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## **Chairman's Report - Kim Otto**

Happy New Year to each of you!

As we enter 2025, we see many opportunities to volunteer for projects that serve our local communities. In January, our monthly sandwich collection for Cathedral Kitchen continues and we look forward to MLK Day of Service and the NJSFWC Day of Service on Monday, January 20, 2025.

Once again, for Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day of Service, EMD members will focus on making single-ply fleece blankets for Operation Smile and the NJSFWC Day of Service, which will be at The Haddon Fortnightly Clubhouse, will focus on collecting items for victims of Domestic Violence through the Center for Family Services.

I like to keep this Martin Luther King, Jr. quote in mind when considering the myriad ways we can give back: "Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

My New Year's wish for all of our members and friends is a 2025 filled with good health, happiness, peace, and continued service to the organizations that mean so much to us.

## **Community Affairs and Legislation - Tina Novak**

Thank you all for your generous donations to Alise and Nevaeh. We will have a report for you at the January meetings.

**First Vice - Chairman - Marianne Fisher**

There is a Leadership/Membership Workshop on January 25, 2025, at NJSFWC Headquarters from 10:30am – 12:00pm. Registration is at 10:00am. If interested contact Susan Chambers at [chambers@njsfwc.org](mailto:chambers@njsfwc.org) or 201-265-6282.

The 131 st Annual Convention of NJSFWC is encouraging members to sign up for an ad as a patron for the "Friend of Convention". The cost is \$5.00, and your name would appear in the Convention Program Book. If interested, please let me know.

**Financial Secretary - Ann Gallagher**

**Annual Dues Payable by March 1:**

As announced with the bylaws changes last year, annual dues are payable by March 1st this fiscal year. Dues will be \$75. In an attempt to make dues paying easier for you this year, you can pay your dues using the same website that we are using to sell tickets for the comedian and the spring luncheon. The web address is:

<https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/EMDHFAnnualDues>.

If you prefer, you can also write a check and mail it to me or deliver it to me at a meeting. (I will take your dues payment in any way you can get it to me.) All payments must be received by March 1st. Let me know your thoughts on whether or not the website is helpful. Checks should be made payable to EMD of Haddon Fortnightly and mailed to 406 Avondale Ave, Haddonfield, NJ 08033.



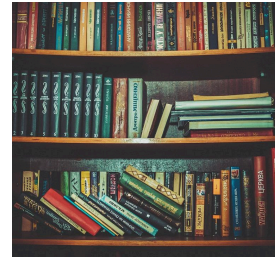
## Arts/Cinema/Creative/Literature/Performing - Debbe Mervine

A sincere shout to the 9 members who came out to decorate the Tea Room for the holidays. It is lovely and serene. And I've heard only unsolicited, positive feedback. ( Of course, who would dis it to me!) I hope your holidays were lovely and serene too!

### ARTS LITERATURE--Debbe Mervine

The Phila Inquirer had a list of the 10 best thrillers of 2024. Here they are:

1. All the Colors of the Dark.
2. Exposure.
3. Farewell, Amethystine
4. First Lie Wins.
5. The God of the Woods
6. Guide Me Home.
7. Hunted.
8. The Hunter.
9. Listen for the Lie.
10. The Winner.



**The Jan. mtg will be at Joanne Tarditi's home, 64 Linden Ave, at 7:30 pm.** Her chosen book is "All the Beauty in the World."

All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book. Good conversation is assured

### 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 opens HOLLYWOOD Nebraska Feb 28<sup>th</sup> followed by the NJ premier of How The Light Gets In in May plus a new play read one Monday a month at 7PM for free.

Ritz Theatre is performing Angels in America part 1.

HP&P (Haddonfield Plays & Players) is opening The Hunchback of Notre Dame, an incredible musical.

BCF (Burlington County Footlighters) is playing the hysterical NOISES OFF.

BToP (Broadway Theatre of Pitman) is opening The Wizard of Oz Jan 19th.

The Walnut Theatre opens Driving Miss Daisy.

Village Playbox has Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner on stage in January.

### ARTS CINEMA - Marianne Fisher

No movie for the month of December.

## Ways and Means - Tina Novak

### Progressive Dinner – Marianne Fisher:



The progressive dinner is on Saturday, February 1 st . The theme is “Be Happy.”

I am thinking of getting daisies for all the hosts and they can place them wherever they want. I am also giving them a special balloon.

A sign-up sheet is going around to volunteer for hosting, providing appetizers and desserts.

The main course is Chicken Marsala with butter noodles. Tina and Kim already sampled the main entrée and liked it.

I will start working up the cost and will discuss it with Tina and Kim.

### Comedy Night – Sooze Dewey: It's on Saturday Night, February 8, 2025!

As part of the Ways and Means committee, we are announcing our **COMEDY NIGHT** starring **Dena Hazard** and opened by Bob Marsdale at 7:30 PM on Sat. Feb. 8th. Tickets are \$50 for a night of hilarity and light refreshments. There are door prizes and a 50/50. Bring friends!

**Spring Luncheon and Basket Raffle – Ann Gallagher and Mary Ann McMahon:** March 15, 2025! It's a work in progress – more information will be available soon.

**Casino Night – Pat Barnes:** April 5, 2025. **Denim and Diamonds!** Don't miss out! More data will be coming your way!

## Joint Ventures - Susan Dewey

As part of Joint Ventures, I would like to announce our BINGO Night will be Feb 28th at 6pm. Tickets are \$30 but for tables of 6 or more \$25 each. This buys you 6 cards with door prizes and 50/50 drawings and special prizes for specialty games. Mark your calendars and start spreading the word.



### **Special State Project and Community Improvement Project - 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 January and February business meetings.

On Wednesday, January 15th, 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](mailto:gwd3333@aol.com)).

Joanne Morris will be bringing our **food donations** to a foodbank in Haddon Township. Please bring your items to our business meetings or contact Joanne to make alternate arrangements.

**NJSFWC Day of Service:** Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM – 2 PM, at our clubhouse, First Floor. We will be collecting donations for Welcome Baskets that will be given to women in the Center for Family Services Domestic Violence Program. Here is a list of the items requested: dish soap, cleaning supplies, pots and pans, silverware, towels, sponges, dust buster, dishes and bedding. Please note: all gifts must be NEW! Please email me ([gwd3333@aol.com](mailto:gwd3333@aol.com)) if you would like to donate.

**Haddon Fortnightly EMD Day of Service:** Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM – 2 PM, Second Floor. Please see the sign-up sheets. We will be making single ply fleece blankets for Operation Smile.

### **Snowflake Run - Pat Barnes**



I am so thankful for all the hard work and volunteerism from our awesome members and their significant others! We also had volunteers from the community, Paul the 6th and Haddonfield Memorial High School. It is a huge endeavor to pull everything together and everyone made it an incredible day. We should all be very proud of our efforts! I'd like to thank and commend my son-in-law, Justin Ostiguy. He always handles balloons and now he absolutely loves the inflatable arch.

We will have a wrap-up meeting on **Tuesday, January 7th at 6pm** at the clubhouse. Bring any suggestions or changes you have as an idea.

### **Second Vice-Chairman - Mary Holben**

The speaker for our January 14th Business Meeting will be Cathy DeCampi from Haddonfield Public Library. She is the Emerging Technology and Teen Services Librarian. I'm sure we will hear an interesting presentation.

My thanks to Pat and Tim Barnes for suggesting this program!

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Wednesday, January 1 - New Year's Day**

**Monday, January 6 - General Club Reading Circle, 12:30pm**

**Tuesday, January 7 - Snowflake Wrap-up Meeting, 6pm, clubhouse**

**EMD Executive Board Meeting, 7:30pm, clubhouse**

**Wednesday, January 8 - General Club Board Meeting, 10:00am**

**Friday, January 10 - Forecaster Deadline**

**Tuesday, January 14 - EMD Business Meeting, 7:30pm, clubhouse**

**One pound auction**

**Wednesday, January 15 - February Flash Deadline**

**Sandwich drop-off, 9-9:30am, clubhouse**

**Report Writing Workshop, 10:00am**

**Thursday, January 16 - Garden District Council Meeting**

**Friday, January 17 - General Club Business Meeting. 1:00pm**

**Monday, January 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, 10am-2pm**

**NJSFWC Day of Service**

**Tuesday, January 21 - Arts/Literature, Joanne Tarditi's home, 7:30pm**

**Wednesday, January 22 - Arts/Cinema, Movie, Somerdale Cinemark**

**Thursday, January 30 - Haddon Fortnightly Spelling Bee, 6:00pm**

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# **HAPPY NEW YEAR**