

The Haddon Fortnightly EMD (Evening Membership Department)

The mission of The Haddon Fortnightly shall be to establish in Haddonfield a Center for the Promotion of Educational, Literary, and Civic Interests of the Community. Please note, however, that membership is open to residents of other communities, as well!

For prospective members and those who prefer to attend evening business meetings, the EMD generally meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at our historic clubhouse.

Members of The Haddon Fortnightly are united in their dedication to volunteer community service. While diverse in age, interests, and experiences, all are united by a desire to create positive change in their communities.

There are many benefits to membership in the EMD, including lifelong friendships, contributing to the quality of life in the community, learning from informative speaker programs, developing leadership skills, and expanding personal and professional contacts.

Members have opportunities to become involved in many different projects. Our Special State Project and Community Improvement Committee make sandwiches for distribution by the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden, collects food for St. Paul's Food Pantry, and collects items for Emmanuel Cancer Foundation.

Our Social Services Committee, the heart of our department, collects fuzzy socks and body lotions for Mothers Matter, children's clothing for Little Hands, Little Feet, and magazines for memory care units in nursing homes. Whenever we hear of an urgent need in the community, our members are ready to step up and pitch in.

Our Community Affairs and Legislation Committee even creates a float for Haddonfield's Fourth of July Parade!

We partnered with our local high school students on Martin Luther King Day to make fleece blankets for Operation Smile.

Our Education Committee partnered with the high school's feminist club, the 50/50 club, for several years now to present an art show that honors women. This year highlighted women in "STEAM". Local women and non-binary artists,

including high school students, displayed their work. Profits were donated to Girls Learn International, a program of the Feminist Majority Foundation

Our Ways and Means Committee runs our fundraisers, including the Haddonfield Snowflake Run, our Luncheon and Fashion Show and our Annual Flea Market. Our hard work is rewarded knowing that the profits are donated to many local, state, and national charities.

In addition to the committees listed above, others include Arts Creative, Arts Performing, Arts Cinema, Arts Literature, Bridge and Games, International Affairs, Membership, Publicity, and Scrapbook.

Our newsletter, the Flash, helps us stay on top of all these activities. And the Hospitality Committee provides delicious refreshments at every business meeting.

As you can see, there are many ways to become involved and make a difference in the community. Please bear in mind that members are not obligated to participate in every project. You may do as little or as much as you wish. All contributions are appreciated!

Please contact me, Kim Otto, or our Membership Chairman, Claressa Walker if you have any questions or would like more detailed information. We would be delighted to welcome you into membership!

Warm Regards,

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