# News & Notes

#### WOMEN'S CLUB OF FARMINGDALE

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Dedicated to: Education, Philanthropic Endeavors, Civic Pride and Social Enrichment February 2019

You never know how truly busy you are until you stop to realize just what you have done. In November we asked our membership to share with us the many hours they spend volunteering. The response was amazing and the hours even more amazing.

I am going to share with you some of the many activities that you do. In addition to the many hours that are spent doing for the Women's Club, we volunteer at hospitals, soup kitchens, run senior programs, chair neighborhood civic associations, belong to rotary (breakfast and/or lunch), the Lions club, Kiwanis, volunteer at our churches, adult day care, donate time to veterans (sewing labels, delivering items donated), village beautification, and many other countless activities that just are



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amazing. Thank you for all you do! Volunteers make the world go round and we certainly help with that.

I would like to thank our luncheon committee for January. Lunch was delicious and enjoyed by all. Thank you to Rosemary Emigholz, chairperson, and her committee of Lynne Cahill, Anna levolo, Lois Carbo, Anna Prisco, Denise Murphy, Tina Diamond and Cheryl Parisi.

Our January program was very enlightening. A very informative discussion on the opioid crisis was held with the Assistant Deputy of the police department. We had many questions and he had answers.

If you have an idea for an activity, please get in touch with Loda Romanelli. Keep in mind that any trip would require a significant number of ladies to participate so that the costs are not outrageous. Loda is open to all suggestions and she will work with Hampton Jitney to see what can be arranged.

Scholarship applications are due soon. If you have someone that you would like to submit an application for, please get in touch with Tina Diamond. There are many contests and awards that happen within GFWC-NYS. The dollar amounts are significant and can be used to help offset some of the costs of college. Talk with your families and see if someone may benefit from an award.

Our Civics and Legislation Committee met in an Ad-Hoc Committee and formulated a letter that has been sent to all of you with regard to the legalization of recreational marijuana. Our letter opposing this has been addressed to Governor Cuomo. If you are on email you have all received this letter along with the snail mail addresses of the NYS senators and assemblymen that represent our area. You also received instructions as to how to send via email to the governor. We asked those of you who wished to send the letter to please send both a hard copy and email if possible. Thank you to all who undertook the initiative to mail this. Thank you to Fran Rotondo, Dolores Cianciabella, Loda Romanelli, Anna levolo, Rosemary Emigholz, Ann Lomonte, Cathy Sewell, Tina Diamond and myself for meeting and forumulating the letter.

Our International Project for the foreseeable future will be the Sisters of St. Clare in Italy. At the Executive Board meeting it was suggested that we support this organization for the year.

As I have said on many occasions, thank you for all your support in all we do. Volunteers are the backbone of every organization.

See you on Thursday, February 7th at Allen Park.

Cheryl and Lorraine

# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Feb. 3 Chinese New Year Celebration Fundraiser Lotus Garden 1:00 pm
- Feb. 7 General Meeting Allen Park Noon
- Feb. 8 Book Club Farmingdale Diner Noon
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 18 President's Day
- Feb. 21 Executive Board Meeting Village Hall 10:00 am
- Mar. 15 Adult Day Care Methodist Church 10:30 am St. Patrick's Day Singing

# **ADOPT A BATTALION**



Barbara Hoerner and Ingrid Hernandez dropped off the many donations from our club. We will continue to collect items for our Veterans. Please be aware that these packages are mailed, and as such, items need to be purchased in the small sizes so that the packages are not heavy and can include many items.

Each week a team of volunteers gather in Massapequa Park, NY to sort and arrange care packages for U.S. military members serving overseas. They meet on Saturday morning and can use many helping hands. We will be helping out in the Spring. Watch for date and time.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

We want to welcome our newest member, Linda Kreussling. Her address is 147 Raspberry Court, Melville, New York 11747. Her email address is linda56@optonline.net. Telephone number is (631) 361-6770. Cell number (516) 639-5526.

Hilda Carman has requested to change her status from day member to associate member. We hope that she will still attend our meetings and luncheons.

Dorothy Mensing has resigned from being an associate member. She lives in Florida and is legally blind. We want to thank her for her support through the years and wish her all the best.

We have two more possible new members, Maria Rousianos and Margaret Barrett. Sponsors, please send me your sponsorship letters for these ladies and for Judith Vazquez, Angelina Dunlop and Barbara Magnan.

If you still have not paid your dues, please send your checks to me, Ingrid Hernandez, 105 East Drive, Massapequa, New York, 11758. Thank you.

# **BOOK FAIRIES**

If you wish to donate books or to volunteer to sort books this organization may interest you. They accept donations of new and used books and are located at 70 North Main Street in Freenort

Contact Rebecca Lakhani at Rebecca@TheBookFairies.org. They collect books on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the back entrance.

The Book Fairies does more than just impact their local community; they are also dedicated to supporting literacy programs in underdeveloped nations around the world.

# **AMBASSADOR LUNCHEON**

Our next Ambassador Luncheon will be to help the Sisters of St. Claire in Italy. It will be held at the Nutty Irishman on March 21st at 12:30. The cost is \$20.00. A check to Women's Club of Farmingdale will be collected by Ann Lomonte at our February and March meetings or you can let her know you will be attending and pay on the day of. At our first Ambasssador luncheon for the sisters, we raised \$395. Thank you!

# **WAYS AND MEANS**



### Chinese New Year

Sunday, February 3, 2019 1:00 pm - \$45.00 per person Includes Dragon Show

The Lotus Garden Restaurant 345 Conklin Street Farmingdale, NY 11735

Lois Carbo and Rosemary Emigholz are collecting checks. Please make them out to Women's Club of Farmingdale.

There is still time to make a reservation!

Call Lois or Rosemary

# **LUNCHEON COMMITTEE**

Reminder to monthly lunch chairwomen: Please charge the microphone when you arrive at Allen Park in the morning of our lunch meeting. Also, the secretary in the office has suggested that you call the office the day before the meeting to remind them that we're meeting the next day, and to have a worker available to help move tables, etc. if needed. Their number is 516-755-1842. They have a copy of the sketch of the table arrangements in the office. It's probably still a good idea to bring your copy with you. Thank you.

Judy Vilas, Luncheon Chairperson

# **FAMILY CHRISTMAS'**









## HOMELESS CLOTHING DRIVE

Thank you to all of you who contributed to the 2nd

Annual Homeless Clothing Drive hosted by Weichert Realtors at 847 Fulton Street, Farmingdale. It was a wonderful response from our members. Shown here are Rosemary Emigholz and Anna levolo. In addition to clothing, they also accepted slightly used or new pots and pans. We had one member donate pots and pans. Thank you also to the Juniors who participated with us.





106th
Birthday Luncheon
La Villetta Restaurant
968 Fulton Street,
Farmingdale
Thursday, April 4th
Noon to 3:00 pm

\$38.00 per person

Checks will be collected by Maria Ortolani or Ann Lomonte at the February or March meetings or can be mailed to: 273 N. Atlanta Avenue, N. Massapequa, NY 11758

# **ADULT DAY CARE**

On Friday, March 15th, we will once again gather at the Methodist Church to sing. The clients enjoy the songs and many of them sing along. We will meet at 10:30 am to go over the songs and then sing at 11:00 am. They have invited us for an Irish lunch! Please mark your calendars and I hope to see many of you there. It is always fun as we join with members from St. Kilians.

# **RESOLUTIONS**

If you haven't been following the news, there was an article in Newsday in December. The article went on to say that the Federal government has officially moved to ban bump stocks, which allows semi-automatic weapons to fire rapidly. They will be illegal to possess as of late March. The devices will be banned under a law that prohibits the use of machine guns.

#### The Women's Club of Farmingdale Executive Board



Rosemary Emigholz, Lois Carbo ....... Co-2nd Vice Presidents Ann Lomonte......Auditor Gail McGuirk ......Recording Secretary Tina Diamond ......Imm. Past President



#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 21 - 10:00 AM**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



The GFWC-NY president has chosen child abuse to focus on and raise awareness of. To that end, we have purchased 480 blue pinwheels. We will be selling these pinwheels during the course of the year for \$5.00. We will have ribbons that will say: "In Honor of", "In Memory of", "In Thanksgiving for" if you so choose. In April, we will display all 480 pinwheels in the fountain on Village Green with a banner denoting April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. At the end of the month you may have your pinwheel(s) to display at your home. Thank you in advance for supporting this very worthwhile organization.



# **BOOK CLUB**

Our next meeting will be on Friday, February 8th. We will be reading the book The Great Alone available at the library at the reference desk. We will meet at noon at the Farmingdale Diner.



## **EYEGLASSES**



Ladies, please remember to recycle your old eyeglasses. They will be donated to the Lions Club for recycling worldwide. Collections will be made at all in-house meetings. Thank you, Maria

