

Montgomery Woman's Club Newsletter



50 Years of Service to the Community

President's Message - Jane Lavoie

Hope your Halloween wasn't toooo scary 🐱 and you didn't eat toooo much candy! 🍬
Though it's a little early, I sincerely wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

It saddened me that many of you who had informed me you would be at the October meeting were unable to attend. You missed a very enjoyable and informative presentation by Caroline Katmann from the Sourland Conservancy.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, November 9 at The Otto Kaufman Community Center at 7 pm. (Please try to arrive at 6:45.) Our speaker will be Eric Nelson who will present "The Unknown Palisades: A Slideshow Through Time". Remember we are trying to begin a little earlier than usual so that refreshments can be enjoyed before the speaker or business meeting. (In October Susie and Blanche put refreshments on each table which greatly helped to eliminate strolling around - except for drinks. Great idea!)

When you enter for the meeting there will be a table set up for you to sign-in and get your name tag, pick up items for your yearbook or general information, read the letter from Kayla Dean - the young lady we sponsored for GCI, and greet each other.

In addition, there will be a notebook available (a page for each member) to list your volunteer hours. I must have these to send to Federation. The list of possibilities was in the Oct. Newsletter. Start today with your list - you can then copy it into the notebook or just sign it and leave it in your page. This is a must!

Our dinner with the young ladies at Crawford House on the 16th was very enjoyable. As usual, Susan did a great job getting it all together. NOW she will be soliciting items for the gift bags as well as refreshments for our Christmas party with the ladies.

I want to thank Susi Davis for agreeing to head up a committee to once again present our Tea. Filomena and I attended the Fall Conference on October 23 in Manalapan and a couple of the women at our table asked about the Tea and told us how much they enjoyed it the last time they attended. I also wish to thank Hazel Smith for agreeing to "get the ball rolling" and contact the High School with regard to GCI. Since we do not expect our school to send anyone, we will ask Federation to select a young lady for us to sponsor as we have in the past.

Fil and I brought back "official" jars from the Fall Conference which can be placed in businesses for donations to Prevent Child Abuse. They will also be on the table at the entrance to the meeting. (If you take one you must sign it out!)

Finally, our Christmas Party at my home on Sunset Road will also need refreshments. Let me know what you would like to bring. A "parking map" will be sent to you closer to the time of the party. Remember your "White Elephant" gift. This is always fun! Please don't spend over \$10.00 or \$12.00 if you purchase a new gift for the exchange.

Remember [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). After you select your charity and make your purchase they may ask if you want "free shipping". Say NO - sorry. If you say yes your order goes to Amazon Prime and we don't get credit!

Did you know - In 1900 NJSFWC initiated save the Palisades Cliffs on the Jersey side of the Hudson, North of the GW Bridge. In 1929 a Watch Tower on top of the Palisades Cliffs was dedicated to "those determined women".

Call to Meeting - Filomena Localio

Hello, Everyone:

Can we believe it: It's November and we're still having wonderful warm days! We'll enjoy as long as it lasts.

Our November meeting date has been changed to November 9, 2017, the 2nd Thursday in November at 7:00. Please adjust your calendars for this change of date. Our meeting place is at the Otto Kaufman Community Center in the section in the Montgomery Senior Center (the entrance is on the right side as you face the building). Our program is The Unknown Palisades: A Slideshow through Time. Presenter is Eric Nelsen, NJ Palisades Organization. Please invite a friend to our meeting.

Our hostesses are Dorothy Siegelman and Marie Lussier.

A note to all Hostesses: Please arrange a set-up time for 6:45 so that we can enjoy refreshments prior to start of meeting. Also, if you cannot serve, please make arrangements with another member to take your place. If a substitute cannot be found timely, please contact me. We will always have refreshments. See you at our meeting.

Membership - Beth Desai & Ella Furlong

We encourage each of you to bring a friend to this month's meeting! Let's continue to work and grow our membership and spread the news of the great work we do!

Over the next several weeks, some of our members will be working on follow up calls to prospective members. If you have anyone who would like a call or visit, please let Beth or Ella know.

Sunshine

The flower for November is the Chrysanthemum signifying cheerfulness. We have three cheerful Chrysanthemums celebrating birthdays this month. We wish a very Happy Birthday to Hazel Smith 11/6, Sandra Richter 11/13 and Cathy Carr 11/16.

If I have missed someone's birthday or any other important event please let me know – illness, sympathy, birth, congratulations or any good or sad news. I will send a card or note from the club. A card will be sent to anyone who needs a little cheering up. I can be reached at 908-359-6881 or caheuschkel@att.net.

We encourage each member to bring a guest with them to our first meeting on September 13th! What a great way to spread the word and for the guests to meet us and hear about all the exciting activities we have planned for the year.

Crawford House - Susan Falotico

Our fall dinner went very well and the Crawford House women really enjoyed the meatloaves and many side dishes. In addition to the wonderful food we had a lovely visit with the residents. This event was possible thanks to your interest and generosity.

Our next meal will be the holiday party in December with the date to be decided. The craft of friendship bracelets took place last week and the November's craft will be planned for next month. The Crawford House Book Club takes place on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm. The book that they are currently reading is "The Five People You Meet In Heaven". Please let me know if you are interested in attending any of the Crawford House activities. Contact me at (908)407-2664 (cell) or susanfalotico@yahoo.com.

Food Pantry – Candy Willis

At the October meeting, we decided to provide both Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for families less fortunate who use the Montgomery Food Pantry. We will pass the hat at the November meeting to finance the food purchase since this is not a line item in our budget. I will do the shopping (from a prepared list.) Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Book Club Meeting - Dorothy Siegelman

All members are welcome to join us for any and all meetings - whether you have read the book or not. Contact Dorothy at 908-359-1352 for more information about the next book and meeting date.

Minutes October 12, 2017 Meeting Held at Otto Kaufmann Community Center

Secretary's Report submitted by Jane in the absence of Beverly. Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. giving people time to greet each other, sign in, take info. from the table, etc.

The Collect was led by Cathy Heuschkel

Filomena introduced our guest speaker, Carolina Katmann from the Sourlands Conservancy. Following her excellent presentation and the answering of questions, the business meeting was called to order.

In the absence of the Secretary no report was read. Her report was in the Newsletter but it was pointed out that the Newsletter was sent out "too long ago" for anyone to remember it.

In the absence of the Treasurer there was no financial report. Jane was in contact with Noel Drift again and was told that the Rodeo Funds will be distributed in November. "Happy Dollars" was explained and a container for them was shown.

There was no Membership Report due to the absence of the 2nd Vice -Presidents.

Special Interest Groups:

Crawford House - Susan reported that the next Craft day will be October 12th or 19th when they will make friendship bracelets. The meatloaf Dinner at Crawford House is scheduled for October 16th. There is a list of needed items in the last Newsletter. Susan needs to be contacted if you are planning to attend and what you will be bringing.

State Project - Candy reported that she is hoping to get everyone involved in making the hats. She stated that her goal is 100% participation. She will bring hats to meetings and ask each member to knit a row or two to reach this goal. Jane reported that she and Bette have made about 90 hats between them.

Food Pantry - Candy reported that tomato sauce and pasta have been requested. She will let us know what else is needed at our meetings.

Girls' Career Institute - Jane requested that someone coordinate this effort. Hazel said she will speak to the school authorities to find out if any of our girls can attend. If not, we will notify the State and they will select someone.

Literature - Dorothy reported that the new book for our group is "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance. The new book for the Crawford House group is "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom. Our group usually meets the third Thursday of the month at the Hillsborough Diner. The Crawford House group meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Ways and Means - Suzi Davis has volunteered to head up a committee to plan our having a Tea again this year. In addition, Jane is investigating a fund raiser at the Hillsborough Diner and we will "play" the tax game again.

Bridge - We are still looking for people to play and/or those who wish to learn the game.

We will continue collecting "tabs" from soda, beer, pet food, soup, or other cans. Fil has set up a drop off location at Mary Jacobs Library. There will be jars there for people to take if they wish to participate.

Jane asked that members take brochures about the Club to leave at places where they do business. We need to spread the word!

It was suggested that the gift exchange or the packing of the CH bags be eliminated from the evening of the Holiday Party to shorten the time. Following some discussion a vote was taken and all agreed that the business meeting should be eliminated from that evening.

The NJSFWC has requested Clubs send donations to them which they will in turn provide to victims of Hurricane Harvey

New Business:

Candy Willis asked if we would like to donate another basket of food for Thanksgiving Dinner this year or Christmas Dinner, or both. After a brief discussion all agreed that we should collect for a basket on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Candy will do the shopping. Please give whatever donation you can afford for these baskets. Obviously it will need to be more this year as we have committed to two baskets. So be as generous as you can, and give your donation to Marie - preferably in an envelope marked for the Food Baskets and she will give Candy a check.

Remember: Every member is expected to participate in an "Interest Group."

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane A. Lavoie for Beverly Poelstra