



The Club

December 2022



President's Message

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness" John Steinbeck

It's hard to believe the holidays are almost here and that the end of 2022 is looming! It has been a special year for our Club as we celebrated our 90th Anniversary as a woman's club and the 75th Anniversary as a member of the NJ State Federation. But take a deep breath, we are not done! We continue to be active in the communities we serve and will continue to seek new opportunities to reach out to help individuals and organizations.

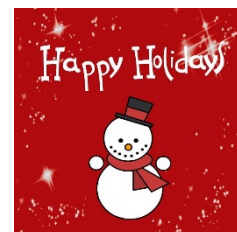
December continues to be a busy month. Several of our members will participate in the Winter Wonderland Event held at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Rockaway on December 3rd. A craft table will be set up for children to decorate a Santa or gingerbread house. A few members will volunteer at the Market Street Mission in Morristown on December 14th.

Mark your calendars for the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Gardner Field in Denville on December 17th. Our Club did purchase a wreath to be placed on a grave of a veteran for this event. Let's meet there at 9am. Our "wish tree" project is underway with trees at business locations in Rockaway and Denville to collect gifts for social service families and children. We will include the Center for Family Services children this year as well. Thank you to Janet Ball, Sheela McGlone and their teams including Susan Kleczynski, Ann Weisenburger, Marge Dobbins, Gloria O'Connor, Florence Luchesi, Mary McAleer, Lynda Gronemann, Connie Zambri, Cathy Zollo, Lorraine Bollman for volunteering for this project. We expect a great response this year.

Of course, the highlight of the month is our holiday party to be held again at Café NaVona on December 1st. We are looking forward to a special night of dining and socializing with our club friends. No business talk, just fun!

Your Executive Board wishes you a happy healthy and safe holiday season.

Janet



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Club History Tidbit

Early on a literary department was active for over fifty years, with women meeting monthly to socialize and share friendship. A book discussion group was revived in 2013, with women meeting on a monthly basis to discuss different books that the group chooses. Currently there is an evening and a day book group to accommodate all schedules.

Just a reminder that both book groups welcome new comers!

The evening group meets on a Monday evening at 7pm at Ann Weissenburger's home once a month.

The day group meets at 2pm in the afternoons, once a month, at member's home varies. Contact Lin Zrike or Arline Scholder..

Check Newsletter for possible dates and Book Titles

Calendar of Events

- **December 1st - Thursday – 6:00PM to 9:00 PM**
Woman's Club Holiday Party–
Caffe NaVona - 147 Route 46 West, Rockaway, NJ
- **December 3RD -Saturday**
The Winter Wonderland
Jefferson Middle School - Rockaway
- **December 5th - Monday – 7:00 P.M.**
Woman's Club Evening Book Club
Ann Weissenburger's home.
- **December 14th - Wednesday**
Market Street Mission -Morristown
Contact Susan Kleczynsky
- **December 17th - Saturday – 9:00 AM**
Wreaths Across America
Gardner Field, Denville
- **January 11th - Wednesday-**
Highlands District Council Meeting - Zoom
- **January 16th – Monday**
Day of Service
Rescue and Recovery Building, Parsippany.

Happy Holidays to all of you.

Christmas celebrates the birth of the baby Jesus almost 2,000 years ago.

Chanukah, the festival of lights is the eight-day Jewish celebration that commemorates the rededication, during the second century B.C., of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting.

Kwanzaa is a relatively new holiday, dating back to the 1960s. It is an African American celebration of African culture and roots. Kwanzaa is celebrated for seven days, and each day is dedicated to a different human value. On each day of Kwanzaa, a candle is lit in a *kinara*, or candleholder, to highlight one of these basic principles.

<https://www.med.unc.edu/medicine/december-holidays-disability-awareness/>

Happy Holidays also to all those who do not celebrate the above Holidays.



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Some October Events

October 4th – October 8th - Sunday - The Jewelry Benefit.

The Jewelry Fundraiser was held from October 4th to the 8th at Bilori Jewelers. 4 women participated. Thanks to Bill for always supporting us. This fundraiser was held to raise money for our annual scholarship fund.

October - Woman's Club and Denville Farmers' Market



L-R. Sheela McGlone, Barbara McCloskey and Susan Wiedaseck

October 15TH- 22nd –Saturday-Saturday - Annual Walk-a-thon - continued



Lorraine Bollmann with her sweet doggy Molly



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November Events

November 3rd – Thursday-6:30 P.M. Tricky Tray Fundraiser

Nancy Levy's Home



Nancy Levy, once again, hosted the Tricky Tray Event. And it was not virtual.

Nancy Levy, the hostess with the mostess



*L-R Val Kenny, Sheela McGlone, Barbara McCloskey
Joan Bowling, Mary McAleer, Nancy Levy & Ann Weissenburger*



*L-R Joan Chiaravalloti, Nancy Lazur &
Lynda Gronemann*



L-R Phyllis Dudly, Jennifer Ireton & Janet Walker



Thank you, Karen Lazur, for your photos.

November 7th -Monday 7:00 P.M. Bunco Fun Fundraiser

Parsippany Rescue and Recovery Building

Twenty eight women attended the Bunco Night hosted by the Woman's Club of Denville Rockaway and Parsippany Troy Hills Woman's Club on November 7th. Refreshments and snacks were provided. Nancy Levy conducted the games and prizes were awarded to women who scored the highest and lowest. All the proceeds were donated to the NJSFWC Special State Project, Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. Fun was had by all! *Janet Walker*



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November 15th -Tuesday 1:30 P.M. Woman's Club Day Meeting American Legion



*Jeanne Murphy with her husband, Dr. Bruce Murphy
(President of Centenary University) retired army officer.*

In celebration of Veterans Day, Janet Walker introduced Jeanne Murphy, Retired Army Colonel, and member of our club, who provided a presentation about her 30-year career in the military. Jeanne presented with her husband, Dr. Bruce Murphy, also an army veteran.

Guest: Lynn Webb, Highland District VP, gave a brief update on upcoming district projects



Jeanne Murphy

Thank you, Karen Lazur, for your photos





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December is - Universal Human Rights Month



<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/universal-human-rights-month-december/>

Universal Human Rights Month is an annual designation observed in December. This month and every month to follow, people, across the globe, are encouraged to come together and stand up for equality, justice, and the dignity of all humans.

December is a time to honor the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, an international document stating the basic rights and

fundamental freedoms to which all human beings are entitled. These rights include freedom from discrimination, the right to equality, and the right to be considered innocent until proven guilty.

HOW TO OBSERVE. Use #UniversalHumanRights, #HumanRights, and #StandUp4HumanRights to post on social media. The [Dignity & Respect Campaign](#) says the best way we can celebrate Universal Human Rights Month is by working to find common ground with those around us who may not have the same background as we do. Their advice is to remember that we were all born into the same world, we are all humans, and our different races, religions, beliefs, and cultures shouldn't divide us. This December, take a little time out of your schedule to educate yourself. If another culture makes you anxious or apprehensive, learn more about their history and why they do things the way they do. Chances are, it'll humanize them and help you understand that they aren't people to be "afraid" of, or to dislike. This month, you can also:

- Read a book about the Declaration of Human rights, or about human rights in general
- Spread the word on social media
- Go out of your way to treat everyone with respect, kindness, and equality
- Teach others about why human rights for everyone are so important

HISTORY. The Universal Month for Human Rights started in 1948 when the United Nations wrote the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



<https://www.med.unc.edu/medicine/december-holidays-disability-awareness/>

December 3 is the "International Day of Persons with Disabilities," a day of observance for people who live with some form of disability, [proclaimed by the United Nations](#) in 1992. All people should be valued for their unique talents and abilities.

The [World Health Organization](#) estimates there are over 1 billion people — about 15% of the global population — who experience some form of disability, and this number is increasing. Almost everyone will be permanently or temporarily impaired at some point in their life.

People with disabilities represent a diverse group with a wide range of needs, and some of these are not easy to see. Disparities abound in this population, from access to health care to education and employment. Many people with disabilities also have underlying health needs that make them particularly vulnerable to COVID-19. Unfortunately, people with disabilities are often left out of the 'diversity and inclusion' conversation.

Our Woman's Club bakes cookies for the Cheshire Home (for adults with physical challenges) every Valentine's Day



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HOLIDAY PARTY

GFWC Woman's Club of the Denville-Rockaway Area

Thursday - DECEMBER 1st, 2022

From 6:00pm to 9pm

Cost \$ 38.00/person

At Caffé NaVona

147 Route 46 West, Rockaway, NJ

Join us at this social event in celebration of a great group of women working together to help others in our community.

We need a commitment of 35 people to keep this per person price.

The buffet includes salad, pasta, meat, fish, vegetables, potatoes and dessert. Soft drinks, coffee and tea are included.

Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the bar.

A special thank you to Joanne Chiaravalloti's husband who has graciously offered to cover the cost of the gratuity.

We will have a few fun games to play.

Please bring your cash or check to the November meeting or send your VENMO payment to Karen-Lazur.



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Hello Everyone,

On Wednesday, December 14th some club members will be volunteering at the Market Street Missions in Morristown. They have provided us with a holiday and basic needs wish list for men and families (including children). If you would like to purchase something from these lists you may be able to send directly to market Street missions. If not, then you can give it to me and I will bring it with me on December 14th. If you send directly to the missions please let me know so I can add to the project report.

Thank you for your support.

Regards,
Susan K.

Children's Toy Shoppe Link for MSM & JSRM Residents children

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/1RSVJ61VKOBFD/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

Men's Christmas Gift List for MSM and JSRM Link:

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/3XZCPB66KA6?triggerElementID=editItemSettings_I2R296KYG6VTG5

Men's Basic Need Items for MSM in the Life Change Program and the Community

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2RF5EL8R54V/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_4?_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist

CLASSICAL MUSIC IN YOUR BACKYARD



The MacDowell Recital will be Sundays at 3 p.m. at The Oaks, 19 Pocono Road, Denville, NJ 07834. For more information on MacDowell, please visit <https://mtnlakes.org/Community/macdowell/cal.php> and

Calendar of Events 2022-2023 Recital Series

Dec 11, 2022 Andy & Kelly Lin, Korean erhu, viola and piano
Jan 8, 2023 Hobart Piano Trio violinist Kathleen Butler-Hopkins and Hobart Trio
Feb 5, 2023 Robert Radliff, violin and ensemble
Mar 5, 2023 Madison String Quartet
Apr 2, 2023 Mikhail Kuchuk, Violin

May 7, 2023 Keith Calmes, guitar



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GFWC FEDERATION NEWS CORNER

NJSFWC 125 years

HIGHLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING-JANUARY 11TH- ZOOM

NJSFWC DAY OF SERVICE-JANUARY 16TH- RESCUE AND RECOVERY BUILDING, PARSIPPANY

COLLECTION FOR

Rockaway Food Pantry

Presbyterian Church, 35 Church St., Rockaway

This small pantry serves approximately 300 families a year.
Donations recently have been very low...

Right now we're low on peanut butter, tuna, canned vegetables, pasta,
macaroni & cheese, coffee and tea. Of course, all non-perishable items are welcome.

Paper goods are a constant need too- paper towels and toilet paper.
Also shampoo, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergents.

Donations can be dropped off:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30-12:30. And
Tuesday 4-6 pm.

Go around back door by cemetery.

If you make a donation, estimate the cost and
send to Pat Bomus at bomusp@msn.com who will put together a report for this project

If someone prefers to make a monetary donation, they can make check payable to:
Rockaway Food Closet

35 Church St. Rockaway, NJ. 07866. *Pat Bomus*

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Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey



60 North Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

<https://uaccnj.org/>

Tel no. 973 585 7175



At this time, we will ONLY be accepting aid deemed to be most critical: military and medical items. We have created an Amazon wish list, which contains these high-priority items that Ukraine needs at this time. When ordering items on Amazon, please use the UACCNJ address as the destination. *(Go to the website to connect to UACCNJ Amazon wish list or to donate, as well as to find more information of where to donate. The website has been built up very well.*



Beautiful Ukrainian church at UACCNJ.



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Events and Activities

OUR WOMAN'S CLUB FRIDAY WALKING GROUP – Contact Barbara McCloskey



L-R Ann Weissenburger, Janet Walker, Pat Bomus, Barbara McCloskey, Kathy Holland and Susan Jancerak

WOMAN'S CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY- DECEMBER 1ST – 6:00 P.M to 9:00 P.M.

Caffe NaVona-147 Route 46 West, Rockaway, NJ

Discussion on “Have You Seen Luis Velez” by Catherine Ryan Hyde

THE WINTER WONDERLAND- SATURDAY- DECEMBER 3RD

Jefferson Middle School- Rockaway

WOMAN'S EVE BOOK CLUB- MONDAY- DECEMBER 5TH – 7:00 P.M.

Ann Weissenburger's House

Discussion on “Have You Seen Luis Velez” by Catherine Ryan Hyde

MARKET STREET MISSION- WEDNESDAY-DECEMBER 14TH

Morristown

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA- SATURDAY -DECEMBER 17TH -9:00 AM

GARDNER FIELD, DENVILLE 9:

HIGHLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING-JANUARY 11TH-ZOOM

NJSFWC DAY OF SERVICE-JANUARY 16TH - RESCUE AND RECOVERY BUILDING, PARSIPPANY



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Sunshine Corner

Our prayers for all our members or family members going through health issues.



Judy Blood – December 13th
Carol Johnson – December 20th
Kathy Elko– December 22nd
Alice Birney– December 28th

~~~ *Birthday Month Get Togethers* ~~~

Feel free to share your birthday with other members that have their Birthdays the same month as yours with a get together, a walk in the park safely, lunch or afternoon tea.



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Welcome to our new members and rest of our members.



AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Contact Lin Zrike at 973-586-7803 or foggypond@optonline.net



EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

December 5th Monday evening 7:00 P.M.

"Have You Seen Luis Velez" by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

Location –Ann Weissenburger's Home

Contact: Ann Weissenburger at 973-627-2509 or aweissenburger@yahoo.com



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**** Ongoing Club Collections ****

*All items can be brought to our meetings and given to the person collecting them
(Once we can resume regular meetings).*

All drop-offs should be checked with COVID-19 policies

***Collection for Rockaway Food Pantry –Presbyterian Church – [Pat Bomus](#).** The Rockaway Pantry is low and needs several types of donations. See page 10 for items requested, location and hours of drop off.

***Aluminum Tabs – [Susan Kleczynski](#).** From beer and soda cans for Ronald McDonald House, a nonprofit family & children's charity dedicated to supporting families with sick children in their time of need.

***Inkjet/toner cartridges – [Joan Bowling](#).** Don't forget that we continue to collect used inkjet and toner cartridges. Thanks to Joan, many are sent back to be recycled for cash back. She deals with three companies and gets prepaid shipping labels from them. The club has drop offs locations at Provident Bank, Investors Bank, & SmartWorld coffee.

***Eyeglasses – [Joan Bowling](#).** They go to Eyes for the Needy and the Lion's Club. If Joan has a big load of eyeglasses she contacts a person in Rockaway who takes them to Millburn to Eyes for the Needy.

***Cell phone collections – [Joan Bowling](#).** This is a good moneymaker. Joan gets prepaid shipping labels and sends the phones to a company who sends our club a check. **Joan is putting out plea for more cellphones to be delivered to her. She needs more cell phones in order to send a box in.**

***Collecting of Greeting Card – [Joan Bowling](#).** Joan is collecting the fronts of greeting cards.

***Coupon Flyers – [Joan Bowling](#).** Only coupons that have NOT expired. These are given to Social Services in Denville.

***Birthday Bags – [Joanne Chiaravalloti](#).** The Birthday bag items consist of cake mixes, frosting, small birthday design plates and napkins, candles and a birthday gift bag. Joanne puts them together and they are given to Social Services in Rockaway and Denville.

***Small Toiletries – [Nancy Levy](#).** These items, small and trial size, are needed for the care bags that are given to social services and other local organizations. They include: shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant and lotion.



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Rockaway & Denville Township Public Libraries Update December. 2022

Check the websites to see what the library policies are.

Rockaway Township Library: <http://www.rtlibrary.org> Tel: 973-627-2344

Rockaway Borough Library Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Library/Rockaway-Borough-Public-Library-117410801674019/>

Tel: 973-627-5709

Denville Library <http://www.denvillelibrary.org> Tel: 973-627-6555

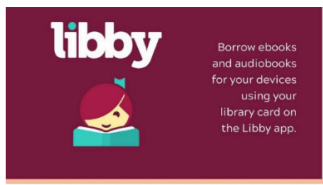
Denville Library Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/denvillelibrary/>

Both Denville and Rockaway Township continue to have virtual programs. Check out their websites for what these wonderful libraries continue to offer. Register for these virtual programs on their websites.

Check out this new complementary digital media service offered by Denville and Rockaway Libraries. Requires your library card. Download the App. "Hoopla"

DENVILLE LIBRARY EVENT DETAILS

Friday Films are BACK! 1-3 PM REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! Check Denville Library Website.



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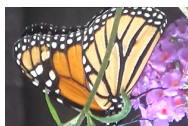
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