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Chairman's Report - Kim Otto

With our First Annual Art of the LEGO event, in cooperation with the Markeim Arts Center, in the rearview mirror, and as Thanksgiving approaches, we are so grateful for the friendships we enjoy as members of the Evening Membership Department of The Haddon Fortnightly. We have so many opportunities to work side-by-side in service to the community. Collecting staples for Hope Pantry, making sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen, and, of course, our large fundraisers like the Haddonfield Snowflake Run, which will be here before you know it! We are fortunate to be able to give back while enjoying a genuine camaraderie.

We hope everyone will be able to gather with those dear to them and enjoy a holiday meal together this Thanksgiving. When we give thanks around the table on November 28th, I'll certainly be grateful for the fine members of the EMD!

Bridge and Games - Carol McConville

Women's bridge will be hosted by Ann Gallagher on Wed. 11/20 at 7:30. **Couple's** bridge will be hosted by Mary Louise Lavery on Sat. 11/16 at 7:30. We are continually looking for more bridge players to join us! It is a very friendly & non-judgmental group of gals so no need to feel intimidated. We'd still love to have you join us! ♠♥♣♦

Happy Thanksgiving! 🦃

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

First Vice-Chairman's Report - Marianne Fisher

GFWC Open House in Washington, DC Dec 4th. It is not too early to start planning our yearly visit to GFWC headquarters, for their open house. Please email Annette Bortone if you are interested in going or have questions about the bus trip. The cost is approximately \$90 for the bus, which includes food, games and prizes along the way! Annettebortone@aol.com .

Join us on the GFWC Stronger Together Bahamas Cruise in February 2025 Join your GFWC sisters on the GFWC Stronger Together Cruise to the Bahamas February 6-10, 2025, hosted by Shannon Bailey, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, and the Junior Organization. This trip is open to all GFWC members and friends, and family are welcome. The ship is selling out quickly-reserve your cabin now! See www.gfwccruise.com for all the details.

I found this article in the Courier Post dated October 10, 2024, and thought it may be helpful.

HOW TO SEND A TEXT WHEN PHONE LINES ARE CONGESTED

Communicating with loved ones or reaching 911 is crucial during an emergency.

In situations where phone lines are down. iPhone 14 and later can connect to satellites to help contact emergency services and loved ones. But even when phone lines are working, it can be challenging to get your call or text to go through. Many people are trying to reach their loved ones or call for help, which creates a bit of a digital traffic jam. While there's no guarantee your message will reach its destination, there are ways to increase your chances of getting your text to send or your call to go through in the aftermath of a big storm.

Tips for texting during an emergency

If you're trying to reach your loved ones: Text, don't call.

Some government agencies encourage a "text first, talk second" approach to keep phone lines open for emergency calls. Plus, sending a text uses less battery than a phone call.

Keep it short. What you're texting matters. Keep the message short and use textspeak, like shortening words, omitting punctuation and swapping words for numbers, when you can. Instead of texting, "How are you?" shorten it to "how r u" to reduce the amount of data attempting to be sent over busy lines.

Send the message over multiple platforms. Use every platform you can to try to send your message. That includes the phone's built-in messaging service, third-party services like WhatsApp, via email and social media if you can access it. The more places you try to send it, the better the chances are that one of the messages gets through.

Tips for making a call during an emergency

If you're making a phone call, keep it short.

The Federal Communication Commission recommends limiting "non-essential calls" and keeping the call short. This frees up space on the phone lines so people can contact first responders and other emergency personnel.

If your call doesn't go through on the first try, wait 10-15 seconds before trying again. Also, use a landline instead of your cell phone if you have one.

Don't move. Stay in one place while making a call. If you're in a car pull over and make the call while you're not in motion.

Prepare your iPhone, Android

Being prepared can make a big difference.

Set an emergency contact or contacts on your phone. iPhone users can find this setting in the Medical ID in the Health app. Android users can set their emergency contact in the "safety and emergency" setting.

After setting up the emergency contact, fill out your important medical information. iPhone and Android devices have places to store relevant medical information, like medications, allergies and blood type in a place that's easy to access in an emergency. Having this on your phone can inform any first responders or other medical personnel of important details if you are unable to.

Social Services - Pat Barnes



Always remember Little Hands Little Feet all year long but do not like to always be asking. Puzzles, magazines, can tabs, fuzzy socks etc. Thank you to those of you who help me collect and deliver. It makes Social Services special.

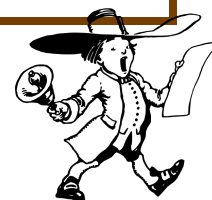
Community Affairs and Legislation - Tina Novak

We have adopted a family for the holidays. We will have sign-up sheets at the November Board and Business meetings. Alternatively, you may contact Tina if you would like to donate an item. Please bring wrapped and labeled gifts to a meeting or to Kim's home before December 1st. Please contact Kim to arrange your drop-off date and time. Any questions? Please contact Tina.

Second Vice-Chairman - Mary Holben

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a Town Crier? Come to our business meeting on Tuesday, November 12th to hear all about it. Philip Zoebisch will be our guest speaker and will explain the history of town criers. They are always looking for volunteers so maybe this is something you can cross off your bucket list! See you there!



Hospitality - Mary Ann Zaleski and Lois Edmund

October was a success with having the drinks and food being available before the Business meeting. We will do it again in November.

Our December Holiday Dinner on Tuesday, the 10th, will be catered by Cathedral Kitchen. Signups will be at our November meeting, asking that you bring either an appetizer or dessert. The cost is yet to be determined, but we will have that information at our November Business Meeting along with the menu. If you cannot attend in November, please RSVP to Mary Ann or myself. Thanks. Lois

Arts/Creative/Literature/Performing - Debbe Mervine

HEADS UP --

The annual Craft contest is on April 17, 2025. It seems far away, but you may want to start crafting now. Also, the Photography and Arts Performing infos are on the website. Is there any interest in a chorus? Let me know.

Literature - Debbe Mervine

The November Meeting of our Literature group will be held, per usual, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month - Nov 19th, at 7:30. Kim Otto, our hostess, has chosen "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" by Lisa See. Based on a true story and set during the Ming Dynasty when "an educated woman is considered useless," the protagonist is raised by her Dr. Grandmother to be useful.

Our Oct mtg was again small, but we talked about lots of books and solved many of the world's problems while sampling Mary Holben's delicious cookies. Come join us!

ESO - Epsilon Sigma Omicron - is an honorary reading society sponsored by the NJSFWC. All you avid readers might be interested in joining. If you are, let me know and I'll provide you with the information you'll need. A certificate might come your way at the Convention.

Arts Creative - Peggy Taylor and Debbe Mervine

We are combining Arts Creative and Hospitality workshops for November. Date to be determined. We will be working on centerpieces for the holiday dinner. Our theme will be Gingerbread houses. So, bring some boxes covered with brown paper (Gingerbread)

And your bobbles and baubles, Rick rack and do dads, hot glue guns and glue.

If we have too many, maybe we can incorporate them into the tea room decorations.

Sign up sheets and more info at the November meeting.

Thanks

Arts Performing - Susan Dewey

As part of the ARTS committee I have been asked to continue giving you a local theatre update.
UPCOMING:

South Camden Theatre will be doing GOD OF CARNAGE

Ritz Theatre is doing DRACULA, followed by CINDERELLA

HP&P (Haddonfield Plays & Players) is opening THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD.

BCF (Burlington County Footlighters) is playing FREAKY FRIDAY followed by PIPPIN.

BToP (Broadway Theatre of Pitman) opening KINKY BOOTS Oct 27th.

The Walnut Theatre opened the fabulous JERSEY BOYS with the incredible voice of Will Connell, playing Frankie Valli.

Masquerade Theatre in Riverside is opening YOU ARE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN in Nov.

Village Playbox has a COMEDY OF TENORS.

Special State Project and Community Improvement Project(CIP) - Tina Novak

The New Jersey Children's Alliance promotes hope, healing, and justice for victims of child abuse throughout New Jersey. We are collecting UBER gift cards in \$25.00 denominations. The cards will be used for bringing families to counseling and other appointments. Please purchase cards in any way that you like, including through the Haddon Fortnightly's Scrip Program, and bring them to our November and December business meetings.

On Wednesday, November 20th, from 9 to 9:30 AM, we will be collecting sandwiches at the clubhouse for Cathedral Kitchen. If you wish to participate, please email Tina (gwd3333@aol.com).

Pantry - Joanne Morris

Just want to thank Ann Gallagher and Marianne Fisher for the bags of food for the Pantry. If you were at the October meeting, you might have seen the can of soup Denise Sellers gave me. We don't all have to bring a whole bag. One or two non-perishables is fine. They all go to the same place. Also, if you can't get them to me at a meeting, you can drop them off at the Haddon Township Methodist Church. It's on Center Street, right turn off Haddon after the new apartments. I thank you, the Pantry thanks you, and the people in the surrounding towns thank you!

Ways and Means - Tina Novak

Dine and Donate: Don't forget – it's on Wednesday, November 13th at the Iron Hill Brewery in Voorhees. Please plan to dine there between 5 PM and 9 PM. They will donate 20% of your food bill to us! Don't forget to bring your flyer or to tell your waitress that you are there to support the Haddon Fortnightly EMD. Kim Otto will answer all your questions!

Comedy Night: It's on Saturday Night, February 8, 2025! Save the date! Come to our November Business Meeting to learn more exciting details from Sooze!





IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, November 3 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

**Monday, November 4 - General Club Reading Circle - 12:30 pm
Trustee Meeting - 3:30 pm**

Tuesday, November 5 - NJ General Election

Wednesday, November 6 - General Club Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 am

Thursday, November 7 - EMD Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, clubhouse

Sunday, November 10 - Forecaster Deadline

Tuesday, November 12 - EMD Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, clubhouse

**Friday, November 15 - General Club Business Meeting, 1:00 pm, clubhouse
December Flash Deadline**

Saturday, November 16 - Partner's Bridge, 7:30 pm, Mary Louise Lavery, hostess

Sunday, November 17 - NJSFWC 130th Anniversary, 12:00 pm, Bridgewater, NJ

Tuesday, November 19 - Arts/Literature, 7:30 pm, Kim Otto's home

**Wednesday, November 20 - Sandwich drop-off, 9-9:30 am, clubhouse
Women's Bridge, 7:30 pm, Ann Gallagher's home
Movie, Cinemark, Somerdale**

Friday, November 22 - "Elvis" Fundraiser, 7-10 pm, clubhouse

Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving

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