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NJSFWC of the GFWC Member
Garden District

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JANUARY 2025

- 13 – Reading Circle 12:30
- 14 – EMD Business Meeting 7:30
- 15 – Cathedral Kitchen Drop Off 9:00 – 9:30
- 15 – Report Writing Workshop 10:00
- 16 – Garden District Council Meeting
- 17 – Club Meeting 1:00
- 20 – THF MLK Day of Service 10:00-3:00
- 20 – NJSFWC Day of Service
- 22 – New Member Project – Stay at Home Tea Meeting 10:00
- 30 – THF Spelling Bee 6:00

FEBRUARY 2025

- 1 – EMD Progressive Dinner
- 3 – Reading Circle 12:30
- 3 – Trustees Meeting 3:30
- 4 – EMD Board Meeting 7:30
- 5 – Executive Board Meeting 10:00
- 6 – THF Spelling Bee Rain Date 6:00
- 10 – Forecaster Due
- 11 – EMD Business Meeting 7:30
- 15 – EMD Flash Due
- 19 – Cathedral Kitchen Sandwich Drop-off 9:00-9:30
- 21 – Club Meeting 1:00
- 23 – Garden District Spelling Bee 1:00
- 28 – Bingo Frenzy! 6:30



From Your President Sue Sheehan

Dear Friends,

As we bring in the New Year, I want to thank you all for a fabulous six months of our club year.

Every time I walk into The Haddon Fortnightly I see elegance, beauty, friendship and happiness. In **September** we celebrated **130 years of club service** and friendship. We went back to our teen years with our **Elvis night**. We had a very successful **gift card raffle**. With the help of our local schools, we had a fun **Holiday Card Contest**. Our EMD had 500 plus Snowflake runners, and it was a complete success.

For our New Year we see lots of wonderful things happening. We are all excited for our **Stay at Home Tea, BINGO night, Garden Tour** and much more. I have been enjoying meeting our new members and making such great friends.

So, I often say “Onward and Upward” for our New Year. Don’t forget to celebrate with our Federation and try to attend some of their meetings as they are so inspiring. Get ready to work hard and smart and let’s enjoy each other. Keep in mind our **Day of Service on January 20th MLK Day**.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sue

sue.sheehan9009@gmail.com



Federation Secretary – Marie DiMatties

There are many things coming up at the Federation level for your consideration.

1. The **Garden District January Council Meeting** will be held on Thursday **January 16th**. It will be held at the lovely **Porch Club of Riverton**. Registration begins at 9:30. This is an opportunity to meet with other club members in the Garden District and hear what other clubs are doing. Additional details can be found on the attached flyer. Please consider signing up and attending with me.
2. **NJSFWC Day of Service** will take place on **Monday January 20** from 10 am to 2 pm here at The Haddon Fortnightly. EMD Member **Tina Novak** is chairing this event for the Garden District. Let's give her our support. The **General Club** will be collecting items for **Backpack Care Kits**.

Backpack Care Kits

There are teens and young adults who are currently couch-surfing or living on the streets and need a safe place to live. We will prepare Backpack Care Kits - new, sturdy backpacks filled with essential items to be distributed along with hotline information and resources for support, including transportation to safe housing and emergency shelter. You may choose to donate any of the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- new, sturdy quality backpack- warm socks- wet wipes- toothbrush & toothpaste- small bottle of Dawn dish soap- deodorant- non-alcoholic mouthwash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- journal & gel pens- comb or brush- nail clippers- water bottle- first aid kit- flashlight- lightweight, compact sleeping bag
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3. An **NJSFWC Leadership/ Membership Workshop** will be held on **January 25** from 10:30 am to 12 pm at NJSFWC Headquarters. See the attached flyer for additional details and contact me to sign-up. I encourage upcoming leaders to attend.
4. Lastly, I invite you to be a **Friend of Convention for \$5.00** and have your name listed in the Convention Program Book as a supporter of NJSFWC. The form and envelope will be on the clipboard at the Club Meeting.



Arts and Culture – Sue Foley



We are meeting remotely this month, brainstorming ideas for future initiatives, and assisting other committees with their events.

Greeting Cards (blank inside) with the Angel design and ‘Joy to the World’ are available in packs of **10 for \$15.00** each. **Contact Sue Foley** if you would like to order (checks payable to The Haddon Fortnightly).

Upcoming events to consider:

Perkins Center for the Arts, Collingswood location:

- 🌀 “Passions of the Unseen” by artist Beverly McCutcheon
- 🌀 “If I Know Peace” photography and painting by Maria Hellmer
Exhibit runs Jan. 6-Feb. 28
Artist Reception on Sat. Jan. 11, 2-5pm
- 🌀 “In Search of Mozart” concert in conjunction with Philharmonic of South NJ,
Friday, Jan. 17, 11am-4pm

The Barnes Foundation:

- 🌀 Mickalene Thomas’ “All About Love” show until Jan. 12th
- 🌀 First Sundays of each month are FREE Family Days



MLK Day of Service – Denise Sellers



Members of the General Club are invited to join the EMD in their annual **MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 20th**. We will be making single-layer fleece blankets (yay... no pinning required!) for **Operation Smile** again this year. Bring your ruler, scissors, and some fleece blanket fabric, and come between the hours of **10 am and 2 pm** for this easy but meaningful service activity. Feel free to bring along family members (young teen grandkids welcome!) to participate.

🌀 The event will be held on the 2nd floor of the clubhouse this year, as we will be hosting the Garden District Day of Service collection downstairs. **Contact Tina Novak** for more detailed information.



Second Vice President – Diane Primerano



🌀 Our January 17th guest speaker, Diane Nussbaum from Diane's Patisserie, has a personal conflict that day. We have a guest speaker who agreed to meet with our group on January 17th at 1:30 in her place. Her name is **Jacque Martin**, corporate director of the **United Methodist Communities (UMC.)** The subject will be, An Introduction to **Senior Living Options** with a focus on Sub-Acute Rehab, the types of services offered and community life.

🌀 For our **February** General Club Meeting, our guest speaker is **Adrienne Rhodes**, the co- founder of "The Preserving Black Haddonfield History Project."



Through a Woman's Eyes Art Show - Denise Sellers

On **March 7** the EMD and the General Club will once again be supporting the **HMHS 50/50 Club** in its art show for female-presenting artists of high school age and older.

The flyer for the event is attached. Please consider:

- ☞ **Entering your art**, and/or encouraging any female artists you know to enter.
- ☞ **Becoming a sponsor** of the event (at whatever monetary amount you choose) or inviting a business you frequent to become a sponsor.
- ☞ **Assisting with the event**, by providing refreshments for the reception, and/or helping with registration and set up on the day before or in the kitchen the day of the show.
- ☞ **Attending the event** and inviting family and friends to attend as well.

This is such a wonderful joint project with the young women of the feminist club. We hope everyone will participate! All proceeds will go to a project of **Girls Learn International** chosen by the HMHS club members.



LITERATURE – PAT UNDERWOOD



☞ Due to the snow on January 6th, we will have Reading Circle on **January 13th** at 12:30. **Marie DiMatties** will facilitate the book, **Grey Wolf** by Louise Penney. Refreshments will be provided by Liz Olson and Rosemary Scalse.

☞ On **February 3rd** **Maryann Camardo** will facilitate **The Flight of the Sparrow** by Amy Belding Brown. It is an older book and available on Amazon for \$15.26, Kindle for \$9.99 and audio books.

It is 363 pages long. MaryAnn Mazza and Debbie Hagy will provide refreshments.

☞ Last year we read **Under the Whispering Door** by T.J.Klune and on **January 15th** the Haddonfield Library will be holding an online event with the author. For more information and registration please contact:

Cathy DeCampli

Email: cdecamplic@haddonfieldlibrary.org

Phone Number: 856-429-1304 ext.119

☞ In case you wish to read ahead, March's book will be **The Little Liar** by Mitch Albom.





Bylaws Committee Report

The Bylaws Committee is recommending a few changes to the Bylaws. The proposed changes relate to the follow issues:

1. The Committee is recommending that the **due date for payment of members' dues** be changed from **April 1 to March 1**. This change will assure that we will have dues collections on hand to satisfy NJSFWC's new requirement that member clubs pay their dues on May 1 when they submit their "Blue Sheet" showing their membership count.
2. Currently the First VP receives the annual dues payment with the membership renewal form. The First VP must log all the checks before turning them over to the Treasurer, who also must log the checks before depositing them. To streamline this, the Bylaws Committee recommends that the dues payments and the membership renewal forms **be sent to the P.O. Box**, where the Treasurer would pick them up. She would log and deposit the annual dues checks as she does with any checks that come in. She would turn the membership forms over to the First VP for use in preparing the yearbook, and she would notify the Membership Chairman if there were any changes in membership.

In order to address these issues, the Bylaws Committee is recommending modifications to three sections of our Bylaws. These modifications are described on the attached sheet titled "**Proposed Bylaws Revisions – January 2025**". Please review these modifications before the January Business Meeting and then print out and bring a copy of the attached sheet to the January Business Meeting with you.

The Bylaws Committee will review the proposed modifications at the January Business Meeting and will answer any questions that you may have. The members present at that meeting will then be asked to approve the proposed bylaw changes as presented, effective immediately.



Education – Betty Eastwick

☞ The Education Department will continue with our **Reading Buddies** program in January. Please consider joining us. Although we generally meet on the third Wednesday, our date this month will be the fourth Wednesday, **1/22/2025** because of a scheduling conflict with the school.

☞ Thanks to our members' generosity we are planning to donate books again this year to CHOP's "**Reach Out and Read**" program. **Denise** and I have selected some titles that she can purchase for us through her publisher contacts. Thank you!

☞ A heads-up to those of you interested in exploring a bit of **Irish culture: SCUCS**, the company we used to visit The Morgan Library in NYC is offering a program on Sunday, **April 20, 2025**, in Philadelphia. "**Riverdance**" is celebrating its 30th year with an anniversary tour. If interested, let me know and we can plan a field trip. Details to follow or look on their website <www.communitytourstravel.com>.

☞ As always, your community libraries offer many free programs/speakers/activities. Please note that **Haddonfield Library** is adopting **new software in January**, so if you have a card, you will need to change your password to reserve books online. Current passwords are good until January 27th.

Joint Ventures – Marie Balotin



is back and it's in February. Mark your calendars for Friday, **February 28th**. Doors open at **6:15 PM**, Games start at **6:45 PM**. Here are the details:

- 🌀 This “Fun” event includes: 10 games including a Jackpot worth \$750.00. **Ticket price is \$30.00.**
- 🌀 It's a “Bingo Frenzy” - So reserve a table for six (6) or more by February 13 to reduce the admission cost to **\$25.00** per person.
- 🌀 Bring canned goods or staples for the **Cherry Hill Food Pantry** and receive three additional playing cards (to be used during the regular games) for each member at your table.
- 🌀 Bring a party tray of sandwiches, cheese and crackers or snacks for your table to nibble on. Philly pretzels and water will be available for purchase if that's all you need.
- 🌀 That's right!!! You could win up to **\$750.00**. Why not gather a group of friends or family members for an evening of fun and camaraderie with the chance of winning **CASH**.
- 🌀 We added a “**Dine around Town**” raffle which could be worth over \$400.00 plus an array of baskets to bid on. Of course, there's a 50/50 raffle.
- 🌀 Call **Susan Dewey** at **856-667-8099** to purchase your ticket or reserve a table. The proceeds from this event and raffles are for the operating expenses and preservation of the building.
- 🌀 Come make a difference and have “FUN” doing it.



Treasurer's Report – Marie Balotin

Membership Dues Payable by March 1st

With the NJSFWC bylaws change last year, as referenced in the By Laws Committee article, our annual dues are NOW payable by **March 1**. Dues are only \$75.00 and checks should be made payable to The Haddon Fortnightly. Bills will be sent out soon. Dues checks and membership renewal forms should be sent to The Haddon Fortnightly PO box 321, Haddonfield NJ 08033.



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

Health and Wellness – Tricia Heary



“Let’s Get Moving” Challenge

It’s time to get your activity logs of movement/exercise hours to Tricia Hearey for the year of 2024! All reporting sheets should be sent to Tricia Hearey via Email or text:

Patricia.hearey@gmail.com 609-217-6848

2 East Clinton Avenue, Oaklyn, NJ 08107

Questions? Call 609-217-6848

Just take a photo of your activity log sheet or sheets and send them as an attachment to an email or a text by Monday, January 13, 2025. You can drop it by my house as well. Mailbox is on the side porch. Thank you!

🌀 **Bingocise** is coming our way on **March 1, 2025**. This exercise program is 10 sessions in all, which will take place every **Friday at 10:30 am** at the Haddon Fortnightly. **Bingocize®** is an evidence-based health promotion program approved through The National Council on Aging (NCOA). Bingocize® combines exercise and health information with the familiar game of bingo, which is a great and fun way to get us moving. Each session usually lasts **45-60 minutes**. A trained facilitator from the Camden County Division of Senior and Disabled Services will conduct this program. Sign up at the next general club meeting or call Tricia Hearey at 609-217-6848 to register.

Cold Weather Safety Tips from the Weather Channel

To avoid frostbite and hypothermia:

- 🌀 Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing.
- 🌀 Wear a hat. Try to stay dry and out of the wind.
- 🌀 Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.
- 🌀 Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves.

Vehicle Preparation:

- 🌀 Check your battery
- 🌀 Check your fluids
- 🌀 Check your tires
- 🌀 Have jumper cables
- 🌀 Pack a blanket

To avoid **carbon monoxide poisoning**, a silent, deadly killer claiming about 1,000 lives each year in the United States:

- 🌀 Install a carbon monoxide detector.
- 🌀 NEVER run generators indoors.
- 🌀 Open a window slightly when using a kerosene heater and follow the manufacturer’s instructions.
- 🌀 NEVER use a gas oven to heat your home.
- 🌀 If your heat goes out, you can keep warm indoors by closing off rooms you do not need, dressing in layers of lightweight clothing, and wearing a cap.

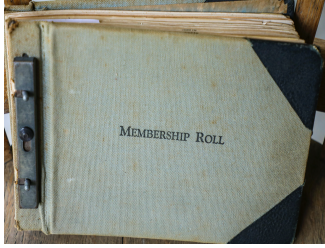
For More information please see:

<https://www.weather.gov/safety/cold-wind-chill-chart>

<http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winterstorm.html>

Membership – Liz Olson and Debbie Hluchan



The Stay at Home Tea

Late in January, you'll receive an invitation to the annual Stay at Home Tea. It's been called "the perfect event". There's no pressure, and you don't need to worry about what to wear, who you'll go with, who else will be there or what kind of idiotic argument could ensue if you attend. You can take some time for yourself, enjoy a cup of freshly brewed tea at home, spend some time with a book you've been itching to start or just put on some music you love and shut out the world for a while. And when you're finished, please **make a donation** to our club to support the maintenance of our historic clubhouse.

We encourage **every member of The Haddon Fortnightly** to make a donation and to be as generous as you can. All proceeds from the Stay at Home Tea will be used towards the maintenance and support of our Clubhouse. **This project is a joint venture sponsored by the Membership Committees of The Haddon Fortnightly and the EMD and the new members of both groups.**

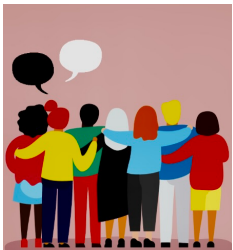
Belated Happy December Birthday to:

Sonia DeFelicis December 12
Yolanda Hales December 29
Sheila O'Brien December 29



Happy January Birthday to:

Dottie Troehler January 10
Jude Leary January 19
Kathryn Raiczuk January 19
Eileen Sanville January 23



Civic Engagement and Outreach – Cathy Jenkins

Haddon Fortnightly Partnership with High Schoolers

Are young women in high school more concerned about making TikTok videos, posting on Instagram, communicating on SnapChat? Not the young women at **Haddonfield Memorial High School's Women in Need Club!**

These young women approached the Dean of Students inquiring how they could get menstrual supplies to the young women in Camden City. The Dean of Students, who just happened to be my son, Dr. Hamisi Tarrant, asked me for advice. I told him that our Civic Engagement and Outreach Department had just begun an initiative to work with the **Camden High School Campus Nurses** to supply the students with menstrual supplies.

I met with the young women in the Women In Need Club along with their advisor, Ms. Bannet. I was so impressed with the maturity and social consciousness of the students. When they made the statement, **"They are us."** It made me realize that these young women identified with the young women in Camden City, they knew that it was only geography and circumstances that separated them.

The Women In Need Club collected **three shopping bags full of supplies** to donate to the young women on Camden High School's Campus that houses four high schools. These supplies were delivered to the campus just before the winter break. The nurses at the campus relayed that the supplies were very much needed and appreciated.

Proposed Bylaws Revisions – January 2025:

1. **Article IV (Dues), Section 1** The annual dues shall be recommended by the Finance Committee to the Executive Board to be approved by the General Membership. They shall be payable **April 1st**. To be listed in the Club yearbook, dues must be received no later than May 1st. If a member's dues remain unpaid by June 1st, she shall be notified by the Membership Chairman that unless her dues are paid within 30 days of receipt of notification, she shall be dropped from membership.

CHANGE: 2nd sentence, **REPLACE** April 1 **WITH** March 1

TO READ: They shall be payable **March 1st**.

RATIONALE: To ensure that funds will be available to pay the NJSFWC Dues on May 1.

2. **Article VI (Duties of Officers), Section 2(A) (The First Vice-President) – The First Vice-President** shall serve as Chairman of the Yearbook Committee. She shall accept membership renewal documentation, passing dues payments along to the Treasurer and sharing information collected with relevant members of the Board.

CHANGE: DELETE entire second sentence

TO READ: 2A **The First Vice-President** shall serve as Chairman of the Yearbook Committee.

RATIONALE: Clarification and to streamline dues collection by moving it to the Treasurer.

3. **Article VI (Duties of Officers), Section 6 The Treasurer** shall sign checks and pay all bills for budgeted items and any bills properly verified by persons incurring the indebtedness and approved by the President. She shall render a financial statement monthly and give an annual report in May. She shall be custodian of all bank accounts, securities and legal papers belonging to the Club. She shall be Chairman of the Finance Committee.

CHANGE: ADD at end of Section 6 “The Treasurer shall collect the annual dues. She shall notify the Membership Chairman of any changes due to payment or non-payment of dues.”

TO READ: **The Treasurer** shall sign checks and pay all bills for budgeted items and any bills properly verified by persons incurring the indebtedness and approved by the President. She shall render a financial statement monthly and give an annual report in May. She shall be custodian of all bank accounts, securities and legal papers belonging to the Club. She shall be Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer shall collect the annual dues. She shall notify the Membership Chairman of any changes due to payment or non-payment of dues.

RATIONALE: To add dues to the Treasurer.

The members will be asked to approve the proposed bylaw changes as presented, effective immediately.



New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC
Barbara McCloskey, President
Together in Service – United in Friendship

**Club Presidents, State Board Members, District Chairmen, and
all club women are invited and encouraged to attend the
GARDEN DISTRICT JANUARY COUNCIL
Thursday, January 16, 2025**



**Porch Club of Riverton
213 Howard Street, Riverton, NJ 08077**



**Registration begins at 9:30 am
Meeting begins promptly at 10:00 am
Registration Fee is \$5.00/person
(Cash or check made payable to GCWC)**



*Hostess Clubs – The Porch Club of Riverton, Woman's Club of
Edgewater Park, and the GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly
will be providing breakfast treats, light lunch, and desserts.*

AM SESSION: Each **Club President** will be called upon to give highlights of **two (2)**
recent or up-coming club activities.

District Chairmen will give updated information from their areas.

Linda Babeuf – Convention Vice Chairman

Tina Novak – District Chairman – Day of Service (January 20th)

PM SESSION

Each club representative will share 2 programs held during the past calendar year.

RSVP by January 9th to:

Cheryl Fairchild, District Assistant – fairchild.cheryla@gmail.com 609-206-7073

Mary Schneider, Garden District Vice President



CALLING ALL FEMALE ARTISTS

**THROUGH A
WOMAN'S EYES
ART SHOW**

**Theme: Growing Toward
Equality**



**March 8th, 2025
11am-4pm**

**Free
Admission and
Live Music!**



Sign Up ↑

More Information:

<https://hmhsfeminism.wixsite.com/mysite>



Leadership/ Membership Workshop

January 25, 2025 NJSFWC Headquarters 10:30am-12:00-pm

Registration: 10am

Learn how leadership and membership work together to strengthen your club and prepare for its future! All club leaders are welcome along with leaders-to-be!

Led by NJSFWC President Elect/Leadership Chairman Susan Chambers and Second Vice President/Membership Chairman Patricia Dahl

Light refreshments will be available.

Reserve your spot: chambers@njsfwc.org or 201-265-6282

