a resident of Montclair, and has joined as an active member. She is interested in virtually every committee, and may be reached at kimconstantine@comcast.net. Sarah is a resident of Cedar Grove, and we are thrilled that she is joining us again as a reinstated active member. She is interested in working on the Arts and Culture Committee, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Ways and Means, and the Holly Berry Craft Show. She may be reached at SBRinNJ@aol.com. Please join me in welcoming Kim and Sarah to our Club.

Thank you! **Barbara A. Davey, Membership Chair**

**LIBERTY DISTRICT FALL COUNCIL MEETING**

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 5:45PM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS AT \$5 PER PERSON. RESERVATIONS CLOSE SEPTEMBER 15.

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

**OPENING LUNCHEON**

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2, 12:00PM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTREE: CHICKEN \_\_\_\_\_ SALMON \_\_\_\_\_ CHICKEN & SALMON \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS AT \$40 PER PERSON. RESERVATIONS CLOSE SEPTEMBER 24.

SORRY I CANNOT ATTEND, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION \_\_\_\_\_

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**NJSFWC STATE FALL CONFERENCE**

MONDAY OCTOBER 21, 12:00PM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS AT \$60 PER PERSON. RESERVATIONS CLOSE OCTOBER 1.

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**ANNUAL BENEFIT LUNCHEON: HUMAN NEEDS & MESH**

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23, 12:00PM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS AT \$38 PER PERSON (INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE RATE OF \$15).

TAKE OUT \_\_\_\_\_ \$18, PICK UP AFTER 2:30PM. PAID RESERVATIONS CLOSE OCTOBER 18.

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