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Chairman's Report - Kim Otto

We certainly have been very busy bees lately!

By now, the 50/50 Art Show and the Flea Market are in the books and our Luncheon & Fashion Show on the horizon. Thanks to all who have volunteered in any capacity at these events. We couldn't do all of this without your help!

Did you know that April is Earth Month?

The very first Earth Day was on April 22, 1970. Earth Day is an annual event on April 22nd to bring awareness to environmental protection. The official theme for 2024 is "Planet vs. Plastics". The End Plastic Pollution campaign helps people understand the impacts of plastic pollution on human and ecosystem health and how everyday actions can lessen the problem.

The campaign draws attention to the harmful effects of plastic in our environment-harming marine and human health, littering beaches and landscapes, clogging waste streams and landfills-and empowers people to make a difference.

What are some simple things you can do to reduce plastic use?

1. Replace plastic storage containers with glass or steel containers.
2. Compost food waste to cut down on plastic garbage bags.

If everyone were more mindful of the plastic waste crisis plaguing the planet, we could start to undo some of the damage we've done in the name of convenience.

Arts Cinema - Marianne Fisher

Come see Arthur the King at the Cinemark Theater in Somerdale at 1:30pm on March 20th. It's a true story about a pro adventure racer and a scrappy street dog who develop an unbreakable bond over a 10 day period.

First Vice-Chairman - Marianne Fisher

Achievement Day and Garden District Spring Conference is April 18th at Pennsauken Country Club. I have forms for Arts and Culture entries. They are due to Garden District Arts & Culture Chairman Joelle Wentz by March 31st. See me for forms and questions.

Garden District Arts Performing Day is March 22nd at 10:30am at Salem Community College. Contact Gerri Tabako to RSVP.

The Board would like to thank everyone for all your efforts in fundraising for 2023.

The following list is a sample of one of the State Reports on fundraising and contains the fundraising events, volunteer hours and net profit made by the EMD.

Club Fundraisers Volunteer	Hours	Net Profit Made
Haddonfield Snowflake Run	655	\$38,443.00
Progressive Dinner	164	156.00
Two One Pound Auctions	38	442.00
Luncheon/Fashion Show	270	4,587.00
Flea Market	340	5,356.00
Jewelry, Accessory & Home Goods	170	2,651.00
A Special Evening with Joe Conklin	130	6,950.00
50/50 Art Show (Restricted Funds)	220	2,143.00
Total	1,987	\$60,728.00

The 130th NJSFWC Convention is scheduled for May 6 – 8, 2024 at the Hard Rock Hotel in Atlantic City. If you are interested, I have a signup sheet. The meal reservations and a registration fee is \$45.00 and must be postmarked by April 5, 2024. After that date there is a \$10.00 late fee. No registrations will be accepted postmarked after April 12, 2024.

Haddonfield Celebrations Association is requesting donations for fireworks, and parades. The Fortnightly is donating. I have flyers if anyone individually would like to donate. We all love the 4th of July parade, especially being in it.

I am requesting the board members complete the 2024-2025 Yearbook Questionnaire & Survey tonight.

Luncheon Fashion Show - Debbe Mervine

ALOHA SPRING!

Welcome spring, bid on a plethora of fabulous baskets, eat a delicious meal of Cream of Broccoli soup, Chicken Picotta, Risotto & Spring Squash. Topped off by a refreshing Lemon Tart.

THEN get to see all the beautiful fashions for the spring and summer seasons.

Here is what you need to know to join in the fun:

DATE: April 13, 2024

TIME: 11:30 pm

PLACE: Tavistock C.C.

COST: \$55. pp

TICKETS: walmsleyc1948@gmail.com

Get your reservations in ASAP and support The Haddon Fortnightly EMD.

LFS BASKET DONATIONS

If you have NOT already gotten your LFS basket donation in to MaryAnn's back porch, it is probably too late. The basket elves have most likely finished making their magic. In that case PLEASE send a monetary donation to MaryAnn McMahon ASAP. Make out your check to: HF EMD.

AND be sure to purchase your tickets from Cheryl Walmsley. You won't want to miss ALOHA SPRING!

Joint Ventures - Susan Dewey



Joint Ventures announces our annual Geranium Sale, Thursday May 9th and Friday May 10th. I will need your help to sell these plants so pass the word to your relatives, friends and neighbors. The geraniums come in the 4 1/2" pots, 8" hanging baskets and 10" hanging baskets the same as in previous years. The colors for the 4 1/2 pots are the same as previous years: RED, WHITE, PINK and ROSE. The colors for the 8" and 10" pots have changed this year to:

RED, Burgundy and White (Bicolor), PINK and LAVENDER

As with everything these days, the prices have gone up slightly. The 4 1/2 " pots are now selling for \$5, the 8" hanging baskets are now \$14 and the 10" pots are \$18. These are still a bargain and we have always been proud of the quality that Powell Greenhouses gives us.

I'm also asking everyone to check their calendars, as I will need volunteers for May 9th for unloading when the truck arrives at 9AM. I will also need help bringing the geraniums out to our customers, the evening of May 9th 6-8pm and the following morning May 10th 9 –noon. Sign up sheets will be distributed at the next business meeting.

You will find flyers and sales forms attached to the FLASH. Please consider your purchase and mail your sales along with a check back to me by April 23rd at the latest!

Project and Community Improvement Project(CIP) - Tina Novak

In April, we are collecting boxes of pasta and boxes of cereal for our Special State Project, the **Emmanuel Cancer Foundation**. Please bring your donations to the Board and Business meetings.

We are making sandwiches for **Cathedral Kitchen** on Tuesday, April 16th, 11 AM, at the clubhouse. We will provide the ingredients. On Wednesday, April 17th, from 9 to 9:30 AM, we will also be collecting sandwiches at the clubhouse. If you wish to participate on either day or both, please email Tina.

Thanks to all of you who made fleece blankets for **Operation Smile**. This year we provided comfort to 34 children.

Hospitality - Mary Ann Zaleski and Lois Emund

The EMD Spring Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 14th. Appetizers will begin at 6:30, followed by dinner and dessert. The meal is \$25 and is BYOB. We will be serving a medley of salads.

Along with your reservation, we ask that you bring either an appetizer or dessert. Please email your reservation to Lois at loisedmund@hotmail.com. The payment can be sent to Lois at PO Box 8445, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002. If you have any questions, please call me at 856.904.3480, or Mary Ann Zaleski at 609.313.8674. Thank you.

April Showers Bring May Flowers

Social Services - Pat Barnes

Mothers Matter - Tina Novak

Fuzzy socks anyone? Tina is still collecting fuzzy socks, eye shadows, and pink or red shades of lipsticks and nail polish for Mothers Matter. Did you know? Our donations go to The Lauren Rose Albert Foundation. It is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The foundation's credo—"Mothers Matter"—is a tribute to Lauren and a mother's love. Their mission is to encourage mothers to achieve economically and educationally, as well as to seek brighter futures for themselves and their families. They provide gift baskets filled with women's personal care and beauty products to women and mothers facing difficult challenges in their lives.

Magazines, Can Tabs - Marianne Wonson

This month I delivered a total of 63 magazines to Brandywine Living at Haddonfield and Silver Care in Cherry Hill and they are really happy to receive them. I am still collecting can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

Please bring magazines and can tabs to the business meetings and you can also drop them off at 121 Walnut Street on the front porch. Thank you for the beautiful selection of magazines.

Financial Secretary - Ann Gallagher

Annual Dues are due April 1st.

The dues for the 2024-2025 club year will be \$65. Please make your check payable to EMD of Haddon Fortnightly and send it to Ann Gallagher, 406 Avondale Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ 08033 or bring your check to an upcoming meeting.

Also, the Finance Committee will be meeting to determine which charities should receive contributions at our fiscal year-end in April. Please let Ann know which charities you believe the EMD should continue to make a donation to as part of our year-end donations.

Thank you everyone!

Bridge and Games - Carol McConville

Couples Bridge hostess is Mary Louise Lavery on Saturday, 4/20 at 7:30pm. **Women's Bridge** hostess is to be determined on Wednesday, 4/17 @ 7:30. We welcome all new members who can play, also! Please contact the hostesses or Carol McConville (856-858-5383) if you can play. Looking forward to seeing you!



Interesting Information - Marianne Fisher

I came across the following in "The Old Farmer's Almanac" by Robert B. Thomas.

Every month there is a description of how the month was named and a story based on an event in the month. I found it interesting and wanted to share it with all of you. I would like your feedback whether you like it or not and if you want me to continue putting it in the Flash.

March is named for the Roman god of war, Mars. This was the time of year to resume military campaigns that had been interrupted by winter.

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY?

Who was the real St. Patrick? Why are shamrocks a symbol of this day? Enjoy St. Patrick's Day history, legends, and lore.

Who was St Patrick? Was he a real person?

Saint Patrick is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. He is credited with successfully spreading Christianity throughout Ireland – hence the Christian celebration of his life and name.

Was there really a St. Patrick?

Definitely. However, there are many legends about him that mix with the truth. Did he play a large role in spreading Christianity to Ireland? Yes, absolutely. Did he really drive all the snakes out of Ireland? Probably not, since snakes weren't native to Ireland to begin with!

In any case, St. Patrick's impact was significant enough to warrant our modern-day celebrations. Here's a bit about St. Patrick himself.

A Young St. Patrick finds God.

The man who would eventually become St. Patrick was born in Britain (part of the Roman Empire at the time) as Maewyn Succat in the late 4th century. His family was Christian, but it's said that Maewyn himself was an atheist throughout his childhood. That would change at age 16 (around 400 A.D.), when Maewyn was kidnapped from his home on the west coast of Britain by Irish pirates, who proceeded to carry him off to Ireland and force him to work as a shepherd herding sheep. After six years, he escaped his captors, walking nearly 200 miles through the Irish landscape and convincing a ship to carry him with them back to Britain. This harrowing experience certainly had an effect on Maewyn, who was convinced it was the Lord who protected him and delivered him safely home. St. Patrick spreads the Gospel.

Upon returning home, Maewyn received his call (in a dream) to preach the Gospel – in Ireland, of all places! He spent the next 15 or so years in a monastery in Britain, preparing for his missionary work. When he became a priest, his name was changed to Patricius, and he returned to the land of his captors to begin his teachings. Although some Christians already lived in Ireland at the time, the country was largely pagan, so spreading a foreign religion was not an easy task. Patricius traveled from village to village to share the teachings of the Lord and was successful enough to eventually found many churches there.

Why is the Shamrock associated with St Patrick's Day?

People wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because, legend says St. Patrick used its three leaves to explain the Holy Trinity in his teachings. (The Trinity is the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as three divine persons who are one divine being (God)). The truth of the St Patrick legend, however, is in question, as there are no direct records that the saint used the shamrock as a teaching tool. NOTE: the symbol of St. Patrick is a three-leaf shamrock, not a four-leaf clover. However, long before the shamrock became associated with St. Patrick's Day, the four-leaf clover was regarded by ancient Celts as a charm against evil spirits. In the early 1900s, O.H. Benson, an Iowa school superintendent, came up with the idea of using a clover as the emblem for a newly founded agricultural club for children in his area. In 1911, the four-leaf clover was chosen as the emblem for the national club program, later named 4-H.

More St. Patrick's Day Facts, Fun, and Folklore

Blue was the color originally associated with St. Patrick, but green is now favored. The first St. Patrick's Day parade in the American colonies was held in New York City on March 17, 1762. St Patrick's Day is the traditional day for planting peas, even in the snow. Cabbage seeds are often planted on St. Patrick's Day, too, and old-time farmers believed that to make them grow well, you needed to plant them while wearing your nightclothes.!

Avgolemono Soup -Debbe Mervine

6 Cups Chicken Broth

1/4 Cup raw Rice

2 Eggs, beaten

Salt to taste

Juice of 1 Lemon OR 2 Tbsp Realemon

Bring broth to a boil. Add rice, reduce heat & cook abt 20 minutes. Combine eggs, lemon juice & salt. Add some broth to the eggs to temper then add all to the broth in a soup pot. Try not to boil.

Serves 5 or 6.

Note: I use Campbell Soup Chicken Broth

in the red & white can, reconstituted. This makes a light, creamy soup w/o any cream.

Enjoy



IMPORTANT DATES



Monday, April 1 - Your EMD Dues are Due!

General Club Reading Circle

Tuesday, April 2 - EMD Executive Board Meeting, 7:30pm, clubhouse

Wednesday, April 3 - General Club Executive Board Meeting , 10:00am, clubhouse

Thursday, April 4 - Social Services Luncheon

Tuesday, April 9 - EMD Business Meeting, 7:30pm, clubhouse

Wednesday, April 10 - Forecaster Deadline

Saturday, April 13 - EMD Luncheon and Fashion Show - Tavistock Country Club, 11:30am

Monday, April 15 - May Flash Deadline

Tuesday, April 16 - Sandwich Making, 11:00am, clubhouse

Wednesday, April 17 - Women's Bridge, 7:30pm, Hostess TBD

Sandwich Drop-off, 9-9:30am, clubhouse

Thursday, April 18 - Garden District Spring Conference & Achievement Day, Pennsauken Country Club

Friday, April 19 - General Club Business Meeting, 11:00am, clubhouse

Saturday, April 20 - NJSFWC State Spelling Bee - Headquarters

EMD Partner's Bridge, 7:30pm, Mary Louise Lavery's home

Tuesday, April 23 - Deadline for Geranium Orders

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