# News & Notes

#### WOMEN'S CLUB OF FARMINGDALE

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

The calendar says Spring has arrived - I'm not sure that's true. It still seems to be cold and wet. However, the trees and flowers have started to bloom and there does seem to be an awakening!

it is wonderful to see how we keep growing as an organization. We have six new members this year and we have one more perspective member that Lorraine and I will be sponsoring. We had another inquiry from our website which I have forwarded to Ingrid Hernandez. Let's continue this good work and see if we can seek



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out and find new members. You never know who might want to join but doesn't know how to start the process!

Our 106th birthday luncheon was wonderful! We have six new members this year and they were officially welcomed into the club. Thank you to Maria Ortolani and Ann Lomonte for an excellent afternoon. Thank you also to Ingrid Hernandez and Dolores Cianciabella for the Membership Installation.

As we celebrate all mothers on Mother's Day, please remember to bring your Madonna Heights "Mothers in Crisis" items to our May meeting (Mother's Day is May 12th). Please bring your gift items, such as hair products, makeup and makeup bags, assorted toiletries, note pads, stationery and anything you feel a mother can use. Along with these items, we are also collecting gently used or new handbags. All are welcome to join your co-presidents when the items are delivered (date to be determined).

In keeping with our Pinwheel project, we will also be collecting sweatpants, sweatshirts, socks and underwear for women and girls. These can be brought to our May luncheon. If you are unable to bring these items to our May luncheon, you may drop them at Val Thieke's home and leave them on her porch. We will deliver the clothing and a check to Safe Center of Bethpage in June (date and time to be determined).

It is time for all Board members and committee chairpersons to submit their reports at the May general meeting. Please include as much detail as possible as this will be invaluable to your co-presidents in detailing our club's accomplishments when writing the NYS reports next year. A copy of your report should be given to your Co-President's, Recording Secretary and a copy for your chairman's Book. You maySt.hold on to your chairman's book as long as you bring your report. There will be sign ups for next years luncheons. All other committees remain the same unless someone would like a change. Please speak with Lorraine or I and we will see what can be done.

Ladies, please remember to keep track of all you do as volunteers. The hours truly add up and are another important aspect of the reporting that is done at the end of the year.

Cheryl and Lorraine



St. Patrick's Day - Adult Day Care Methodist Church

#### **ADULT DAY CARE**

The Faarmingdale Adult Day Care Program will be holding a Plant Sale on Friday, May 10th, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please make the time to help support them as they support our fundraising efforts. There will also be baskets raffled off. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see many of you there.

If you enjoy singing, or even if you don't, we will be singing there on Monday, May 13th. We gather at 10:30 to go over the songs and then sing at 11:00. Refreshments are always provided and the clients enjoy the music.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 2 General Meeting - Allen Park - Noon

May 3-5 GFWC-NY Convention

May 16 Executive Board Meeting - Village Hall - 10:00 am

May 22 Ambassador Luncheon - Nutty Irishman - 12:30 pm

#### **WELFARE**

We are collecting handbags (new or gently used) for our visit to Madonna Heights in May. Along with these handbags we will be collecting toiletries, nail products, makeup and other small items that will fit in the handbag. These will be delivered to Madonna Heights before Mother's day.

As in the past we continue to collect paper products for St. Kilian's Outreach. This would include napkins, toilet paper, and paper towels. These are items that are often not thought of by others donating.

#### **BOOK CLUB**

Our next meeting will be on Friday, April 26th at noon. We meet at the Farmingdale Diner. All invited. The book for this month is Blind Spot by Reed Farrel Coleman. Lookin forward to seeing everyone.





The Women's Club of Farmingdale

#### PICNIC ON THE PATIO

Turning Point Restaurant Motor Ave (across from Allen Park)

Thursday, June 6, 2019
Noon
Picnic Buffet Lunch
\$38 pp
(Cash Bar Only)

Make checks payable to The Women's Club of Farmingdale

June Luncheon Committee: Tina Diamond & Maryann Seales



## **A Witty Look At Aging**

by Loda Romanelli

I ask the question, how did this happen so fast, old age creeping up on me? Just a few years ago I was out on a golf course with my golfing friends, swinging the golf club, no aches or pains and lots of laughs. Now my old golf club acts as a very helpful cane to ease my pain.

As I aga, I have become so observant of the elderly and their basic needs. Times have truly changed. Remember when you pulled into the banks drive-up window and the teller cashed your check. No more! Now you must go in the bank, show your license, check your picture, and then they may cash you check, even though the check has the banks name printed on it. Keep in mind, the bank has my money and a couple of accounts for security.

How about having difficulty walking? You must post your letters, now I get out of my car and walk to the mail box (no parking near the post office). In these times with all the technological and bright people is there someone who can figure out, how we can turn the postal box around so we could post mail from our car. (Try Riverhead, New York post office or the Farmingdale Library) they must have the answer.

Let's get to my kitchen. Having carpal tunnel, no feeling in my fingers, simple things like opening a jar of pickles or a bottle of juice is frustrating. No husband to say, "Honey, could you open this please?"

How about opening a can of coffee. I can't pull the silver lid off that is under the cap. Now the laundry must be washed. Try unscrewing the cap from Tide.

The straw that finally broke the camel's back was the day I decided to clean the bathrooms. I took out my bottle of Lysol and no way could I open it. I twisted and turned to no avail. The top of the cap was shaped like a bird's beak. I tried one more time and gave up. I called the phone number on the back of the bottle of Lysol thinking maybe the operator could help me. The operator told me to follow the instructions on the back of Lysol, which I had done. After much discussion, she insisted on sending me coupons. Now you tell me what good are the coupons if I can't open the Lysol bottle I already have?

As most of us know, men have tool boxes filled with screw drivers, nails, hammers, a wrench, etc. I now have a kitchen draw with a wrench to open the Tide bottle, a nut cracker to open the Lysol, scissor to open plastic wrappings that say, pull the tab (good luck). The old beer can opener to let the air out of pickle or jam jars, a small sharp knife to cut around the paper lids that cover coffee cans, jelly jars, mustard and ketchup as well. Just rmember no feeling in my fingers.

Most of my life I have been quite capable, now because I am aging I sometimes must ask for help. As someone once said, "Old Age is not for Sissies".

#### **CRAFTS**

The Crafts Committee is working on several projects. Two projects, pictured here, will be sold at the Cultural Arts Day in September.

While the name of the committee is Crafts, it is not all about Crafts. We continue to make lap robes, blankets, small baby caps and other items for our veterans and homeless shelters. You do not need to attend a committee meeting to participate in any of these projects. You may sew, crochet, knit, etc. at home and bring your finished creation to a general meeting or executive board meeting.

Thank you for all you do for the less fortunate in our community.



### **NEW MEMBERS**

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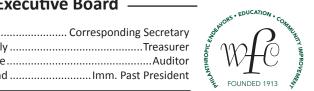
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#### The Women's Club of Farmingdale Executive Board



Cheryl Parisi, Lorraine Stanton	Co-Presidents	Ann Ciuffo
Catherine Sewell	1st Vice President	Lynn Connoll
Rosemary Emigholz, Lois Carbo	Co-2nd Vice Presidents	Ann Lomonte
Gail McGuirk	Recording Secretary	Tina Diamon



#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - MAY 16 - 10:00 AM**

## **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

### **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

