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OCTOBER 2024

- 15 – Flash Articles Due
- 16 - Cathedral Kitchen
Sandwich Drop-Off – 9:00 – 9:30
- 16 – EMD Women’s Bridge
7:30
- 17 – Christmas Ornaments
Workshop 1:00
- 18 – Club Meeting 1:00
- 19 – EMD Couples Bridge 7:30
- 21 – NJSFWC Fall Conference
- 22 – Boscov’s Day
- 25 – Set up for Lego Contest –
12:00 – 5:00
- 26 – Lego Contest 1:00 – 5:00

NOVEMBER 2024

- 4 – Reading Circle 12:30
- 4 – Trustees Meeting 3:30
- 6 – Executive Board Meeting
10:00
- 7 – EMD Board Meeting 7:30
- 10 – Forecaster Articles Due
- 12 – EMD Business Meeting
7:30
- 15 – Club Meeting 1:00
- 15 – EMD Flash Articles Due
- 16 – EMD Couples’ Bridge 7:30
- 17 – NJSFWC 130TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
12:-00 - 4:00



From Your President Sue Sheehan

Greetings!

☞ I love the months of October and November , watching the leaves change and breathing in the brisk fresh air is fantastic. Enjoying pumpkin bread and cookies are my favorite.

☞ I want to congratulate [Marie DiMatties](#) and her entire committee for a sensational 130th Anniversary celebration. The speakers, the food and dessert topped the day. We also received donations of \$130.00 from some members which is greatly appreciated.

☞ Moving forward we have plans for additional renovations for our house and I must say it looks amazing.

☞ Remember Boscov’s Day is this month. Get your discount coupon for a fun day of shopping. Why not gather a few of your friends, go shopping and then have a wonderful lunch in town.

☞ Looking forward to seeing everyone and can’t wait to hear all the things planned for the upcoming year.

☞ Enjoy this beautiful month of October.

All the best,

Sue

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Fundraising – Marie DiMatties



The Haddon Fortnightly Gift Card Raffle is going well. I still have several more packets to give to members I haven't seen yet and I'm working on getting them distributed. EMD members have been supporting the General Club fund raiser by purchasing raffle tickets as well. Our thanks to them.

Selling raffle tickets at the Farmers' Market has been productive. Our presence there brought visibility of The Haddon Fortnightly to the community at large, thanks to the beautiful poster [Marie Balotin](#) had made. Thank you to those who volunteered.

NJSFWC Report Writing Workshop – Marie DiMatties



There are three upcoming Report Writing Workshops at Headquarters. I will be attending the one on [Monday October 28th](#) from 9:30 to 1 pm. I hope some of you will want to attend with me since report writing will be here before you know it! It's also an opportunity to see the NJSFWC Headquarters that was purchased with S&H Green Stamps.

130th Anniversary – Marie DiMatties

To those of you who attended our celebration, I hope you enjoyed the day as much as I did. It was everything I hoped it would be and more! Thank you to my excellent committee who did an outstanding job – [Marie Balotin](#), [Pat Underwood](#), [Denise Sellers](#), [Betty Eastwick](#), [Kim Otto](#), [Marianne Fisher](#) and the subcommittee – [Peggy Taylor](#), [Barbara Datto](#),



[Debbie Hluchan](#) and [Ginny DeLong](#). You were amazing to work with. For those of you who weren't there, you have the opportunity to purchase one of The Haddon Fortnightly coasters at \$5 each. Or if you received one, you might want to purchase another to make a set. See me to purchase.

Bylaws - Carole Speechley

Please review the Bylaws in your 2024-2025 Yearbook. If you see any of the following:

- Confusing wording
- Something we no longer do
- Something we do differently
- Something that is missing



Please bring it to Carole's attention. If she doesn't hear from anyone, then there will be no changes this year. Thank you.



Education and Library Department – Betty Eastwick

I am looking forward to our “[Reading Buddies](#)” program getting started at [Elizabeth Haddon School](#) in November. This will be our third year and if you are interested in joining us, please let me know. Volunteers are always welcome! It’s very rewarding and we see the students make a lot of progress during the year. Molly Grimenstein, the Language Arts Specialist, is working on the calendar for our monthly visits.

🌀 Our speaker this month will be [Kirsten Rogers](#) who is the [Regional Coordinator for the Delaware Valley “Reach Out and Read”](#) program sponsored by [CHOP](#). Primary care providers who see pediatric patients know the power of books and how important it is to read aloud to children.



To that end, this program has been developed to encourage parents, especially those living in under-served areas, to read to their children. Last year we donated 100 books to the Gibbsboro facility and spoke with some of the staff there. Please join me in welcoming Kirsten on [October 18th](#).

🌀 The Haddonfield Library is hosting a walking tour of “[Preserving Black Haddonfield](#)” sites on [Saturday, October 19th from 10:00-11:00 AM](#), followed by a concert featuring the [Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and Symphony in C](#). Details are on the library’s website and registration is necessary.

🌀 Both [Haddonfield and Cherry Hill Libraries](#) have lots of interesting activities planned for the fall, some online and some in-person. Most are free or low-cost. Check their respective websites for details

🌀 Two possible field trips are being investigated. If there is enough interest, we will start planning!

→ [Winterthur Museum](#) has a new exhibit entitled “[On Tour: Lafayette, America’s Revolutionary Rock Star](#)” which just opened.

→ “[Stuffs: The Musical](#)” is currently on Broadway. It is getting rave reviews.



Membership – Liz Olsen and Debbie Hluchan

Marge Prendergast Oct 8
Pat Van Cleve Oct 8
Carol Walton Oct 10
Dolores Monaco Oct 11
Marge Hunt Oct 12



Grace DeMarco Oct 18
Emeline Hunter Oct 24
Karen Jones Oct 27
Amy Schopfer Oct 31



From the Editor – Ginny DeLong



Thank you all for your timely submissions. And, thank you [Debbie Hluchan](#) and [Denise Sellers](#) for your proof reading expertise. Remember to keep those pictures coming! Ginny@TheHaddonFortnightly.org



Civic Engagement and Outreach – Liz Albert and Cathy Jenkins

Civic Engagement and Outreach had a good month. Cathy Jenkins dropped off enough sanitary products to the four Camden high schools sharing one campus to make up **40 to go bags** for students in need. The nurses were most appreciative and request a bimonthly drop of the same amount if possible.

Between what we collected at the Fortnightly and what [Sue Foley](#) collected from Albertsons Village of Haddon Township, **over 100 pounds of staples** were dropped off at the [Cherry Hill Food Bank](#).

[Marie DiMatties](#) brought **1 1/2 pounds of soda can tabs** to headquarters, and [Patricia Herdelin](#) documented **16 pairs of gently used shoes** given to DSW for Soles for Souls.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, collected or distributed this time around. The support we've received to date is remarkable.

We will be collecting again at our next [Club Meeting on October 18](#) for both the [Sanitary Products Program](#) and the [Food Bank](#). If everyone can stop into your local Dollar Store prior to the meeting, for \$5.00 you can contribute to either or both.

THANK YOU!!!

Health and Wellness – Tricia Heary



Matter of Balance is a free exercise and educational series designed to manage falls, minimize the fear of falling, and can increase activity levels. It has been a success with some of our members and we hope to do it again this year! Anyone interested in improving their balance, flexibility and strength and feels they may experience a fall soon or has experienced a fall in the past, may participate. If you are interested, please call Tricia Hearey at 609-217-6848.



🔗 **Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)**, a free suicide prevention presentation will be held at The Haddon Fortnightly on **October 15, 2024**, at 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Key components will cover:

- How to Question, Persuade, and Refer someone who may be suicidal
- How to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide
- The common causes of suicidal behavior
- The warning signs of suicide
- How to get help for someone in crisis

A list of local resources will be provided as well as the QPR booklet and wallet card to all participants. Please invite friends and family members!

🔗 **Important dates!**

Friday, **November 15** and **Saturday November 16, 2024**, the Haddonfield Council of Churches will host a food packing event for **Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)** at the Haddonfield Middle School. Volunteers will pack soy, rice, dehydrated vegetables, vitamins and minerals to be sent to remote villages in developing nations. For additional information please visit website: give.fmsc.org/haddonfield Or contact Roy Chapman: fmschaddonfield@hotmail.com

🔗 **Free COVID Tests**

The federal government is offering free COVID test kits, up to four kits per household, at COVIDTests.gov Shipping is free. Just give a name and shipping address. Email is optional. Anyone who asks for more than that is a scammer! Expiration dates for many kits have been extended. Before throwing away a kit because the expiration date on package has expired, go to website FDA.gov to see if it has been extended.



Special State Project – New Jersey Alliance for Children – Denise Sellers and Ginny DeLong



Thanks to all who have contributed to the collection of items for our Special State Project, the NJ Children's Alliance. These items will be distributed to the local Child Advocacy Centers for the children to play with while awaiting services.

If you haven't already done so, you can still contribute items from this list by dropping them off at [Ginny DeLong's home by the 17th](#) or bringing them to our [October club meeting](#) on the 18th.

- ☞ Small boxes of crayons
- ☞ Small boxes of colored pencils
- ☞ Small stuffed animals that children can hold in their hands (for younger children needing comfort)
- ☞ Small pads of paper or notebooks (should be bound – no loose paper)
- ☞ Pencils
- ☞ Small bottles of hand sanitizers
- ☞ Pocket tissues (the type that can be put into a purse or pocket)

Please Note: All items should be small and should not make any noise while the children are waiting for services.

Thanks for your generosity!



Literature – Pat Underwood



Even though there were only 10 people at October's Reading Circle, we had a very interesting discussion about [The Bee Sting](#) by Paul Murray. In November we will be discussing [The Women](#) by Kristin Hannah. We will have a guest who was a nurse in Vietnam during the war. I would like as many people as possible to attend on **November 4th at 12:30**. If you are planning to attend and have not previously signed up, please let me know and since we are having a light lunch, what would you like to

bring (entree, salad, dessert) for the "potluck light luncheon." I think it will prove to be a most interesting afternoon.

As of now, we do not have a book for December, but Marie DiMatties will be facilitating the discussion concerning Louise Penney's new book, [The Grey Wolf](#) which is Book 19 of the Inspector Gamache Mysteries. The book will be released on October 29th. For those of you who have not ever read a Louise Penny novel, you can find a summary of all her books of the following website: aarongansky.com

The scarecrow at the library has already collected more than 100 pairs of socks for **Little Hands and Little Feet** for



our "SOCKTOBER" endeavor. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

Arts and Culture – Sue Foley

We are happy to announce that the [Greeting Card Cover Contest](#) has begun! The Haddonfield and Haddon Township Schools have posted the guidelines and permission slip on their websites for parent information.

The libraries in both towns are participating as drop off box sites with a deadline of [October 26th](#). The Haddon Fortnightly has posted this information on their website as well. Please encourage any local K-8th graders to enter. Winners will be announced, along with card sale details.

Yes! Elvis is coming to the Fortnightly on November 22! Please invite all your friends, and post on social media. The event begins at [7:00 PM with Shamrock Deli](#) hoagies and features [Elvis Tribute Artist “Benjamin D’s Show”](#) beginning at [8:00](#). There will be raffle baskets, a 50-50, bake sale and more! You are welcome to BYOB. See the attached flyer. For tickets contact Sue Foley at susanfoley43@yahoo.com or 773.679.8142.

We would like to encourage everyone to stop by the Perkins Arts Center in Collingswood, a true hidden gem featuring rotating exhibits including local artists, a variety of classes and lessons, and community events. [Home Page - Perkins Center Site](#)

Scrip – Mary Ann Mazza

Attached to this newsletter is a Scrip form for your convenience and ease of ordering.



Happy Fall!



130 Anniversary Celebration Photo Album



The Haddon Fortnightly/Scrip Order Form

Phone	Name	General Club	EMD
NUMBER	MERCHANT	TOTAL	
Please total number of cards ordered and dollar amount.			
Return to Mary Ann Mazza, mamazza1@comcast.net			
Diane Alcavage, dladancer@aol.com			



The Haddon Fortnightly

invites you to

Young Elvis Tribute Night

301 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield

Bring friends for lots of laughs!

\$25 per person ticket includes

Shamrock Deli hoagie at 7pm

Elvis Tribute Artist, Benjamin D's Show at 8pm

Raffle Baskets, 50-50,

a Bake Sale & more!

BYOB

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