



The Forecaster

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The Haddon Fortnightly



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



April 2024



APRIL 2024

- 8 – Gilded Age Foods presentation 1:00
- 9 – EMD Business Meeting 7:30
- 11 – Clara and Mr. Tiffany book discussion 6:45
- 13 – EMD Luncheon Fashion Show – 11:30
- 15 – EMD Flash Due
- 17 - Cathedral Kitchen Sandwich Drop Off 9:00-9:30
- 17 - EMD Women's Bridge 7:30
- 18 – Garden District Spring Conference and Achievement Day
- 19 – Club Meeting and International Recipe Luncheon **11:30**
- 20 – NJSFWC State Spelling Bee
- 20 – EMD Couples Bridge 7:30
- 26 – Tiffany Windows Tour 10:45

MAY 2024

- 1 – Executive Board Meeting 10:00
- 2 – GCI Delegate Orientation and Reception 6:00-8:00
- 6 to 8 – NJSFWC Convention
- 9 – EMD Board Meeting 7:30
- 9 – Geranium Sale 6:00-8:00
- 10 – Geranium Sale 10 to 12
- 10 – Forecaster Due
- 13 – Reading Circle 12:30



From Your President Denise Sellers

Wow! They say April showers bring May flowers, so we should be in for some glorious gardens this spring! And don't forget that those gardens should include some beautiful geraniums from The Haddon Fortnightly! I hope you will be sending orders for yourself and friends and family to Sooze Dewey to help us make this year's sale a big success.

Speaking of gardens...watch for the sparkly blue and silver pinwheels which will be "planted" in our HF garden and at Borough Hall this month in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month. See the lovely proclamation issued by the Borough of Haddonfield in recognition of this cause attached to this Forecaster.

From now through the end of the Club year, we have a plethora of fun and exciting events, from the activities included in the One Borough, One Book discussions beginning this week, to the NJSFWC Convention, to our Annual Meeting and Luncheon, and the events leading up to and including The Skirmish. We hope to see you at as many of these occasions as you can squeeze in, because they ALL promise to be unique and wonderful ways to spend time with Club friends and support the community.

Happy Spring!

Denise

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Membership – Sue Sheehan Membership@TheHaddonFortnightly.Org



APRIL INTERNATIONAL RECIPE MONTH

Thank you so much for volunteering some of your great heritage recipes. Come out and enjoy these fantastic dishes. Lunch will begin at 11:30 with the Business Meeting following.

Our Menu:

- September-Noodle Kugel - Jewish - Marie B
- October- Stuffed Shells - Italian - Sue Sheehan
- November - Shepherd's Pie - Irish - Betty E
- December- Greek Chicken - Greek - Debbie Hagy
- January- Madeleine Lemon Cookies - English- Grace DeMarco
- February- Pepperoni Bread - Italian- Sue Sheehan
- March - Potato Leek Soup - Judy Leary
- April - SURPRISE- from our fabulous cook - Vivian F

Please

Remember:

No Nuts!

**Congratulations to our February
Member of the Month**

Liz Albert!

Please send your nominee for Member of the
Month to:

sue.sheehan9009@gmail.com



April Birthdays

Liz Arking ∞ April Baker ∞ Janet Hutchinson ∞ Barbara Szerszen



Guest Night!





Education – Betty Eastwick

☞ A group of four of us traveled to the **CHOP Pediatric and Adolescent Primary Care Center** in Gibbsboro on Monday, March 25th to deliver the **96 books** we are donating and to meet with the staff members there who oversee implementing the “**Reach Out and Read**” program that is implemented in their practice. It was interesting to learn about how the books are used with the children and their families to encourage language development from newborns up to age 5. The population served by the Gibbsboro practice covers much of the South Jersey region including not only Camden and Gloucester Counties but several others as well.



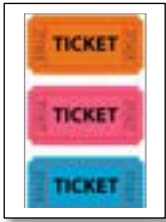
☞ **Reading Buddies** continues but will meet on the **SECOND Wednesday of April** rather than the first because Haddonfield Schools are on Spring Break the first week. Right now we are volunteering in four classrooms.

☞ April is such a busy month for our club, but if you have time, you might want to get tickets (sales start on April 1st) for the “**Mary Cassatt at Work**” exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art which opens on May 18 and runs until the fall. It includes over 130 works of her art, and it is the first time in 25 years that an exhibit of this size of Cassatt’s work has been held in the US. She was born in Pennsylvania and studied at PAFA. For more information, visit: <http://philamuseum.org/>

☞ In honor of **Earth Month**, **J.Jill** stores are sponsoring a clothing drive from **April 11-14th** (new or gently used items only) for their “Compassion Fund” dedicated to helping women of limited means and which is focused on education, self-sufficiency, and wellness. For each item donated, you will receive a \$10.00 coupon. Restrictions apply. Donations are being received at the **Cherry Hill store**. For details, visit: <https://www.jjill.com/compassion> for more information.

☞ Our two **GCI candidates** and one alternate will be attending the Garden District GCI Delegate Orientation and Reception which will be held on **May 2** at our clubhouse. All three girls are students at **Urban Promise**.

Ways and Means Project – Marie DiMatties



The General Club's Gift Card Raffle will begin with the raffle ticket distribution in September. Tickets will be sold for \$2 – each member will receive a packet of 10 tickets (more if they'd like) to sell to family and friends. We hope to sell them at town events like the Farmer's Market. The winning ticket will be drawn at the **November 15, 2024** Business Meeting.

Thus far, \$100 Visa, \$100 Bonefish, \$50 Home Depot, \$50 Target and \$25 Panera gift cards have been donated. If you are so inclined, we would appreciate donations of the following: **\$50 Shoprite and Walmart, \$25 Dunkin and CVS.** You could make a monetary donation or partner with another member to buy one of them through Scrip. Our new member, **Kristy Runzer** and I will be co-chairing the project. Let us know if you have any questions.

Community Partnership – Marie DiMatties

The Haddonfield Skirmish will take place on **June 1**. Leading up to the Skirmish will be a **Hessian Theme lecture series** at The Haddon Fortnightly on Monday April 22, Monday April 29, and Tuesday May 7th. A flyer is attached to this newsletter. We will need **volunteers** to be at the Clubhouse from **4:30 to 8:30** on each of those dates. Please reach out to me if you can volunteer for any of those dates – medimatties@gmail.com. The **day of the Skirmish**, we will once again sell star shaped pretzels. In addition, we will be selling the 240 metal water bottles donated by the Camden County Commission.



Jude Leary and Trish Heary are partnering with me on this event. We will ask for volunteers as the date gets closer.



Honor Roll! The Haddon Fortnightly has proudly nominated three special club members to be placed on the NJSFWC Honor Roll in 2024.

Mary Ann Mazza, Deborah Hluchan, and Deborah Hagy were selected for their special talents and contributions to The Fortnightly. The three will be inducted at the NJSFWC 2024 Convention to be held in Atlantic City in May.



Literature – Pat Underwood



As you know there was no Reading Circle in April; rather we will meet on **April 8 at 1pm** in the club room to hear **Judith Krall Russo** who will present a program on **Gilded Age Foods**. I hope that you will make an effort to attend and support this speaker.

On **April 11 at 6:45 PM** there will be a discussion of **Clara and Mr. Tiffany** by Susan Vreeland. Marie DiMatties and I will be asking the audience questions much as we do in Reading Circle and there will also be a PowerPoint presentation to accompany the discussion. Again, I ask for your support in attending. Even if you haven't registered, you may still attend.

☞ There has been a date **change for the tour and discussion of the Tiffany windows** in the Presbyterian Church. The new date is **April 26 at 10:45 AM**. Mr. David Stedman will be our guide.

☞ May's **Reading Circle** will be on **May 13th at 12:30**. Debbie Hagy will be our facilitator as we discuss **Heaven and Earth Grocery Store** by James McBride. It was named Best Book of the year by **NPR/Fresh Air, The Washington Post, The New Yorker, and Time Magazine**.

☞ Many of The Haddonfield Fortnightly members have signed up to go on a SCUCS (Senior Citizens United Community Services, Inc.) trip. SCUCS is sponsoring a trip to the **J.P. Morgan Library** (Remember the book **The Personal Librarian**) in NYC on **November 6, 2024**. The cost is \$125 for the bus, a guided tour of the museum, and dinner at Bonefish Grille. The phone number to reserve your place is 856-456-1121. The Haddon Fortnightly is not coordinating this trip, but rather making the members aware of the trip.



Social Services – Jude Leary



Twenty-four attendees, including a few potential new members, enjoyed a very successful Social Services luncheon on April 4. Pictured is me shopping for the goodies with Trish Heary. A big SHOUT OUT to Eileen Sanville, Patricia Heary, Marie Balotin, Betty Eastwick, Dorothy Troehler, and Anne Barnes for running the 50/50. There were 3 tables of bridge, a "Scattergories" game, which for me, was a lot of fun to learn (Thank you Trish Heary) and a social table that kept the energy high. Everyone pitched in beginning at the 'crack of dawn' (9:00 AM) to make a healthy feast and it was very enjoyable working with everyone. Thank you to a superb team that worked very hard to bring the luncheon to fruition.



First Vice Chairman – Debbie Hluchan



Membership Renewal Reminder: Dues for The Haddon Fortnightly's upcoming club year were due on **April 1**. If you have not already sent in your dues check, it's time to do that now. We want you all to be counted in our membership and join us in the activities we are planning for the coming year, so we need to hear from you as soon as possible. And to be listed in the new yearbook to be published in September, your dues must be received **no later than May 1, 2024**. Please write your check, complete the yearbook questionnaire, and mail both to Debbie Hluchan, 1514 Preakness Court, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002. (A copy of the yearbook questionnaire is attached to this issue for your convenience.)

Annual Meeting & Luncheon at Pennsauken Country Club: We hope that you'll join us at our Annual Meeting & Luncheon, which will be held on **Friday, May 17, 2024**, at 11:30 a.m., at Marco's Restaurant at Pennsauken Country Club. You will find all the details on the attached reservation form. Please **R.S.V.P. by April 29**, as we need to have an early count of attendees.

You can reserve your seat by:

- Mailing your completed reservation form and your check for **\$45.00** to Debbie Hluchan, 1514 Preakness Court, Cherry Hill, NJ. 08002. Checks should be payable to "The Haddon Fortnightly".
- Or . . . if you will be in attendance at our **April 19** club business meeting, you can make your reservation by providing all the requested information and your check on the clipboard which will be circulating at the meeting.
Hope to see you at this special event!



The Haddon Fortnightly received the proclamation from the Borough of Haddonfield designating April Child Abuse Prevention Month. Pictured is **President Sellers** accepting the proclamation which is attached to this Forecaster.

From the Editor – Ginny DeLong



Again, Thank you Marie Balotin, Denise Sellers and Jude Leary for the pictures in this issue. Please think about how else we might make the Forecaster more fun and interesting. Ginny@TheHaddonFortnightly.org



**The Haddon Fortnightly
2024-2025 Membership Renewal and Yearbook Questionnaire**

ANNUAL DUES.....\$75.00

Voluntary Charitable Contribution: _____ \$10.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ (Other) _____

Please make your check payable to The Haddon Fortnightly, complete this form and mail to: Deborah Hluchan, 1514 Preakness Court, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.

Payment is due April 1, 2024. *Dues must be received by May 1 for you to be listed in the Club Yearbook.*

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

Mrs. _____ Ms. _____ Miss _____ BIRTHDAY (not year) _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Do you prefer to be contacted by email _____ or by phone _____

Please indicate ALL Departments and Committees you would like to join:

Departments

Arts and Culture _____
(formerly Home & Garden, Music & Arts)

Education and Libraries _____
(formerly Education)

Civic Engagement & Outreach _____
(formerly Social Services)

Health and Wellness _____
(new Department)

Committees

Communications _____
(formerly Public Relations)

Membership _____

Fundraising _____
(formerly Ways & Means)

Reading Circle _____

Marketing _____

Rentals _____

Standing Committees

Bylaws _____

Joint Ventures _____

Contact _____
(formerly Communications)

Registration _____

Courtesy _____

Special State Project _____

Hospitality _____

**PLEASE USE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY
HAVE FOR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES. THANK YOU.**

The Haddon Fortnightly
cordially invites you to join us for
Our Annual Meeting & Luncheon

Friday, May 17, 2024

Time: 11:30 am

Marco's Restaurant at the Pennsauken Country Club
3800 Haddonfield Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Cost of Luncheon - \$45.00 per person

Please R.S.V.P. by April 29, 2024

Name: _____

_____ I will be attending

_____ I will be bringing a guest. Number of guests: _____

Choice of Entrees (pick one):

_____ Jumbo Lump Maryland Crab Cake

_____ Filet Champignon

_____ Chicken Florentine

_____ Vegetarian Option

To make your reservation:

[Make check payable to The Haddon Fortnightly](#)

[Send reservation form with your meal choice and check to:](#)

[Debbie Hluchan, 1514 Preakness Ct., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002](#)



BOROUGH OF HADDONFIELD

242 KING'S HIGHWAY, EAST
HADDONFIELD, NEW JERSEY 08033

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are our nation's most vulnerable members as well as our nation's most valuable resources, helping to shape the future of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, positive childhood experiences (PCEs)—like loving caregivers and safe, stable, and nurturing relationships—can help mitigate trauma and the negative impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) to promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects throughout an individual's lifetime and impact future generations of their family; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, is a serious problem affecting every community in the U.S., and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, children who live in families with access to concrete economic and social supports are less likely to experience abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, prevention is possible because of the partnerships created between families, prevention advocates, child welfare professionals, education, health, community, and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and local, state, and national governments; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that in order to solve the public health issue of abuse and neglect we must work together to change hearts and mindsets through storytelling and sharing, center the needs of families, break down bias and barriers, and inspire action from expected and unexpected partners in prevention; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to advancing equitable, responsive, and effective systems that ensure all children and families are healthy and thriving; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the need to prioritize kids and invest in more prevention initiatives like home visiting and family-strengthening policies, economic supports, and community-based child abuse prevention programs at the national, state, and local levels; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Haddonfield do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month

And urge all citizens to recognize this month by building a narrative of hope for children and families through collaboration and the creation of an ecosystem of primary prevention.

Colleen Bianco Bezich
Mayor

Kevin Roche
Commissioner

Frank Troy
Commissioner

Proclaimed this 25th day of March, 2024



APRIL

22 MON
7:00 PM

**ARCHAEOLOGY OF
HESSIAN BURIALS
AT RED BANK**

HADDON FORTNIGHTLY, HADDONFIELD

29 MON
7:00 PM

**WHO WERE THE
HESSIANS BURIED AT
RED BANK?**

HADDON FORTNIGHTLY, HADDONFIELD

MAY

07 TUE
7:00 PM

**GERMAN SOLDIERS
IN THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION**

HADDON FORTNIGHTLY, HADDONFIELD

MAY

15 WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM

**JEFFERSON: WORKING WITH
FRIENDS & FOES TO PROTECT DEMOCRACY**

HADDONFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Limited ticketed event



JUNE

01 SAT
3:00 PM

**TAKING SIDES IN
REVOLUTIONARY NJ**

LOCATION TBD

SAVE THE DATE
REDCOATS INVADE HADDONFIELD
SATURDAY, JUNE 1
HADDONFIELD SKIRMISH