



The Forecaster

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The Haddon Fortnightly



New Jersey State Federation
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Volunteers in Action



May 2024



MAY 2024

- 14 – EMD Business Meeting and Spring Dinner 6:30
- 15 – Cathedral Kitchen Sandwich Drop Off 9:00-9:30
- 15 – Women's Bridge 7:30
- 17 – Annual Meeting and Luncheon 11:30
- 18 – EMD Partner's Bridge 7:30
- 20 – Reading Circle 12:30

JUNE 2024

- 3 – Reading Circle – Pot Luck Luncheon 12:00
- 5 – Executive Board Meeting 10:00
- 6 – EMD Board Meeting 7:30
- 10 – Calendar Planning Meeting 10:00
- 19 – Cathedral Kitchen Sandwich Drop Off 9:00 – 9:30
- 20 – Garden District Council Meeting
- 28 – 7/2 GFWC Convention – Chicago, IL



From Your President Denise Sellers

Dear Friends,

As I write my last letter to you as your President, I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the warm welcome you gave me, for the incredible patience you showed me, for the tremendous help and support you have given me, and finally, the kind words you have spoken to me as I prepare to pass the torch to Sue Sheehan.

This was not a role I sought, but it has been an amazing experience. One of my last activities in that role as your President was to attend the 130th Convention of the NJSFWC in Atlantic City this week. It was impressive to so many women of The Haddon Fortnightly involved in the convention ... those who were there to work in their various volunteer capacities for the state organization; those who were there to attend and learn; those who were there to be honored for their work with The Fortnightly; and finally, those who were there in the spirit of sisterhood, to support and cheer on those Fortnightly friends.

It was heartwarming to see the camaraderie, and made me proud to be part of such a special group of women, highly regarded and respected by other club members around the state.

Thank you all for your hard work, your support, and your friendship. The next week will be a bittersweet one, but I look forward to leaving you and the club in good hands as I pass that President's Pin to Sue at the Annual Meeting. Hope to see you there!

In Fortnightly Friendship,

Denise

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Please remember your Golden Girls this summer!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for doing a great job in bringing in new members. From 2022 to 2024 we have brought in 14 new members. They are the following:

Liz Arking
Lois Eckmann
Arlene Fiorilli- transfer
Trisha Hearey
Jude Leary

Liz Olson
Carol Walton
Cathy Jenkins
Amy Schopher
Karen Jones
Kristy Runzer
Susan Foley

Carol Marquess
Michele Taffet
Vivian Fiorentino

So, as I pass the torch to **Debbie Hluchan and Liz Olson**, I hope you continue to work hard and bring in new members for them as you did for me. And, we have more prospective members coming to our September meeting.

Congratulations to our April Member of the Month

Marie Balotin!

Congratulations to all of our talented, dedicated members of the month for this club year. Thank you for all that you do.

Marie has been so generous with providing pics of all of our members of the month as well as many of our events. Sadly, we have no picture of Marie receiving this honor. Hopefully we will have a staged pic in the next Forecaster!

May Birthdays

Sue Bellows  Marie DiMatties  Barbara Hilgen  Betty Mastin



Sue Bellows organized a table with the Friends of Barclay in an effort to promote the use of our clubhouse to other local non-profit organizations. We had a lovely time and our own **Sue Sheehan** got to be part of the presentation! In addition to an enjoyable day, we were delighted to show our support for this organization.





Education – Betty Eastwick

Five Reading Buddies went to Elizabeth Haddon School for our final session on May 1, 2024. Molly Grimenstein, the Language Arts Specialist, is hoping that we continue with the program next year. Please consider becoming a Reading Buddy. I would like to thank all of those who volunteered this year: Liz Albert, Barbara Datto, Marie DiMatties, Barbara Hilgen, Denise Sellers, Pat Underwood and Sue Foley.

🌀 Both the Haddonfield and Cherry Hill Libraries offer a wealth of free **online** programs which are available to the public. To access information or to register for any of them, please check out their websites. All are free and open to anyone; you don't have to be a member. Take the opportunity this summer to learn something new!

🌀 Barclay Farmstead <www.chnj.gov/barclay> in Cherry Hill offers **live** programs as well. Three of our members attended an interesting exhibit of antique clothing last Sunday, May 5th at the Farmstead. There is a nominal fee to take a tour of the building for non-residents but a senior discount is offered. Croft Farm, 100 Bortons Mill Road, Cherry Hill, holds many activities which are available to the general public throughout the summer.

🌀 The 2024 GCI Orientation was held on Thursday evening, May 2, 2024 at The Haddon Fortnightly and was attended by approximately 100 people. We had a chance to meet this year's candidates: a very bright, energetic and enthusiastic group of young women who will be attending this year's institute at Douglass College in June.

Community Partnership – Marie DiMatties

The day of the Skirmish, we will once again sell star shaped pretzels. In addition, 200 metal water bottles are being donated by Camden County Commission for us to sell.



Jude Leary and Trish Hearey are partnering with me on this event. Please contact me at medimatties@gmail.com or Trish Hearey at patricia.hearey@gmail.com to volunteer.

The shifts are as follows: 8:30 -10:30, 10:30 - 12:30, 12:30-2:30.

We would appreciate your support of this FUNdraiser which also increases The Haddon Fortnightly's visibility in the community.

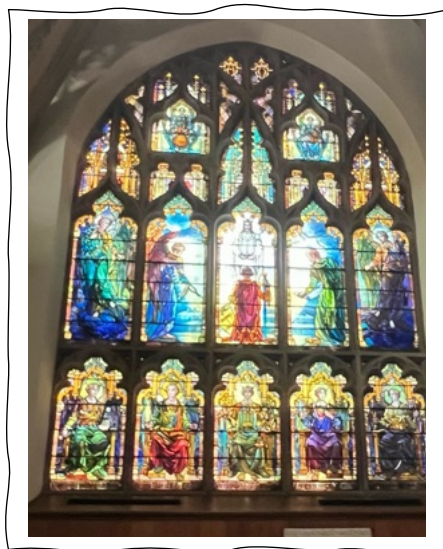
Garden District Spring Conference and Achievement Day



Literature – Pat Underwood



☞ Thank you to everyone who came to the presentation of the stained-glass windows at the Presbyterian Church on April 26th. I was thrilled to see so many club members and local people. If you have any ideas about what book we might want to do next year, please let me know.



☞ Please note that there has been a change of date for the May Reading Circle. Our facilitator has a conflict on May 13th and has asked if we can change the date to the following **Monday, May 20th**. Debbie Hagy will be facilitating the book **The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store** by James McBride.

☞ A thank you to Marie DiMatties who has done my job for me by engaging **Jaime Grootkett** (President of the Haddonfield Board of Education) to speak at our June Reading Circle and pot luck luncheon. Her book is entitled **The Invisible Ones** which is about Anna Wilson and her 3 younger siblings who have been separated by the Children's Aid Society in 1928 in rural Pennsylvania. Inkwood Books has copies of the book. If you purchase the book at Inkwood, **please mention The Haddon Fortnightly** because we will get a percentage of the proceeds and we would like to support our local, independent bookstore. Julie will also bring some books to our luncheon.

☞ There are two sign-up sheets on the clipboard...

1. Sign up to facilitate a book for next club year. You just sign up for the month and you can choose the book later and also sign up to bring refreshments. You do not need to bring refreshments the month you will be facilitating. **PLEASE DO SIGN UP TO FACILITATE A BOOK AND TO BRING REFRESHMENTS.**
2. Sign up sheet for the pot luck luncheon in June. We would like to support our speaker, so please do sign up to attend.



Honor Roll! Mary Ann Mazza, Deborah Hluchan, and Deborah Hagy were inducted to the NJSFWC honor roll at the recent convention held in Atlantic City. Congratulations ladies and thank you for your service.

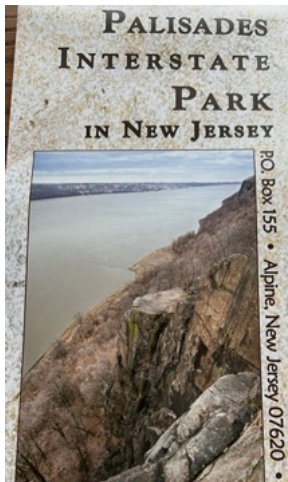


Congratulations! Our own **Grace DeMarco** was named to **The Order of the Lily**.



New York Waterways Cruise

On April 30, 1929 the Watchtower at the top of the cliffs of the Palisades was dedicated. Over 100 clubwomen sailed up the Hudson River to commemorate the 95th anniversary of the tremendous accomplishment that the Watchtower honors. Here are some pics of our members enjoying the day as well as the brochure and the Palisades itself!



SOLES4SOULS

Please see the instructions attached to this newsletter.

Our Tree Replacement!

Denise Sellers shown admiring the tree planted by the Borough of Haddonfield outside our Clubhouse. The tree is replacing the original one which was planted in that spot in 1932 in honor of George Washington's 200th birthday, but was destroyed by a storm a few years ago. The plaque that is currently in the foyer will be placed at a later date.



Denise was also busy placing our pinwheels for April Child Abuse Awareness month.



From the Editor – Ginny DeLong

Thank You!

This editor thanks all of you for not only your terrific articles, and timeliness of them, but also for pitching in with all of the pics. As you can see from this issue, you have outdone yourselves! I am also grateful to our proof readers **Denise Sellers, Marie DiMatties and Debbie Hluchan**. I have really enjoyed this adventure and am looking forward to the next club year with an even better Forecaster. Ginny@TheHaddonFortnightly.org

SOLES4SOLES

Soles4Souls turns unwanted shoes into opportunity by keeping them from going to waste and putting them to good use: providing relief, creating jobs, and empowering people to break the cycle of poverty.

Once shoes are sorted, they are vetted to non-profit organizations in developing countries. Non-profit partners provide training to small businesses who sell shoes in their communities. Selling shoes generates income for these business owners and lifts themselves and their families out of poverty.

PROCESS OVERVIEW

- Drop off new or gently worn shoes at DSW. (Cherry Hill)
- Cashier will document your drop-off by taking your email address, phone number and a number where a text can be sent.
- You will be sent a text from DSW which will include an online form from Soles4Soles to be completed and submitted by you.
- After you submit the form, a receipt will be emailed to you.
- Please email, text or provide a copy of the form to Barbara Szerszen, Jude Leary or Tricia Hearey. (Info below)

The form to be completed will include several questions, with dropdown boxes:

- Date
- Name
- Email
- Phone
- # of Pairs of Shoes
- How they were delivered. (Dropped off at DSW)
- And the participating agency/business/organization (Haddon Fortnightly Club, 301 Kings Hwy E., Haddonfield, NJ 08033)

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