



# The Forecaster

a publication of

## The Haddon Fortnightly



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



March 2024



### MARCH 2024

- 12 – EMD Business Meeting 7:30
- 15 – Club Meeting St. Patrick's Day Celebration **11:00**
- 15 – EMD Flash Due
- 16 – EMD Partners Bridge
- 20 – Cathedral Kitchen Sandwich Drop Off 9:00-9:30
- 20 – Membership Open House 7:00 – 9:00
- 20 – EMD Women's Bridge 7:30
- 22 – Garden District Performing Arts Festival

### APRIL 2024

- 1 – Dues Are Due!
- 1 – Reading Circle – 12:30
- 2 – EMD Board Meeting 7:30
- 3 – Executive Board Meeting 10:00
- 4 – Social Services Luncheon 11:30
- **6 – FORECASTER DUE!**
- 9 – EMD Business Meeting 7:30
- 11 – EMD Luncheon Fashion Show – 11:30
- 15 – EMD Flash Due



### From Your President Denise Sellers

My, we have been a busy group in the last few weeks, and it doesn't look like things are slowing down any time soon! Thank you to all for the time and treasure you have contributed to our variety of highly successful events, from the Girls' Night Out Bingo to the Through a Woman's Eyes Art Show! The bingo night was a sellout, great fun, and brought much needed cash to cover our building expenses. And the art show had a record-breaking number of pieces entering, and as one visitor said, the quality of the art was better than ever as well. And don't we love working with those amazing young women from the HMHS 50/50 Club?? Congratulations to those involved in both events!

Planning is underway for several more upcoming special events, so I hope you will come out and support them in every way possible. Some will be fun-raisers, some fund-raisers, some will recruit new members, but all are important, not only to our membership and the groups we support, but also in raising our presence as a vital and appreciated organization in the community. Whether it's an event like our upcoming open house to meet new members, or a chance to refill our coffers, like the annual geranium sale, or an opportunity to enrich the community, like our special partnership with the Haddonfield Public Library on the "One Borough, One Book" project, each of these events helps us to grow our membership, build upon our relationship with the larger community, and properly maintain our historic clubhouse.

And finally, we look forward to reviewing the results of our recent survey of members regarding the future of the club and our cherished clubhouse. Some very critical decisions must be made soon, and we must all be part of that process. Watch for more information to come as we evaluate your responses.

Happy Spring! Or perhaps I should say "Aloha, Spring" ... see you at the EMD Fashion Show!

*Denise*

Denise@TheHaddonFortnightly.org

## Membership – Sue Sheehan

Membership@TheHaddonFortnightly.Org



### Open House

- Our Open House is **March 20th at 7:00pm**. Members please be there at **6:15**. We will have a PowerPoint presentation and light refreshments will be served. Tours will be available of our historic building that evening. Please invite a friend or neighbor to join us.
- Remember your **Golden Girl** and remember Dottie has extra cards for you to send out. **Happy St. Paddy's Day!**
- We are looking forward to **April's** meeting with our **International Recipes**- come and enjoy the luncheon where we will be tasting all the delicious dishes from different countries. The meeting will begin at 11:00 that day.

### Congratulations to our February Member of the Month **Ginny DeLong!**

Also pictured is **Kim Otto** January's  
Member of the Month  
Please send your nominee for Member of  
the Month to:  
[sue.sheehan9009@gmail.com](mailto:sue.sheehan9009@gmail.com)



### March Birthdays

Marie Balotin 🌀 Arlene Fiorilli 🌀 Mary Ellen Middleton 🌀 Ann Barnes



### Education – Betty Eastwick

- The Education Department continues to volunteer as **Reading Buddies** at **Elizabeth Haddon School** on the first Wednesday of each month from 2:00-2:45. It's a fun activity and the children enjoy it. Please consider becoming a volunteer.
- Kirsten Rogers, who coordinates the Greater Philadelphia/South Jersey "**Reach Out and Read**" program through CHOP, will be presenting at our October 2024 meeting since the February date was cancelled. The books we are donating to this program will be delivered to the CHOP Primary Care Center location in Gibbsboro as soon as possible.
- **The Haddonfield Public Library** has many educational programs available, both online and in person. We will be discussing some of them at the upcoming General Club meeting where you can learn more about them. Or, if you can't attend the meeting, you can consult their website: [www.HaddonfieldLibrary.org](http://www.HaddonfieldLibrary.org). **Remember, learning is a lifelong process!**



## Federation Secretary – Marie DiMatties

### Upcoming NJSFWC news:

- Performing Arts Festival is at Salem County Community College on **Friday March 22**. I will be attending and would be happy to have you join me.
- At the beginning of each NJSFWC Administration, a new Special State Project is selected. Club members will have the opportunity to vote for one of the three finalist organizations:
  - New Jersey Children's Alliance
  - I Support the Girls
  - Embrella; Embracing Families

A description of each of the organizations is attached to this Forecaster. Please review then as a vote will be taken at our March Business Meeting.

- **Garden District Spring Conference and Achievement Day** will be held on **Thursday April 18** at Marco's at Pennsauken Country Club. See the attached flyer for details. I hope you will plan on attending.
- Time to begin planning for the **Annual NJSFWC Convention May 6– 8** at the Hardrock Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. If you are interested in attending, please see Denise for details.



## EMD Luncheon and Fashion Show – Debbe Mervine



### Welcome spring!

- Bid on a plethora of fabulous baskets
- Eat a delicious meal of Cream of Broccoli soup, Chicken Piccata, Risotto & Spring Squash, all 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:
  - **April 13, 2024, at 11:30 AM**
  - Tavistock County Club
  - Tickets are \$55 per person and can be ordered: [walmsleyc1948@gmail.com](mailto:walmsleyc1948@gmail.com)
- Please reserve ASAP and support The Haddon Fortnightly EMD. A flyer and order form are attached to this newsletter.



## Music & Arts – Carole Speechley

**Achievement Day** entry forms for the Arts Creative contest are due to the District Arts Creative Chairman, Joelle Wentz, by **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. The entry form, which contains Joelle's contact information, is attached to the February newsletter and can also be found in the Materials Section under Achievement Days. Also attached to the February newsletter are the photography forms, which should be sent to Joelle by **March 31<sup>s</sup>**

## Literature – Pat Underwood



There will **not** be a Reading Circle in **April**. There will be a speaker on **Foods of the Gilded Age** at the Fortnightly on **April 8th at 1:00**. Please plan to attend and bring friends, family, and neighbors so that we can have a large turnout. This is an event in conjunction with “One Book, One Borough” Haddonfield reads **Clara and Mr. Tiffany**.

Here is the public relations article which will appear in the local papers written by Debbie Hluchan:

### **One Book, One Borough 2024**

It's here! The Haddonfield Public Library and The Haddon Fortnightly have announced that *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland has been chosen as the 2024 **One Book, One Borough** featured reading selection, as Haddonfield joins numerous other towns across America in sponsoring a “One Book” program. “One Book” is an acclaimed literacy and civic dialogue initiative that encourages members of a community to come together through reading and conversation, as they delve into the featured selection.

*Clara and Mr. Tiffany* is a work of historical fiction about Clara Driscoll, the woman who came up with an idea for making lampshades of leaded glass. Her employer, Louis Tiffany, appropriated Clara's invention as his own, and the beauty and opalescence of what became known as “Tiffany stained glass lamps” have charmed people for more than a century.

One Book, One Borough's main event will be a town-wide book discussion at The Haddon Fortnightly Clubhouse, 301 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, on Thursday, April 11 at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome and there is no charge to attend. Please obtain a copy of the book from the library or your favorite book seller. Happy reading!

Admirers of Tiffany's work should take the opportunity to see some beautiful Tiffany work on display in Haddonfield. The Haddonfield Presbyterian Church is home to a magnificent collection of authentic Tiffany windows. In connection with the One Book, One Borough celebration, the Church will offer a guided tour of the windows on Tuesday, April 23 at 10:30 a.m.

- A presentation on Food During the Gilded Age at The Haddon Fortnightly on Monday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m.
- Art activities for children, ages 3-8, at The Haddon Fortnightly on Wednesday, April 24 at 3:30 p.m. and a book discussion of Mary Blair's Unique Flair by Amy Novesky who was one of the 1st women to work in the art department at Disney Studios.



## **Cherry Hill Food Pantry – Grace DeMarco**

Please consider supporting the Cherry Hill Food Pantry by participating in their annual raffle. A letter from President Rich Burke containing all the information is attached to this newsletter.







## Social Services – Jude Leary

Welcome Spring! What better way to welcome it than attending our semiannual Social Services Luncheon (April 4, 11:30 at the clubhouse) with games, gift baskets, 50/50 drawing and always our serious bridge players “old” (experienced!) and new players welcome. Always a fun afternoon, a sign-up sheet will be available at our next club meeting on 3/15 or contact Jude Leary at 609-280-4445 or [learyjud@verizon.net](mailto:learyjud@verizon.net). The price is unchanged at \$20.00 for a ticket. Help is needed:

- Volunteers to donate baskets – if this seems daunting, try teaming up with other club members to create a themed basket.
- Social Services committee will meet to plan the luncheon following the 3/15 general club meeting.

**Cherry Hill Food Bank:** our latest delivery for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry was so phenomenal that I had difficulty fitting it all in my car! So far this month, I delivered 160 food items and toiletries as well as four gift bags (Easter and Birthday bags). It was amazing and the donations from “Bingo Night” really helped. I was so proud of our delivery and of our club.

**St Paddy’s Day!** Our celebration and business meeting is on **March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM**. We will have Irish music, so bring your “Potluck” goodies, your Irish eyes, Irish smiles and Irish green with some good Irish stories and laughs to be had. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

### Suggested Items for Birthday and Easter Bags

<u>Easter Bags</u>	<u>Birthday Bags</u>
Reading Books	Cake Mix
Activity Books	Frosting
Small Toys	Candles
Art Supplies	Party Hats
Egg Coloring Kits	Books
Crayons	Activity Books
Children Markers	Coloring Books
Peeps	Play Doh
Plastic Eggs	Crayons
Candies to fill plastic eggs	Sidewalk Chalk
Stickers	Toys
Easter/Spring Hair Ornaments	Candy
	To be collected for Cherry Hill Food Bank year round Please denote age appropriateness on bag and M/F or either.

## From the Editor – Ginny DeLong



**Again,** Thank you Marie Balotin for the pictures in this issue. Please think about how else we might make the Forecaster more fun and interesting.  
[Ginny@TheHaddonFortnightly.org](mailto:Ginny@TheHaddonFortnightly.org)

## Second Vice Chairman – Diane Primerano

**Macarons!** How fun **April 19** meeting where will patiently take us delicious macarons. Not will be ready for us to with almond flour.



and delicious! Please join us at our professional chef **Diane Nussbaum** through the steps to make our very own only will there be instruction, but they sample too. **Allergy Alert:** They are made

## A few pics from our very successful Girl's Night Out Bingo!





JOIN THE HADDON FORTNIGHTLY AND HADDONFIELD  
PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR A SLATE OF PROGRAMS  
CELEBRATING LITERATURE, ART AND INVENTION.

GILDED AGE FOODS  
APRIL 8, 1:00PM  
HADDON FORTNIGHTLY

BOOK DISCUSSION  
APRIL 11, 6:45PM  
HADDON FORTNIGHTLY

TEEN FAUX STAINED  
GLASS CRAFT  
APRIL 17, 3:30PM  
HADDONFIELD PUBLIC  
LIBRARY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WINDOW TOUR  
APRIL 23, 10:30AM  
20 KINGS HWY E

ONE BOROUGH  
ONE BOOK



CHILDREN'S FAUX  
STAINED GLASS CRAFT  
APRIL 24, 3:30PM  
HADDON FORTNIGHTLY

VISIT THE LIBRARY'S  
WEBSITE TO REGISTER.  
[WWW.HADDONFIELDLIBRARY.ORG](http://WWW.HADDONFIELDLIBRARY.ORG)



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**New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC**  
**Shirley Holly, President**  
**Love, Loyalty, Friendship-The Bonds of Volunteerism**

**All clubwomen are invited to attend the**  
**Garden District Spring Conference and Achievement Day**

**Thursday, April 18, 2024**  
**at Marco's Restaurant at the Pennsauken Country Club**  
**3800 Haddonfield Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08033**  
**Directions attached**

**Arts & Culture and Environment Contest Entries**  
**Registration - 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Member Registration - 9:00 a.m.**  
**Meeting 10:00 a.m.**

**A.M. Coffee, tea, and breakfast treats will be available**

**Lunch entrees: Filet Champignon, Maryland Crabcake,**  
**Chicken Francaise or Vegetarian option**  
**Cost \$47.00**

**Keynote Speaker: Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President-elect**

**Annual Highlights by the Garden District Club Presidents in attendance**

**Send reservations with meal choices and a club check by March 28<sup>th</sup> to:**

**Marie DiMatties, Garden District Vice President,**  
**315 Walnut Street, Haddonfield, NJ 08033**

**Checks should be made payable to The Haddon Fortnightly**

**For more information or additional questions, email [medimatties@gmail.com](mailto:medimatties@gmail.com)**  
**Or call 856 261-6911**



## EMBRELLA

### Embracing Families

#### Mission:

Our mission is to embrace, support, and advocate for children, youth, and families within the child welfare community.

#### What we do:

Embrella nurtures New Jersey foster children cradle-through-college, via an overlapping network of resources including foster parent training and advocacy, childhood wish-granting, mentoring, emergency funding, and college scholarships.

Monthly support meetings, training and webinars for resources and kinship caregivers.

- Family support advocates
- Training
- Heart to Heart Mentorship
- Life books
- PACES – Pathways to Academic and Career Exploration to Success Coaches
- The New Jersey Foster Care Scholars Program-helps youth aging-out of New Jersey's

foster care system afford a college education or career technical certification.

#### What you can do:

- Making calls or writing letters/postcards for any of our advocacy/policy issues,
- Teambuilding activities assembling bags for Bag Project or college care packages
- Running registration, arts and crafts, or games at family events hosted by umbrella
- Hosting small family events for families local to individual clubs
- Roller skating or ice skating, Zoo visits, Zumba class, yoga
- Childhood Wish granting
- Gingerbread house contest with toy giveaway
- Brunch with arts and crafts activity, etc.
- Collect & help distribute toys during annual holiday toy drive
- Assisting at our annual conferences (Kinship; Passport to Education, Peace Summit)
- Holding a workshop/teaching on your area of expertise that will be helpful to the families we

serve (in-person or virtual)

- Continue to support college age students with a variety of needed items
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events assistance (planning committee or day of)

# I SUPPORT THE GIRLS

The road to dignity

Our Mission:

Through an international network of Affiliates, I Support the Girls collects and distributes essential items, including bras, underwear, and menstrual hygiene products, allowing women and folx experiencing homelessness, impoverishment, or distress to stand tall with dignity. Together we can make dignity the norm:

In 2015, a moment became a movement. We've been flowing strong all day, every day since. Working hard for the 50% of population who often suffer most when things go wrong. Because even if all else were equal, biology ensures that it's not.

Who do we support?

- Organizations serving people experiencing homelessness
- Survivors of domestic violence
- Immigrants and refugees
- Teen mothers
- Incarcerated women
- Schools
- LGBTQIA folx
- Food banks and more!

I Support the Girls (ISTG) New Jersey Affiliates offer many opportunities for collaborative involvement! What you can do:

- Clubs can collect bras, underwear and menstrual hygiene products
- Sort and prepare donations
- Assemble period kits
- Write thank you cards
- Draw and write inspirational notes to go inside period kits
- Table at events
- Walk in parades representing ISTG
- Do collection drives in their local communities
- ISTG works on a state and local level to advocate for period equity and women's issues, and there may be opportunities to write postcards to local legislators or participate in a "lunch and learn", either in person or virtually.

All these essential volunteer opportunities provide greater equity and dignity to women in New Jersey. We're building a network of love and care. Whether dealing with homelessness, poverty, cancer, menopause, domestic violence, war, natural disaster or.....your compassion goes a long way on the road to dignity.

## **NEW JERSEY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE**

Hope-Healing-Justice

### **Our Mission**

The New Jersey Children's Alliance promotes hope, healing, and justice for child abuse victims by supporting Child Advocacy Centers throughout the state with training, resources, advocacy, and leadership.

### **Our Vision:**

Every child abuse victim in New Jersey will have access to the hope and healing provided by the full range of quality, comprehensive, coordinated and evidence-informed services offered by Child Advocacy Centers in order to create a world without child abuse.

### **What we provide:**

- Consultation and technical assistance to Child Advocacy Centers in meeting best practice standards
- Training to multidisciplinary team members and CAC staff to ensure all children have access to evidence-based services
- Advocacy for ongoing funding for CACs
- Educational and informational resources for CAC Clients
- Outreach to communities, child-serving organizations
- Partner agencies to educate on child abuse prevention, intervention, and response
- Know & Tell child abuse prevention education programs

### **What is child abuse?**

In New Jersey, child abuse is legally defined as the physical, sexual, or emotional harm or risk of harm to a child under the age of 18 caused by a parent or other person who acts as a caregiver for the child.

Neglect occurs when a parent or caregiver fails to provide proper supervision for a child or adequate food, clothing, shelter, education, or medical care although financially able or assisted to do so.

### **What you can do:**

There is a continuing wish list which includes some of the following:

- Legislative advocacy for stronger child protection laws
- Host drives for school supplies
- Bag Project needs, toys and more
- Gift cards
- Diapers/wipes
- Reusable water bottles
- Blankets, Childrens jackets, hats, scarves and gloves
- Toiletries, Shampoo
- Monetary donations will help fulfil the continuing needs for the children

Child Advocacy Centers are in every county in the state. Coordinators are there to help you.

THE EVENING MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT OF THE HADDON FORTNIGHTLY  
PRESENTS

**ALOHA SPRING  
2024 LUNCHEON FASHION SHOW**

Saturday, April 13, 2024 11:30 AM  
Tavistock Country Club  
100 Tavistock Lane, Tavistock, New Jersey 08033

**Request for Reservations**

#	Name	Phone Number
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Additional Guests at your Table (Table size can be 8 – 12) PLEASE PRINT

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Please specify any food allergies:

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Please pay by check only, payable to: "EMD Haddon Fortnightly"  
Mail to: Cheryl Walmsley, 1609 Chestnut Avenue, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035  
Questions – please contact Cheryl at 856-261-0268 or walmsleyc1948@gmail.com

Total Adult Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Child Model Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



# The Haddon fortnightly

Presents:

## Our semiannual Social Service Luncheon

April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM

At the Haddon Fortnightly Club House

A delicious Luncheon will be served

There will be conversations, laughter and meeting of old and new friends.

Bridge and other games.

As well as chances to win 50/50

Chances to win Gift baskets and Gift Cards

Price for the day's events:       \$ 20.00

If interested please call, message, e-mail, or send payment to: Judith Leary  
407 Graisbury Ave  
Haddonfield, NJ 08096  
609-280-4445  
learyjud@verizon.net

Dear Friends of the Pantry:

Thank you for supporting our previous Raffle Fundraisers. Last year we raised \$38,000 due to the incredible generosity of the many people like you who participated. This year, our goal is \$40,000.

We have 15 **REALLY GREAT PRIZES** this year. We are hoping that you will support us again and share this email with your family, friends and neighbors so they can join in as well. There is a list of the 15 prizes at the end of this email. I also attached our raffle flyer. Please feel free to forward this email and the flyer to anyone you think might want to help us have a successful raffle.

Tickets are \$10.00 each. You can register and pay for the raffle online at [www.cherryhillfoodpantry.org](http://www.cherryhillfoodpantry.org) and have your tickets automatically entered into the drawing. For those who want to go old school and pay by cash or check, we also have old fashioned hard copy raffle tickets. Tickets for those paying by cash or check will be available at the pantry or by calling me at 856 546-9133. The prize drawing will be on Sunday April 14 at 6:00 PM.

We will need to sell a lot of raffle tickets if we hope to meet our goal of \$40,000. So, please consider buying multiple tickets. This will be our only fundraiser in 2024.

The raffle proceeds will help offset critically necessary capital expenditures. This year we will finally be installing our parking lot so that our clients can once again come inside the building and shop for their groceries just as if they were in a grocery store. The cost for installation was much higher than anticipated and came in at \$524,250.

We also expect to be serving many more clients as more and more people find their expenses far exceeding their income. We are currently serving over 600 families each month and our headcount is steadily increasing.

Rich Burke  
President Cherry Hill Food Pantry  
856 546 9133

#### **2024 Raffle Fundraiser**

1st Prize: \$2,000 in Visa/MC Gift Cards

2nd Prize: Dinner for 10 people by Chef Matt McComb

3rd Prize: Golf Outing at Legacy Country Club

4th Prize: Grocery Store Gift Cards \$500

5th Prize: 55" Big Screen TV

6th Prize: \$500 Gift Card

7th Prize: Basket of Cheer with 20 Bottles

8th Prize: Restaurant Gift Cards Value \$500