



The Forecaster

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The Haddon Fortnightly



New Jersey State Federation
of Women's Clubs of GFWC
Volunteers in Action



January 2024



JANUARY 2024

- 15 – The Haddon Fortnightly MLK Day of Service 10:00 - 3:00
- 15 – NJSFWC Day of Service
- 15 – FLASH Due
- 17 – Cathedral Kitchen Sandwich Drop Off 9:00 – 9:30
- 18 – Garden District Council Meeting In Person 10:00
- 19 – Club Meeting 1:00
- 23 – New Member Project – Stay at Home Tea Meeting- 11:00
- 27 – Special Meeting Options for the Club House

FEBRUARY 2024

- 1 – Spelling Bee – 6:00
- 5 – Reading Circle – 12:30
- 6 – EMD Board Meeting 7:30
- 7 – Executive Board Meeting 10:00
- 8 – Spelling Bee Snow Date 6:00
- 10 – Forecaster Due Date
- 15 – EMD Business Meeting 7:30
- 16 – Club Meeting 1:00
- 21 – Cathedral Kitchen Sandwich Drop Off 9:00 – 9:30



From Your President Denise Sellers

Happy New Year!

Have you made any resolutions for the upcoming year? Or are you like the woman who pumped gas for me on New Year's Day? She volunteered that she had already broken her first resolution, having given into the temptation of deliciousness by eating homemade cookies, just hours into the first day! LOL!

My suggestion for a 2024 resolution is more philosophical than giving up sweets or alcohol or getting more exercise. It means taking up the wisdom of a man whose birth we honor this week: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In this piece from 2010, author and TEDx speaker Joseph Ranseth suggests ways to bring greater light into our life and the world by striving to live at least one of the teachings of Dr. King.

<https://josephranseth.com/honor-the-teacher-by-living-the-teachings-martin-luther-king-jr/>

We can start the club year by “(rising) above our own worries” and supporting the MLK Day of Service activities of NJSFWC, giving personal care items on behalf of the domestic violence shelters of Center for Family Services Gloucester County and the Salem County Women's Services. Or join our EMD's MLK Day blanket making, crafting simple comfort blankets for donation to Operation Smile.

My hope for each of you is a happy, healthy, satisfying and peaceful 2024!

Denise

Membership – Sue Sheehan



Please don't forget to send me any names and addresses of prospective members to invite to our meetings for **our Open House in March**. Remember your Golden Girl and remember Dottie has extra cards for you to send out.

Name tags will continue to be handed out by Grace DeMarco at each meeting and collected at the end of the meeting.



International Recipe of the Month England – Madeleine Cookies – Grace DeMarco

Grace has contributed a terrific recipe for these delicious classics. We are trying a new way to bring you all of these great international recipes by attaching the recipe to this newsletter. Just thinking it would be a better way for you all to clip and save. Let us know if you prefer the recipe in the body or as an attachment, but by all means enjoy!

Congratulations to our November Member of the Month

Betty Eastwick!

Please send your nominee for Member of the Month to:

sue.sheehan9009@gmail.com



Please send in your International Recipes.... we want a fun April meeting

Coming Up

March 20: Open House

April: International Recipe Month

January Birthdays

Eileen Sanville

Dottie Troehler

Jude Leary

Kathryn Raiczuk



Emmanuel Cancer Center – Arlene Fiorilli

The ladies of the General Club of donate gift cards for the families Emmanuel Cancer Center. Each of gift card, or more (Target, Lyft, lovely if each of us puts a ribbon chocolate (or a box of chocolates)



LOVE. Please bring the cards to the **January 19** general club meeting or drop them off at my home, 111 Chews Landing Road (mail slot is to the bottom right of my burgundy front door on, or before **February 6**).

The Haddon Fortnightly are asked to of the children of the our members are encouraged to buy a \$25 Uber, ShopRite, Walmart). It would be around the gift card with a bar of to make it a “Valentine” of unexpected



Barbara Datto serving delicious cakes at our Holiday Luncheon. We can always count on Barbara to bring us goodies! Also pictured is our December speaker Book Smiles founder **Larry Abrams**. Book Smiles promotes literacy and the joy of reading to children who need it most.



Forecaster Flashback!



A little memory challenge! Member Eileen Sanville contributed this photo from her baby shower waaayyyy back in 1989! Who can name all of our beauties? And to think that baby is now our Reliably Handy Phillip!



SPECIAL MEETING!



All members of The Haddon Fortnightly are asked to attend a special meeting to hear and discuss the options for the future of our clubhouse on **January 27th 10:00 AM**

This will be your opportunity to listen to the current options suggested by the General Club Board and the Trustees for moving forward to **either keep or sell our building**. We need to hear your preferences on these suggestions, so that we may begin the process of exploring these options. **This will not be the time for a final vote.**

This meeting will help us to determine which options you want us to seriously pursue. We will then report our findings on those options back to you with greater detail, so that a vote can be taken soon from among the viable options.

If you want your preferences heard and considered, be sure to attend this meeting!



Federation Secretary – Marie DiMatties

Garden District Day of Service

This year, on the Day of Service, January 15th, 2024, we will be collecting items for two area agencies supporting survivors of Domestic Violence - Center for Family Services of Gloucester County and Salem County Women's Services. We are asking for donations of new towels and wash cloths, body wash, deodorant and mouth wash and baby wipes and diapers. Please feel free to select those items you wish to donate. The items will be delivered to Pitman VFW Post 6469, 142 Oakcrest Ave., Pitman on January 15th at 1 pm for sorting and packaging. I will be attending and would appreciate a few of our members joining me. If you are unable to go with me, Items can be dropped off at my house – 315 Walnut St, Haddonfield by January 14. Thank you in advance for your support of survivors of Domestic Violence in the Garden District.



The Haddon Fortnightly's **Annual Spelling Bee** will take place on Thursday February 1st at 6 pm.

Once again, this year, Mayor **Colleen Bianco Bezich** and Commissioners **Kevin Roche** and **Frank Troy** will serve as Judges. The Haddon Fortnightly EMD's own **Sooze Dewey** will be the Pronouncer. Eight students from each of the following schools will be the contestants: Christ the King Regional School, Central, Elizabeth Haddon and Tatem Schools. The top three winners of The Haddon Fortnightly Spelling Bee will go on to the Garden District Spelling Bee to compete against winners of local Bees in the Garden District.



Thank you in advance to those members of the EMD and General Club who have volunteered their time to help make this year's Spelling Bee another success.

Second Vice Chairman – Diane Primerano

Macarons! How fun and delicious! Please join us at our **January 19** meeting where professional chef **Diane Nussbaum** will patiently take us through the steps to



make our very own delicious macarons. Not only will there be instruction, but they will be ready for us to sample too. What a terrific way to kick off the New Year! **Allergy Alert:** They are made with almond flour.





Who Wants to be a Judge?

Cathy Jenkins is looking for volunteers to judge a youth arts competition. The Cherry Hill Library and the Cherry Hill African American Civic Association are sponsoring an essay/poster/video contest for Cherry Hill students. The theme is “Their Stories Matter: African Americans in our Schools and Communities”. Attached is the information on

judging which will take place between February 4 to 6, and can be done any time of day in person or virtually. An introductory Zoom meeting be scheduled. Please respond to Cathy if you are interested: chaacaprograms506@gmail.com

Joint Ventures – Marie Balotin



BINGO is back and it's early this year. Mark your calendars for **Friday, February 23rd**. Doors open at 6:15 PM, Games start at 6:45 PM. This “Fun” event includes: 10 games including a Jackpot worth **\$500.00**. That's right!!! You could win up to \$500.00!!!

It's a “Girls Night's Out” - so reserve your table by **February 13th** and receive **three additional** playing cards (to be used during the regular games) for each member at your table. Or bring canned good items or shelf safe milk for the **Cherry Hill Food Pantry** which qualifies you for three cards as well.

Admission price is \$25.00. Bring a party tray of sandwiches, cheese and crackers or snacks for your table to nibble on. Philly pretzels and water will be available for purchase if that's all you need.

Why not gather a group of friends or family members for an evening of fun and camaraderie with the chance of winning **CASH**? Our Wheel of Gift Cards is valued over \$300.00 plus we have an array of baskets to bid on. Of course, there's a 50/50 raffle.

Call Marie at 856-428-8293 or Susan Dewey at 856-667-8099 to purchase your ticket or reserve a table. The proceeds from this event and raffles are for the operating expenses and preservation of the building. Come make a difference and have “**FUN**” doing it.

EMD Luncheon and Fashion Show – Debbe Mervine



APRIL 13 is the date of the EMD's fabulous Luncheon and Fashion Show. It will be at Tavistock Country Club after a multi-year hiatus. Come join the festivities, put together a table and see what the stores will be offering this spring and summer. Good food too! **Mary Holben** is developing a sign up list. Please contact Mary at mholben@holben.com.

Literature – Pat Underwood



We will be reading **Under the Whispering Door** by T.J. Klune at our February 5th Reading Circle. It is a story about grief, death, and what comes after. A brief synopsis states, “as dark as it seems, it’s set in a small teashop run by a ferryman, someone who sees spirits to the other side. It’s cozy while being sad and will 100% break your heart hundred times over, but it’s worth it.” Marie Balotin will be the facilitator and Mary Ann Mazza and Debbie Hagy will provide dessert.

☞ We will be reading **The Dictionary of Lost Words** by Pip Williams for March’s Reading Circle. I will be facilitating the discussion.

☞ As the new year begins to unfold there are many recent and some not so recent titles that you may want to consider reading. If you have not yet read **Remarkably Bright Creatures** by Sarah Van Pelt, please consider it as it is a truly delightful read especially for those of us at a particular age who have or are beginning to lose friends and family members.

☞ Other titles to consider are:

The Bee Sting by Paul Murray (our October 2024 selection for Reading Circle)

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride (our May 2024 selection for Reading Circle)

The Wager by David Grann (non fiction)

Oath and Honor by Liz Cheney non fiction)

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown (non fiction)

The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann (non fiction)

The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar

☞ Ken Follett, a Welsh author, has written many books, but he started a series in 1989 with a book called **Pillars of the Earth** and followed with **World Without End, A Column of Fire, Evening and the Morning**, and the latest in the series **Armor and Light**. All of these books are rather long so they are good choices for cold wintry days by the fire and your beverage of choice.

☞ Many of you, I am sure, have a favorite book and perhaps at our next Reading Circle I would like to invite you to come and share your favorite books. Mine is **Poisonwood Bible** by Barbara Kingsolver. What are yours?

From the Editor – Ginny DeLong



Again, Thank you Marie Balotin for the pictures in this issue, and Eileen Sanville for clearing out her photos and unearthing that gem! Please think about how else we might make the Forecaster more fun and interesti

MADELEINE LEMON COOKIES

Grace DeMarco

Makes 20 cookies. If using a metal pan oven is 375* F. If using a Silpat pan the oven should be 390*F.

INGREDIENTS

2 large eggs
2/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel, (I use 1 whole lemon)
1 pinch salt
1 cup all-purpose flour
10 Tablespoons unsalted butter, melted, cool slightly
Powdered sugar

DIRECTIONS

1. If using a metal pan preheat oven to 375*F. ***Generously butter and flour pan for large madeleines (about 3 x 1.25 inches).

2. Using electric mixer, beat eggs and 2/3 cup sugar in large bowl just to blend. Beat in vanilla, lemon peel and salt. Add flour, beat just until blended. Gradually add cooled melted butter in steady stream, beating just until blended.

3. Spoon 1 Tbs. batter into each indentation in pan. Bake until puffed and brown, about 10-16 minutes. Cool 5 minutes. Gently remove from pan. Repeat process, buttering and flouring pan before each batch. Can be made 1 day ahead.

If you use a **Silpat** madeleine you can skip the butter and flour, but do follow the baking directions on the box as it says to let the batter rest for 3 hours in the refrigerator or overnight or 20 minutes in the freezer. It also states to preheat the oven **390. Bake for 10-12 minutes. Fill the molds 3/4 of the way full. Let cool slightly, then unmold.

4. Dust cookies with powdered sugar.



The Haddon Fortnightly Woman's Club

Presents

“Girls Night Out Bingo”

With Basket Raffles, 50/50 & Wheel of Gift Cards

Friday, February 23, 2024

**Kings Highway and Grove St.
Haddonfield, NJ**

Doors open at 6:15 pm ... Games begin at 6:45 pm

Reserve a table by February 13th or bring shelf milk, Canned goods for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry the night of the game

and receive 3 extra playing cards

Tickets are \$25.00 each

Water and soda available for purchase

Contact: Marie 856-428-8293 - mmbalotin@aol.com or

Susan Dewy 856-667-8099 - Susan.Dewey1@verizon.net

to reserve your seat or table

Bingo Table Order Form

No ticket order too big or small...

FIRST ORDER FORMS IN... ARE SEATED CLOSEST TO THE FRONT

VIP Tables MUST be purchased in advance by February 13th!!
Full payment and guest names must appear together on form

NAME OF TABLE OR GUEST _____

Phone #: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

_____ Individual Ticket x \$25.00 = \$ _____

_____ please sit me with a fun group OR Member/Name _____

_____ Table of 6-10 Tickets at \$25.00=\$ _____

Please list the guests who will be sitting at your table: ***Must be paid in full with names filled in. Incomplete envelopes/forms will not be eligible for "free" additional playing card.***

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Mail your remittance and form to: Marie Balotin
P.O. Box 2301
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034



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JUDGES NEEDED

Judges are needed to judge the entries for
The Reverend Ivan George ESSAY
• POSTER • VIDEO CONTEST

If you are:

- 18 years or older (currently not a high school student)
- Not an employee of Cherry Hill Public Schools
- Available to judge entries in person any time of day from February 4 - February 6, 2023 or virtually
- An introductory meeting will be scheduled via Zoom.

WE NEED YOU!

Contact:

Cathy Jenkins at chaacaprograms506@gmail.com or 856-383-2486 if you are interested.