

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...

Go Giants! February and the Super Bowl (for all you football fans) are here! While anticipating that big event (and you probably received this newsletter after the fact and already know who won,) TMC members have been busy with our club events, which began on January 5, 2012 and the first meeting of the New Year. We were treated to an amusing program of how to be more organized by our guest speaker, Evelyn Cucchiara. Following our meeting and this presentation, some 20-25 members stayed around to make bracelets that will be sold at Gilda's Clubs and Well-Care Centers. This project was led by Betty Dangler, our Arts/Creative Chair. Thanks Betty... it was fun (albeit somewhat hectic!) and quite rewarding to know that it was being done as a labor of love for such a great cause.

On January 19th, attendance at our Scholarship Social found us being addressed by our HOBY participant, Michael Lebwohl. Michael provided a very interesting, educating, and often humorous account of his time spent at the conference. He was extremely grateful for the opportunity provided to him by the TMC. Afterwards, we all relaxed and enjoyed the homemade baked items brought by members. (Michael *really* enjoyed them!) We finished off the day with lively games of Bridge and Bunco! Thanks to Diana Krug, our Education Chair, for organizing this eventful day!

On Saturday, January 28th, our Home/Life Chair, Colleen Geier, arranged for a Blood Drive to be held at the MCH from 10:00-3:00. Many thanks to Colleen and all those who participated in this worthwhile effort.

Our February membership meeting welcomed speaker, Rosie Battista, author, trainer, and weight-loss expert, whose topic was "Cooking Naked" (not what it sounded like.) She explained how to cook and eat with basic foods and to learn the preparation of simple, quick and delicious meals. So many GOOD things were learned with this program for February's Heart Healthy Month, that we had to do something that might be considered somewhat BAD too: "Operation Candy/Cookie." We filled containers for distribution to local Nursing Homes and Care Centers. As always, the generosity of our members is overwhelming. Thanks to Colleen Geier, Home/Life Chair, for arranging the speaker and for organizing the collection of goodies after the meeting.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** On Tuesday, February 14th, our Arts/Creative Chair, Betty Dangler, has arranged to host a guest, Sue Machesko, who will lead participants in the decoration of ceramic "Hearts of Hope." Please refer to Betty's article in this newsletter for further information.

If you were quick and lucky enough to reserve a seat (sold out at the time of this writing,) you will be a guest at the 2nd Wise, Wonderful Women lecture to be held on Thursday, February 16th. Tracy Beckerman, author and columnist, will deliver her "MOMAIR: Lost in Suburbia." This promises to be ANOTHER fun-filled program and, of course, delicious lunch!

I look forward to seeing all of you real soon. Until then... take care!



-Anne E. Lawless  
 TMC President.

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# \*\*\* Federation Focus \*\*\*

The Latest News from the NJSFWC

## Special State Project 2010-2012: Cancer Support Communities & Gilda's Clubs

In the February issue of the NJSFWC "Almanac," President-Elect, Linda Babeuf asks, "Are you ready to take the next step?" In this article, Linda stated she is somewhat baffled by the fact that women who seem to enjoy their clubs enormously are apprehensive about taking on leadership roles. If you are one of those people, I can tell you from personal experience that TMC is probably the safest place you will encounter to step outside your comfort zone. In this club, you will never be at a loss for people "covering your back" no matter what role you take. When I was chairing "Le Bazar de Noel" a few years ago, I was on a club sponsored trip when I was telling another member that someone who was to play a key role the day of the Bazar had been injured (she healed beautifully) and would be unable to continue in her role. This was only two weeks before the Bazar! I didn't know what I was going to do. No sooner had I spoken when I heard a voice from a few rows back speak up, "Oh, I'll do it, Michal." This supportive behavior is typical for TMC. If you have any interest in becoming more involved in our club, but don't know quite how to do it, just ask me. I will be very glad to help make your club experience a richer one.

As many of you know, TMC contributes annually to NJSFWC's "Continuing Fund." These are funds that support Batsto Nature Center, Greenbrook Sanctuary, the Blackledge-Kearney House, CARE, Project HOPE, UNICEF, four veteran's hospitals, NJ Special Olympics, two state psychiatric hospitals, two developmental centers and the Valerie Fund. This year, the Women's Federation Monument was added to the Continuing Funds form. Built in 1929, this scenic cliff-top overlook honors the role the NJSFWC played in the creation of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission and the successful efforts to preserve the Palisades at the turn of the 20th Century. This monument has been designed as part of the NJ Women's Heritage Trail.

Patricia Dahl, NJSFWC Domestic Violence Awareness Chairman, reminds us that February is "Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month." Ideas for how you can raise awareness on this important issue can be found on the NJSFWC website in the "Supplements" section.

Here's what some of our neighboring clubs are up to:

- \* In Montville Township, club members began assembling breast cancer comfort after reading about this project in an issue of the Almanac. When the local high school read about their project, they asked to help. As of November '11, a total of 6,760 pillows had been donated to Morristown Medical Center.
- \* New Milford is working with their local high school on creating "The Cookbook for Healthy Living." The students are creating a healthy version of a family recipe. Art students are submitting entries for the cover. Even the business community food establishments are featuring recipes. Sounds like fun!

**WEBSITE:** State Federation Website is [www.NJSFWC.org](http://www.NJSFWC.org). Case sensitive code when signing up: S3E2ruKa  
Any questions, please contact Michal Holzman @ 201 602-0854.

-Michal Holzman  
1st Vice President TMC

# Membership... Junior Service...

## New Members:

Jeannie Kosakowski (Ms.)  
8 North Street  
Madison, NJ  
973 377-1120  
Jmk47@verizon.net  
proposed: Roe Marchese  
seconded: Anne Lawless

Carol Hartel (Mrs. Robert)  
3 John Marshall Lane  
Madison, NJ  
973 593-8032  
Carolhartel@yahoo.com  
proposed: Michal Holzman  
seconded: Carol Schessler

## Obituary:

Note, with deep regret, the passing of Club Member:

Margaret Mickey

## Total Membership: 260

-Carol Schessler  
Membership Chair

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SAVE THE DATE!

# "HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS" November 17, 2012

The TMC's major fund-raiser for 2012 will be held on November 17, 2012. All members are required to participate. Mark your calendars NOW for this upcoming event in the fall!

# Junior Service...

Preparations for our Annual Spring Luncheon are continuing and moving along. As a reminder, the Annual Spring Luncheon will be held on March 29, 2012 at the Brooklake Country Club in Florham park. It promises to be quite rewarding. Come see some beautiful spring fashions (*modeled by our own TMC members*) and enjoy a great lunch. There will be many opportunities to win some great prizes. All guests are welcome... so bring a friend..or 2 or 5! Solicitation packets and invitations are being mailed soon. Look for yours in the upcoming mail. I thank you, in advance, for anything that you can do through merchant donations, personal donations, or gift baskets, to help make this event a success.

HOLD THE DATE... MARCH 29th!  
Looking forward to seeing you all then! Any questions, or to volunteer, call Berkis @ 973 377-9315.

-Berkis Oliveras  
Junior Service Chair



# Second Thursday Bridge...

The second Thursday bridge game will now be a duplicate game chaired by Marie Moore and Peggy Kilcoyne. We have two tables and would love to have three! So, don't hesitate to call if you'd like to play or get on the sub list. It's the same game -- just a few different mechanics. The advantage is: if you get bad cards, you can still WIN!! And... as a bonus... we are a very friendly bunch!!!

**Dates to play: February 9th, March 8th, April 12th, & May 10th**  
All games begin at 1:00p.m. and are held at the Community House. For more information, call Marie @ 973 377-4325 or Peggy @ 973 410-0483.

# From Book Group...

The TMC book group will meet on Monday, February 20th at 1:00pm at the Community House. This month, we will be discussing "Little Bee" by Chris Cleave. This novel is the story of two different cultures. It tells of the friendship of two women; Little Bee, a Nigerian and Sarah, a Brit. Join us for a discussion of this thought provoking book. The book is on reserve at the Madison 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

# MAH JONGG Mondays...

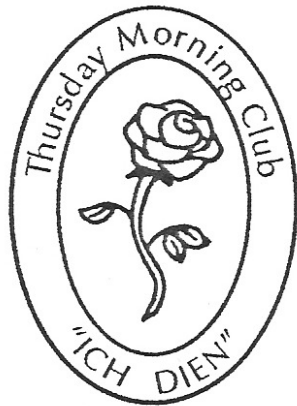


The TMC features Mah Jongg every Monday at 1:00. Join us. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Shine @ 973 360-0990.

## ***From By-Laws Committee...***

As a result of the Strategic Plan, a By-Laws committee was established to review our procedures and structure. The committee has been meeting regularly to restructure our By-Laws in order to simplify our structure and to attempt to keep up with the times. The By-Laws Committee has completed their total revision of the By-Laws of the Thursday Morning Club and is looking forward to presenting them to the Thursday Morning Club Board of Trustees and our membership in early March.

Following approval by the TMC Trustees, the By-laws will be available to every member of the club for review and then presented to the General Membership for a vote. We hope to have the revised By-Laws in effect for the new club year beginning May 1, 2012.



*-Sharon Silver  
By-Laws Committee Representative*



## ***From Conservation...***

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!** Tell us what you would like to see in the front garden of the Community House. On February 21, at 1:00p.m. at the MCH, the landscape committee will meet to discuss Susan manna's design, as well as other concerns about the front garden. Please call Connie if you would like to attend. All are welcome.

### **Wanted: Conservation Entries for Arts/Achievement Day!!!**

Do you love orchids, african violets or terrariums? Or perhaps you enjoy arranging flowers in a tiny teacup, a teapot or an odd recycled container? Maybe you prefer larger arrangements for your dining table or your front door? If so... then circle April 4th on your calendar, the day of the Highlands District Achievement Day Contest!!! Please contact Connie for the list of rules, the entry forms and the due dates. The rules are also available at [www.njsfwc.org](http://www.njsfwc.org). The password needed can be found on the Federation Focus page of this newsletter. Come join in the fun!

To contact Connie for the above, call 973 301-2171.

*-Connie Jardula  
Conservation Chair*





# “Hearts of Hope” on Valentine’s Day



**Paint a Heart and Share some Hope - it’s FREE!**

Arts/Creative is sponsoring the “Hearts of Hope” Project on Valentine’s Day. There is no charge for this workshop - it’s fun, it’s free and it will make you feel good! Simply take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to paint a small ceramic heart and include a special note to someone experiencing a difficult time due to a health issue, a loss, or serving our country overseas. An RSVP by February 7th is necessary, simply for a head count. No talent required!

These “hearts” of hope have reached many, and those who have been fortunate enough to receive one, found it to bring comfort, support and hope. Please plan to join us:

**When: February 14th (Tuesday)**

**Time: 1:00pm**

**Where: Madison Community House**

**Refreshments: Tea will be served!**

**RSVP: by February 7th to Betty Dangler 973 966-0100**

*(Over 26,000 painted clay hearts, with accompanying notes, have been sent around the globe.)*



## ***From Home Life...***

On Saturday, January 28th, a **blood drive** was held in the MCH auditorium from 10a.m. till 3:00p.m. There was a steady stream of donors throughout the day. We collected approximately 27 units of blood. Thank you to all those members who took the time out of their busy schedule to come to the blood drive and donate.

At our general meeting, **Rosie Battista** spoke about healthy eating, as we recognized Healthy Heart Month. She shared a food talk and cooking demonstration based on her *Cooking Naked After 40* program titled “Love your food and it will love you back.”

Our annual **Operation Candy/Cookie** was held following the general meeting, We assembled approximately 175 care packages to be distributed to our local care centers. The plastic containers used were donated through the generosity of Chatham’s Shop Rite. Thank you to everyone who donated to this “operation.” Through events, such as Operation Candy/Cookie, the TMC makes a difference in the community.

*-Colleen Geier  
Home Life Chair*

## *From Arts/Performing...*

### **Attention Performers of All Kinds!!!**

The Annual Arts Performing Festival will take place on Wednesday, March 14th, at the Sussex United Methodist Church (same location as last year.) Our list of entries must reach the District Chairman by Friday, February 17th, *so put on those tap shoes, Anne!* If you (*any TMC member*) wish to perform, (and, of course you do!), please let me know by February 12th. Then, you'll have an entire month to prepare. Dramatic readings, monologues, skits, group and individual musical presentations and creative writing are all welcome. Please contact me with commitments and/or questions. It is a fun day, filled with laughter and entertainment. Consider being a part of this District event. Use your imagination to create an "entertaining" moment. You won't be sorry! I await your calls!!! Any questions, or to share your talent, call Terry @973 377-9435. E-mail is [terrykid@verizon.net](mailto:terrykid@verizon.net).

*-Terry Kidner  
Arts/Performing Chair*



## *From Programs...*

The March General Meeting on March 1st will feature guest speaker, Jaime Duffy. Jaime is a columnist and will speak to us on "Newspapers and the Internet - What is the Effect?"

Any questions, or for further information on this upcoming speaker, please call Kate Donald, Programs Chair @ 973 660-0194.

## *From Education...*

The Annual Scholarship Social was held on January 19th at the MCH. It was a great afternoon. Michael Lebwohl, a student from Madison High School, shared his experiences from the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference which took place last June. The Director of Guidance from Madison HS, Mr. Brett Levine, and Michael's mother, Sally Lebwohl, also attended. 56 TMC members and their guests attended this event. A profit of \$442.93 was realized. This money will be used to send the next student to the next upcoming conference.

After the meeting, everyone enjoyed delicious desserts and played bridge or bunco.

Thank you to everyone who baked their fabulous treats and shared with others. A special thank you goes out to Flo Brunner, who was so helpful and efficient in the kitchen. Thank you to everyone who attended the social and made it the success it was.

This event is always a fun time. Please be sure to come again next year!

*-Diana Krug  
Education Chair*



# Nominated Slate of Officers for the 2012-2014 Club Years

We would like to thank the nominees willing to serve the Thursday Morning Club and the Madison Community House. The nominating committee is pleased with this slate. We submit to the membership, for your approval, the nominated slate of officers for the upcoming term from May 2012 - April 2014.

## **Thursday Morning Club Board of Trustees:**

2nd Vice President:	Sharon Silver
3rd Vice President:	Patti Larkins
Recording Secretary:	Denice Katz
Treasurer:	Joanne Binting (one year)
Operations:	Olga Soriano
Programs:	Connie Rostiac

## **TMC Board/Community Service Programs:**

Arts/Creative:	Diana Roberts
Conservation:	Connie Jardula
Home Life:	Suzanne O'Neil
International Outreach:	Nancy Wallace

## **Committees:**

Newsletter:	Ronnie Kemp
Yearbook:	Kim Rowe (one year)
Decorations:	Deanna Peterson

## **Madison Community House Board:**

Chairman of the Board (2nd VP):	Sharon Silver
Vice Chairman of the Board (Operations):	Olga Soriano
Secretary:	Kimberly Walters

## **Nominating Committee for 2013-2015:**

Mary Jane Burns (Repeat), Carolyn Stiner (Past President), Connie Rostiac, Carol Schessler, Bridget Mantone, and two positions filled in June by appointment from the TMC and MCH Boards.

After first being published in the February TMC newsletter, this slate will be voted on at the March 1, 2012 TMC General Meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Joanne Binting, Mary Jane Burns, Bernie Grohol, Michal Holzman,  
Sylvia Luber, Roe Marchese and Kimberly Walters  
Nominating Committee

# Highlands District Arts Achievement Day

*April 4, 2012 @ Zeris Inn, Mountain Lakes*

**Forms are found on the TMC Website: [WWW.TMCMCH.org](http://WWW.TMCMCH.org)**

The Highlands District Arts Achievement / Conservation Day is fast approaching. Those of you who are planning to submit an entry in any of the many categories must follow the guidelines and meet all criteria. If you are interested in submitting an entry, please check the website, call the dept. chairs below or stop by the MCH to get the forms. **Your "creation" must meet the rules for submission.**

If you have any questions, please call either of the following for information or guideline criteria:

**Arts/Creative - Betty Dangler @ 973 966-0100**

**Conservation - Connie Jardula @ 973 301-2171**

The actual registration forms are available now and can be received by going to the TMC website or phoning the above individuals. The deadline for submission to enter the contest is: March 14, 2012. You may submit an entry and then decide not to enter, but you cannot enter past the deadline. The District does NOT accept last minute submissions. Ladies... lots of entries brings lots of Gold Ribbons!!!

**ENTRY SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 14, 2012**

Below are the categories for submissions. Many categories have sub-categories and hold many opportunities within each division. If you see an area of interest...call for the rules, learn more about it, what's actually required and, most importantly.....act on it!

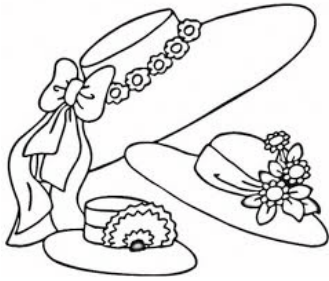
## **Arts/Creative Division**

Painting (all mediums)	Paper Art
Pastels	Computer Art
Drawings (all mediums)	Party Favor
Photography	Holiday
Jewelry-making	Baking
Basket Weaving	Candy Making
Doll Making	Quilting
Embroidery	Crocheting
Needlepoint	Knitting
Plastic Canvas	

## **Conservation Division**

- Dollhouse Floral Arrangement
- Pressed Fresh Flowers Under Glass
- Fresh Green Arrangement
- Seasonal Flower Arrangement
- Dried Flower Arrangement
- Flower Arrangement in Recycled Container
- Door Decoration
- Potpourri
- Topiary
- Houseplants (multiple categories)

*Let's Bring "Home" the Ribbons!*



# *Design a HAT...*

*For fun & fashion!*

## ***Arts Creative: Step Into Fashion this Spring!!!***

Be a trendsetter. Design your own hat with the help of a professional hat designer. Monika Stebbins will instruct you, step by step, on how to decorate your hat. Bring your own hat and decorations, or Monika will supply them.

**When: March 8, 2012 (Thursday)**

**Time: 1:00 p.m.**

**Where: Madison Community House**

**Cost: \$15.00**

**Bring: Hat & Miscellaneous Decorations**

**RSVP: by February 28, 2012**

Questions: Call Betty Dangler @ 973 966-0100

Please cut below RSVP and return (with check payable to TMC) to:



Betty Dangler

106 Main St.

Madison, NJ 07940

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### ***Arts/Creative... Make a Hat Workshop***

***-RSVP Form- Due by February 28, 2012***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 (each) = Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Checks payable to TMC)*

Mail rsvp and payment to Betty Dangler @ above address.





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☞ quick reference guide:

## Straight Ahead...

<b>All Mondays</b>	<b>Mah Jongg</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Community House</b>
<b>2/9/12</b>	<b>Second Thursday Bridge Group</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Community House</b>
<b>2/14/12</b>	<b>“Hearts of Hope” Ceramic Workshop</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Community House</b>
<b>2/16/12</b>	<b>Wise Wonderful Women</b>	<b>11:30am-1:30pm</b>	<b>Community House</b>
<b>2/20/12</b>	<b>Book Group</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Community House</b>
<b>3/1/12</b>	<b>TMC General Meeting</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Community House</b>
<b>3/8/12</b>	<b>“Make a Hat” Workshop</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Community House</b>
<b>3/14/12</b>	<b>Highlands District Arts/Performing Day</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>3/29/12</b>	<b>TMC Junior Service Annual Spring Luncheon</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>See Invitation</b>
<b>4/4/12</b>	<b>Highlands District Arts/Achievement Day</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Zeris Inn</b>
<b>**11/17/12**</b>	<b>“Homes for the Holidays”</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>

For more information and copies of all flyers, visit the TMC Website: [TMCMCH.ORG](http://TMCMCH.ORG)



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