



General Federation of Women's Clubs

Thursday Morning Club

Founded 1896

Founder, Owner, Operator of the Madison Community House
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From the President...

It's official!!! Our Club Year is in full swing, thanks to the undying efforts of our 3rd Vice-President, Berkis Oliveras, and her Junior Service Committee. The "Welcome Back" Luncheon on September 22nd was a great success and all who attended enjoyed the food and the companionship of sister members and their guests. A special thanks to our hostess, Judy Koepff, for opening her home to us and being such a gracious hostess. Congratulations for a job MORE than well done! (And, the weather cooperated too!)

October, being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, provided the Club with an opportunity to welcome speaker, Dr. Kathleen Ruddy, a breast cancer surgeon and research specialist, to our first general meeting of the year on October 6th. Dr. Ruddy is very much involved in determining how breast cancer can be prevented and not just the best treatment for those already suffering from this disease. Thanks to Colleen Geier, Chair of the Community Service Home Life Committee, and Kate Donald, Program Chair, for arranging this program. Thanks also to the Catering Committee, co-chaired by Carolyn Stiner and Bernie Grohol, for providing us with a delicious dinner (as usual) prior to the meeting.

The International Outreach Community Service Committee, chaired by Carole Contri, has extended its reservation deadline for the Thursday, Oct. 20th all-day bus trip to the Pearl S. Buck House and the Fonthill Museum in Pennsylvania. If you have not yet made your reservation, NOW is the time. You really don't want to miss this opportunity for a fun and educational day.

Another fun day, to which you can look forward to

is the Wise, Wonderful Women program being presented by our Ways and Means Dept., headed by Rose Mary Dinnhaupt. This is being held on Thursday, October 27th, with guest speaker, JoJo Starbuck, who will inform us of "The Thrills and Spills of My Life as an Olympic Skater." Please make your reservation quickly if you do not want to be excluded from this lecture which promises to be entertaining. Lunch is always yummy too, thanks to catering.

Finally, just a quick reminder to mark your calendar for November 11th and 12th when the TMC will be hosting "Le Bazar de Noel" at the Madison Community House. This is a major fundraiser for the TMC and the committee, under the direction of Connie Rostiac and Joan Cummings, has been hard at work planning a wonderful venue at which you can shop to your heart's content and enjoy. Don't forget that our fundraising efforts go, not only to the upkeep of the MCH, but also to the provision of necessary resources for our Nursery School and the BASCC programs, which enable them to be the best that they can be!

You can now access the Thursday Morning Club's Newsletter on our website: www.TMCMCH.org. Please feel free to log-onto this site as often as you wish, since there could be other bits of information there which you may find useful. Denise Bone and Suzanne Caccavale have done a wonderful job in building this site and would love for you all to take advantage of it. Thank you ladies!

Thanks to all the members of the Thursday Morning Club for your continued support. See you soon!

-Anne E. Lawless
 TMC President.



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*** Federation Focus ***



The Latest News from the NJSFWC

Special State Project 2010-2012: Gilda's Club

Day of Service:

The major project for the State this fall is the **NJSFWC Day of Service**, being held on October 22, 2011. This day will be dedicated to the men and women from the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy, who are living in one of New Jersey's three veteran's nursing homes. Our Highlands District will be focusing on the Menlo Park Veteran's Home. This 332 bed facility is the most modern state-of-the-art nursing home in the United States. These residents live on a fixed living allowance. While their health needs are met, there is a tremendous need for personal care items and basic clothing. It is this area of need upon which we will focus. The "wish list" of items needed was in the September newsletter and can also be found by the collection bin. Please take the time to peruse the wish list and shop for our veterans. Note the particulars of each item and the deadline due dates when all items must be collected. Thank you, in advance, for your support and contributions to these very special men and women of our country.

Please place your items for donation in the bin set-up for this purpose at the MCH. All items MUST be received by October 17th. NJSFWC will also accept case donations.

Any questions, call Michal.

Other Exciting Happenings:

- Our fellow GFWC members of the Woman's Club of Chatham will be celebrating the **125th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty** by sponsoring a slide and lecture presentation with Kevin Woyce. This program will take place on Friday, October 21, 2011 at the Chatham Library at 1:00PM. There is no charge. All are welcome!
- **The Jersey Girls Are Going To Washington DC:** Our state organization, NJSFWC, is sponsoring a trip to Washington DC from Monday March 19th thru Wednesday, March 21st, 2012, at a cost of \$600.00 per person. There will be opportunities to visit the US Capitol Building, White House, Smithsonian Institute, Pentagon, Library of Congress, Kennedy Center and the National Museum of Women in the Arts. Sounds like a fun time! The trip includes two nights at the Marriott Cristal gateway in Arlington. If you are interested in participating, please contact Susan Thomas at scthomas2@comcast.net or call 908-236-0233.

WEBSITE: State Federation Website is www.NJSFWC.org. Note: Use the following case sensitive code when signing up: S3E2ruka

Any questions, please contact Michal Holzman @ 201 602-0854.

-Michal Holzman-
1st Vice President TMC

Membership...

New Members:

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seconded: Margie Ferrari

Reinstated:

Lijuan Yan
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Total Membership: 249

Our fall "coffee" for new and prospective members will be held at the Madison Community House on Monday, October 24th at 10:00am. Those current TMC members who proposed the new members, as well as club Board Members will be there to share their experiences of the club and to help the new members gain a better understanding of the TMC and all we have to offer. The new members are given a tour of the MCH and get all their questions answered about the club. They leave with a better understanding of our role within the Madison Community House.

The new members meet some new friends, learn some familiar faces and become enlightened with the goings-on of the TMC and MCH. It is a pleasant time.

-Carol Schessler
Membership Chair

Conservation & Garden...

Would you like to have something very unique and beautifully creative to share with your family during the holidays?

Conservation & Garden is offering a holiday centerpiece workshop on Wednesday, November 30th, 1:00pm, at the Community House. NOTE... Reservations will be required. Please bring your own container with liner and oasis. Fresh greens and decorations will be provided. The fee is \$20.00. Beginners are very welcome! Margaret Weisgerber will guide us through the creative process. Look for the registration form and more information in the November newsletter. Come join the fun!

-Connie Jardula
Conservation & Garden Chair

Junior Service...

The Welcome back Luncheon, was held on September 22 at the lovely home of Judy Koepff. We were very lucky to have the sun come out after all that rain. 86 members and friends were in attendance. The lunch was catered by CJ's Deli, the plum kukin was baked by Marie Gregorio and, as usual, everyone raved about the delicious food. Carl Lemanski was responsible for the beautiful flowers. Everyone had a great time. A lovely thank you note was sent to Judy Koepff for her gracious hostessing.

SPECIAL NOTE: WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A HOST HOME FOR THE HOLIDAY SHERRY. Please contact Berkis if you would like to share your home for the holiday gathering. *Please!!!*

-Berkis Oliveras
Junior Service Chair

From Book Group...

The TMC book group will meet October 17th at 1:00pm at the Community House. This month, we will be reading and discussing "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. This is the story of a young girl in Nazi Germany and how her love for reading helps her through difficult times. Join us for a lively discussion of this best seller. The book is on reserve at the Madison Public Library and at local bookstores. All are welcome. to come and join our discussion. If you have any questions, call Margaret Clossey @ 973 644-2740.

-Margaret Clossey
Book Group Chair

Carpooling...

Please try to carpool for BIG TMC events.

Parking is limited, so pick-up a friend or two. Or, get dropped-off by someone. If we all try to do our part, the TMC parking situation will be much easier.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

-Janet Allocco
Director, MCH



Employment Opportunity...

PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE, NOVEMBER 1, 2011

The Thursday Morning Club has an opening for a position as a **Madison Community House Office Assistant**. This is a part-time position of 20 hours per week; 4 hours daily / 5 days per week, and 10 months annually. The position follows the Madison School calendar for days off and holidays. Applicant must be proficient in communication skills, both verbal and written, and proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel computer programs.

If interested, please provide a resume to Janet Allocco, MCH Director, as soon as possible. The interviewing process will begin on October 19th.

Any questions, please call Janet Allocco @973 377-0244.

- Anne Lawless, President, TMC

Program for November 3 General Meeting ...

Kati Beddow Brower will entertain us on November 3rd with a presentation on "Women Pirates of the US Coast." (Did you know they existed? I didn't!) Kati is the founder and owner of "Local Commotion Walking History," a group which focuses primarily on rediscovering American women's history and offers varied programs covering subjects from pilgrim, Constance Merriweather to Rosa Parks to America's first women millionaires. Kati has presented musical, storytelling, and lecture/workshop programs for all ages across New Jersey. She is also the lead singer for "Kati and the Lil' Swing Band," which performed this summer at the museum of Early Trades and Crafts. She is always working on new topics, of which "Pirates" is one. Her website is localcommotionwalkinghistory.com. No filming please, but photos are welcome.

*-Terry Kidner
Arts/Performing Chair*

Bottle Hill Day...

I would like to thank the following members who so selflessly volunteered their busy time on Saturday, October 2nd, to help at the TMC booth on Bottle Hill Day; Diana Krug, Anne Lawless, Pat Milley, Janet Allocco and Carolyn Stiner. Alongside these women, stood the three very dedicated Madison Community House Nursery School Teachers and BASCC Coordinator, who advertised and marketed the wonderful, award-winning school they have worked so hard to create. A special thanks to Patty Driscoll, Kate Donald and Dorothy O'Connor for creating a fun-filled atmosphere, where the children created play-dough sculptures, while the parents learned about the educational facilities of the MCH, all under a tent! The day was a success because of the efforts of all these special women. Thank you everyone!

*-Roe Marchese
Volunteer Coordinator*

News from Le Bazar de Noel...

32nd Bazar de Noel



Get ready for the 32nd Bazar de Noel to be held on Thursday and Friday, November 11 and 12, 2011, at the Madison Community House. Times are 9:30-6:00 on Friday and 9:30-4:00 on Saturday. This year's bazar is shaping up to be a spectacular event, with some old familiar vendors and some brand spankin' new ones, plus your perennial favorites; Members' Treasures, La Patisserie and Le Bistro (formerly A La Carte Cafe.) The Restaurant and 50/50 Raffles are back, as well.

Don't forget... each member is required to **bake two items for La Patisserie** or donate the equivalent cost. Baked goods should be dropped off at the Community House between 4 and 7pm on Thursday, Nov. 10th.

Also... if you have not yet been notified by Peggy Oakes regarding your **mandatory volunteer shift**, please give her a call at 973 377-1854. Peggy will do her best to accommodate your schedule and placement desire.

See the Member's Treasures note in this newsletter regarding drop-off of your "stuff" to be sold.

This season, in order to cut costs, there will be no Bazar program explaining the vendors, etc. mailed-out to TMC members. All Bazar programs will be handed out at the door the day of the event. Please do not look for this in the mail. See the flyer in this newsletter for dates and times of Le Bazar de Noel 2011. Holed the dates and get ready to start your holiday shopping and enjoy lunch with us at Le Bazar de Noel.

*-Connie Rostiac and Joan Cummings
Le Bazar de Noel Co-Chairs*



La Patisserie... Every member of TMC is expected to provide two baked good for the "Bake Sale." We are requesting pies, cakes, loaf cakes and breads. Cookies and brownies are popular with children. Please attractively wrap and label your items. Note: all items should be homemade. No store bought items, please! If you are not able to bake, you may make a donation to the TMC la patisserie equivalent to the two baked goods. Any questions, please call Doris Costello @973 267-2621. Thank you.

*-Doris Costello & Diana Krug
La Patisserie Co-Chairs*



Members' Treasures... Just a reminder that we will be accepting your donations at the MCH from October 24th to November 6th, After that, we will be pricing items. Please consider giving us a range of items from china pieces to china sets, silverware, cut glass bowls and plates, accessories, such as jewelry (costume and genuine), special pocketbooks and lovely scarves, seasonal decor (functional, as well as decorative), gifts that you never used... The main things we are looking for are that the item be clean and something you would gladly use or display in your home. Please feel free to call Anne or myself with any questions. Also... please drop off bags... plastic and/or paper, to be use for our shoppers. Thank you so much!

*-Carol Schessler & Anne Thompson
Members' Treasures Co-Chairs*

From International Outreach...

Pearl S. Buck House & Fonthill Mansion Museum

There is still time to sign up for our trip to visit the Pearl S. Buck House, with lunch, and the Fonthill Mansion Museum on October 20th. The cost is \$85.00.

It's going to be a fun day in Pa. Please join us. Call Carole Contri at 973 377-1719 to make your reservation. See the flyer in September's newsletter for detailed information.

Any questions, call Carole @ 973 377-1719.

*-Carole Contri
International Outreach Chair*



The Madison Eagle Christmas Fund...

will be assisting local residents in gathering gifts for needy children and adults for the upcoming holiday season. The TMC will again join the effort by collecting hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. There will be a collection box outside of the MCH office, labeled "Madison Eagle Christmas Fund." Our club members are great shoppers and generous humanitarians. Having supported this project in the past, we have served our community well. Again, we are asking you to give generously and think of those who are less fortunate than ourselves. So, as you are out shopping and looking for bargains, add these items to your list and help a needy family at Christmas. **Bring new, unwrapped hats, scarves, gloves and mittens to the drop box at the MCH.** The deadline is late November. Any questions, please call Janet Allocco at the MCH, 973 377-0244. Thank you for your support.

From Ways & Means...

Don't miss out! Save this date!

"Wise Wonderful Women" Luncheon - October 27th

We will be "skating" into fall with our "Wise Wonderful Women" luncheon featuring JoJo Starbuck speaking on "The Thrills and Spills of My Life as an Olympic Skater." Of course, there will be a delicious luncheon prepared by our Catering Department. Send your check for \$35.00 for a single lecture, or \$100.00 for the series of three, (*made payable to TMC, Wise Wonderful Women*) and mail to PO Box 34, Madison, NJ 07940.

You can also see the flyer, which was in the September newsletter, on our website: www.tmcmmch.org.

Remember to make your reservations ASAP!!! Questions? Call Rose Mary Dinnhaupt @973 377-8508.

*-Rose Mary Dinnhaupt
Ways & Means Chair*



Straight Ahead...

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10/13	Social Bridge Group Meets	1:00pm	Community House
10/17	Book Group Meets	1:00pm	Community House
10/17	NJSFWC Fall Conference	all day	Bridgewater Mariott
10/20	International Outreach Bus trip	8:30am - 5:30pm	See Flyer
10/22	NJSFWC Day of Service	(See Michal Holzman for details)	
10/27	Wise, Wonderful Women Lecture	11:30am - 1:30pm	Community House
11/3	TMC General Meeting	10:00am	Community House
11/11 & 11/12	Le Bazar de Noel	TBA	Community House
11/30	Holiday Centerpiece Workshop	1:00pm	Community House

For more information and copies of all flyers, visit the TMC Website:

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