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



Garden District

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NOVEMBER 2024

- 15 – Club Meeting 11:30
- 15 – EMD Flash Articles Due
- 16 – EMD Couples' Bridge 7:30
- 17 – NJSFWC 130TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 12:-00 - 4:00
- 20 – Cathedral Kitchen Sandwich Drop Off 9:00-9:30
- 20 – EMD Women's Bridge 7:30
- 22 – Young Elvis 7:00

DECEMBER 2024

- 2 – Decorate Clubhouse 10:00
- 2 – Reading Circle 12:30
- 2 – Trustees Meeting 3:30
- 3 – EMD Board Meeting 7:30
- 4 – Executive Board Meeting 10:00
- 4 – GFWC Open House – Headquarters Wash. D.C.
- 4 – 6 EMD Set Up Snowflake Run
- 7 – Haddonfield Snowflake Run
- 10 – EMD Business Meeting and Holiday Dinner 6:30
- 10 – Forecaster Articles Due
- 15 – Flash Articles Due
- 18 – Cathedral Kitchen Sandwich Drop Off 9:00-9:30
- 20 – Club Meeting 11:30



From Your President Sue Sheehan

Dear Friends,

November is such a great family month. We get to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families and holiday shopping with great sales.

Congratulations to the EMD for a terrific Lego event. The children were so happy and competitive too!

Again, thank you Marie DiMatties for a successful gift card fundraiser. We achieved our goal with all tickets sold.

Don't forget to purchase your Elvis night tickets. It is going to be a fun night. Ask your friends, reserve a table and enjoy some good food from Shamrock Deli.

Don't forget to bring an item of clothing or baby socks for the babies that are born premature. They are so tiny they could also use little sleepers.

For me, this is a time to be thankful for a wonderful family and all of you. We are working hard, and smart too. As they say, "it takes a village" and every one of you have made our village a success. Let's all be thankful for what we have and what we have accomplished.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING to each one of you!

Sue

sue.sheehan9009@gmail.com

Literature – Pat Underwood



Wow! What an afternoon at Reading Circle!! We met to discuss **The WOMEN** by Kristin Hannah and welcomed our guest **Nancy Elliot** who shared her experiences as an Air Force nurse in Viet Nam. Her presentation was followed by a discussion facilitated by **Sue Bellows**. A special thank you to Sue and to everyone who brought delicious dishes for our luncheon.

SUE BELLOWS HAS FOUND A WONDERFUL LINK IN CONNECTION WITH THE WOMEN: ANGELS, NURSES, AND DONUT DOLLIES
<https://youtu.be/AKhLkVmQc3k?si=wpDtpHMxYj9K4gf8>



The book for Reading Circle in December will be **SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE** by Claire Keegan. It is a very short book that can be read in an afternoon and a good one to provide much discussion which will be led by **Betty Eastwick**.

Should you be looking for one or two books to put on your Holiday List **GREY WOLF** by Louise Penney is a must have on your list as it will be our book for January, facilitated by **Marie DiMatties**. My suggestion for the second book would be Hillary Rodham Clinton's new book, **SOMETHING LOST, SOMETHING GAINED**. It should be noted that Hillary and Louise Penny together wrote a book, **STATE OF TERROR**, during the pandemic.

SOCKTOBER Thank you to everyone who donated socks for our Socktober sock drive at the library. We are donating **295 pairs** of new socks to **Little Hands Little Feet** at St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Cherry Hill. I will be taking the socks there on Tuesday morning. We have also donated **25 pairs** of gently used socks to a **men's shelter in Philadelphia**.



Fundraising – Marie DiMatties



The Haddon Fortnightly Gift Card Raffle met our goal of raising \$4,000!! Thank you to all who bought and sold raffle tickets. A special thank you to **Ginny, Denise and Eileen** for being super salespeople. The drawing will take place at our Club Meeting on **Friday November 15**. If you haven't returned your stubs, please return them to me ASAP. You can't win if you haven't turned in your ticket stubs. We still have a few of The Haddon Fortnightly coasters if you would like to purchase one. They are \$5 each.

Health and Wellness – Tricia Heary



“Let’s Get Moving”

The New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs is challenging its members to get moving to combat heart disease! Exercise is also a preventive measure to help fight cancer, diabetes and other diseases as well. So, start tracking your walking and exercising hours!

If it’s too cold or rainy, “Let’s Get Moving” and go walking at the **Cherry Hill Mall** and get your exercise hours documented. **The mall opens one hour early every morning** just for mall walkers! Enjoy daily walking indoors!

Mall walkers are welcome to come one (1) hour prior to these shopping hours:

- Monday 10am-9pm
- Tuesday 10am-9pm
- Wednesday 10am-9pm
- Thursday 10am-9pm
- Friday 10am-9pm
- Saturday 10am-9pm
- Sunday 11am-6pm

November is National Diabetes Month

November is a time when communities across the country seek to bring attention to diabetes. This year’s focus is on taking action to prevent diabetes health problems. On **November 15, 2024**,



prior to the General Business Meeting, please visit the Diabetes information table on how you can prevent and manage diabetes health issues.



Learn your risk for Type 2 and take steps to prevent it at: <https://diabetes.org/diabetes-risk-test>

Suicide Prevention

- People can call or text **988** or chat 988lifeline.org for themselves or if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.
- 988 serves as a universal entry point so that no matter where you live in the United States, you can reach a caring, trained counselor who can help.
- 988 offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress.

*Thank you to all who attended the Suicide Prevention Question, Persuade, Refer Gatekeeper training on October 15, 2024, which has provided the practical skills and resources to help save a life. If you know of other organizations that may have interest in this training program, please call **Tricia Hearey at 609-217-6858**.*





Federation Secretary – Marie DiMatties

There is one more Report Writing Workshop that will be held via Zoom on **Wednesday November 13 from 6:00 – 8 pm**. Marie Balotin, Trish Heary and I attended the October 28 workshop which was also on Zoom and found it to be very informative. I strongly encourage those of you who must write a report to attend from the convenience of your own home. To register, **email chrissienk186@gmail.com or text/call (908)392-7501**. Report writing will be here before you know it!

☞ If you are not already signed up for the **GFWC Legislative Action Center**, you can use the QR code on the flyer on the clipboard at the Business Meeting on the 18th to do so. GFWC sends out periodic legislative alerts and makes it very simple for you to send your support of pertinent legislation to our local Congressmen.

Advocates for Children



As you may have heard, November is Prematurity Awareness Month. Our President, Sue is asking us to donate preemie sleepers or socks to be donated to a local hospital's NICU. Please bring them to the November Club Meeting and show your support for "Go Purple" by wearing purple that day.



Communications - Denise Sellers



If you are on Facebook or Instagram, please follow The Haddon Fortnightly and share our posts. We could use some additional followers, so encourage your friends and family to follow us so that they will hear about our upcoming events!

Committee or project chairs, if you would like publicity for your recent or upcoming event or project, please send me the following information (and photos, if possible!):

☞ Who ☞ What ☞ Where ☞ When ☞ Why ☞ How Much

... and the **HOW to participate** (where to get tickets or other important details). And, of course, a **photo or logo** always adds to the appeal!

☞ Try to get the material to me **6 to 8 weeks in advance** if you want it in the newspaper.

☞ Watch for our information in the local press.



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



Education – Betty Eastwick

We will be starting our **Reading Buddies** program at Elizabeth Haddon School on November 20, 2024. In our third year for this activity, we are excited about meeting the 1st and 2nd graders who will be participating.

After listening to **Kirsten Rogers**, who spoke at our last General Club meeting about the great work being done by staff who participate in the CHOP **“Reach Out and Read”** program, we would like to donate again this year. Currently, the organization is holding a



“35 for 35” campaign in honor of their 35th anniversary. To that end, we hope that our members will fund the purchase of **35 books** to support this initiative. Denise and I are looking for suitable titles and would greatly appreciate any donations towards this worthwhile effort.

If you are looking for some inspiration to get started on your own holiday plans, there are several programs being held in our area:

The Friends of the Barclay Farmstead Annual Holiday House in Cherry Hill. This year’s program is called **“A Dickens Holiday”** and promises to be as interesting and entertaining as always. It will be held on four different dates/times. A flyer will circulate at the next GC meeting, or you can consult their website for more information. Purchase of timed tickets is necessary.

The annual holiday-themed program **“Yuletide at Winterthur”** starts on Saturday, November 23-Sunday, January 5. Tickets can be purchased online or by calling **800-448-3883**. The website has more information on this and other activities.

Interfaith Caregivers **2024 House Tour** will be held on **Thursday, December 12th** this year. Tickets went on sale on November 1st.

Although I will not be planning an actual Fortnightly field trip to any of these venues, please let me know if interested, and perhaps we can arrange to carpool to some of them.

As always, your local libraries have many interesting programs, workshops, and virtual author presentations to offer to the public. Some are holiday oriented, and some are ongoing. At best you might learn something new, and remember, there is nothing quite as appealing as taking some time over the busy holidays to simply relax with a good book. They have plenty of those too!

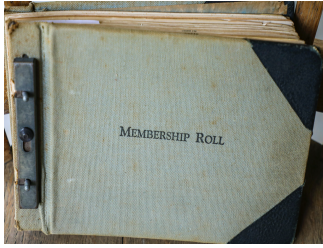


Second Vice President – Diane Primerano

November General Club Meeting: **Dean DiPietro**, an agent from the FBI, will be our guest speaker. The topic is- Elder Fraud at 11:30 AM.

December General Club Meeting- **Rick Bonnette and Susan Dewey** are our guest speakers. The presentation will be an interview with Angelina Grimke conducted by Mark Twain at 11:30 AM. Ms. Grimke was a Women's Right Activist during the 1830's as well as an Abolitionist writer and speaker. She was among the first women to speak against slavery at that time.

Membership – Liz Olson and Debbie Hluchan



We are installing 3 members who have joined the Fortnightly this program year: **Marci Spiegle, Linda Hess, and Rosemary Scalse**. A little background information, in their own words, about each new member:

Marci Spiegle

After retiring in 2011, I made volunteer work my priority and now have varying responsibilities at 6 different non-profit organizations. Having grown up in Haddonfield, I took ballroom dance lessons (5th through 8th grade) at the Haddon Fortnightly; I now live in Haddon Township. I am single and have no children.

Linda Hess

I am a lifelong resident of Haddonfield. My husband, Ed, and I raised our 2 children here. I spent 33 years in the classroom and presently work part time at the Indian King Tavern Museum. I am the grandmother (Susu) of four grandchildren ranging in age from 8 to 16 years old.

Rosemary Scalse

I live in Haddonfield and have retired from a 22-year career at the Camden County Library. I am the proud mom of 3 daughters, with no grandchildren.



Grace DeMarco
enjoying her
birthday
serenade

Jannet Zanger November 1
Ginny DeLong November 10
Tricia Hearey November 10
Pat Herdelin November 12
Barbara Datto November 12
Kristine Boysen November 19
Liz Albert November 22
Liz Olson November 28



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



Thank you to the members who generously contributed small items for the NJ Alliance for Children. Marie DiMatties reported that she took the following number of items to the Fall Conference in October from The Haddon Fortnightly:

The Haddon Fortnightly Collection For New Jersey Alliance for Children

Total - 595 items

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|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 9 boxes of 24 crayons plus 31 crayons | ➔ | 270 crayons |
| 8 boxes of colored pencils | ➔ | 116 colored pencils |
| 6 boxes of pencils | ➔ | 120 pencils |
| 18 small pads of paper/notebooks | | |
| 41 pocket packs of tissues | | |
| 11 small bottles of hand sanitizer | | |
| • 19 small stuffed animals | | |

We are waiting to hear what the next opportunity to help NJAC will be. If there is no request from the state, we will reach out to our local Camden County Child Advocacy Center to find out what they might need.

Thank you!!!

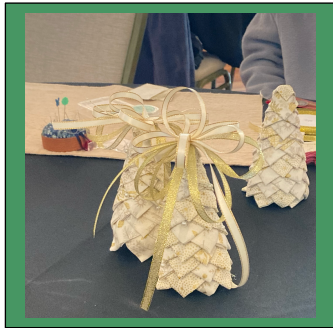


Arts and Culture – Sue Foley

The Arts & Culture Committee is pleased to announce that submissions for the **Greeting Card Cover Contest** are in be judged soon. A winner for the Holiday and Happiness categories will be selected. Then we will request pre-orders for packs of ten cards for your note writing needs.

Elvis Night is right around the corner on Friday, Nov. 22nd. *It's going to be lots of fun, especially if we bring friends and family. Contact Sue Foley (susanfoley43@yahoo.com) for tickets & choice of hoagie. Please make checks payable to The Haddon Fortnightly. (flyer attached)*

Christmas Tree decorating preparations are under way! Please bring a teacup and saucer for Peggy to the next Club meeting (one that need not be returned). Peggy Marks and Debbie Hagy will lead a second ornament making meeting on **Wednesday, Nov. 13th at 1-3pm**. Peggy explains why we need teacups: Our theme this year will celebrate **our 130 years of Friendship and Service** to our community. One of the ways we wish to do this is to hang **12 teacups and saucers** (glued together) on our tree to represent the original 12 women who met to create the Fortnightly. If you have a set you can spare, please bring them to our Nov. 15th meeting or call me at 856-520-1696 to arrange to pick up. Thanks so much. Peggy_marks@comcast.net



Members are encouraged to visit these wonderful venues:

The Perkins Center for the Arts. The Moorestown branch is hosting this event honoring our veterans:

https://mail.yahoo.com/d/folders/1?reason=invalid_crumb

The Scottish Rite Auditorium in Collingswood has a variety of musical events with ample and free parking close to home.

<https://scottishriteauditorium.com/>

Our Haddonfield Plays and Players have a fun line up for 2025!

<https://www.haddonfieldplayers.com/2024-season>

The JP Morgan Library in NYC has a new exhibit running till May 5th featuring the life of Bella Da Costa Greene, the first curator who was featured in the book, *The Personal Librarian*:

<https://www.themorgan.org/exhibitions/current>. A few members visited the library:



Centennial Poem

By Lois Bromley, President 1992-1994

It must be true, at least I've been told,
The Haddon Fortnightly is 100 Years old.
Be proud of our club, be proud to belong,
Our numbers and hard work help keep us strong.

Thanks to the ladies who once chose to lead,
Our organization through good times and need.
Their guidance and forethought allowed us to grow,
Into a caring and friendly club, as you all know.

So, celebrate our great past, now is the time,
Announce it or sing it or set it to rhyme.
Attend all our meetings, luncheons and such,
Involvement is fun, please stay in touch.

Comments: This lovely poem holds true today
as we celebrate our 130th anniversary.

The white mugs with the gold emblem we
use today were purchased by Lois as a
gift to her board members for the
centennial. She donated the remaining ones
to the club before her passing.





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 delights at 7pm

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

BYOB, a Bake Sale & more!

For tickets: contact Sue Foley

at susanfoley43@yahoo.com or 773/679-8142