



# Thursday Morning Club

Founded 1896

Founder, Owner, Operator of the Madison Community House

"ich Dien" - "I Serve"

General Federation of Women's Clubs



## From the President...

At our November 5 General Meeting, we had a great start to the month with a most interesting presentation by Kevin Woyce about the history of the Palisades.

And then.... there was our **34th Bazar de Noel** on November 13 and 14 --

The Community House was bustling with activity and decorated beautifully, with holiday music playing outside as people entered and in the gym as people shopped. And people did shop...our members and over 300 non-members were there searching for that perfect or unusual gift (or that special something for themselves).

In addition to Bazar traditions (La Patisserie, Members Treasures, delicious catered lunch, 20 vendors all in the gym this year), we had new features: centralized payment process using credit cards for the first time; restaurant/gift raffle with items of greater value; pet table, table of members' lovely handmade items, and toys from Tons of Toys which we could return if unsold.

### Many Thanks to:

- Susan Packie and Jeannie Kosakowski, Bazar co-chairs, for all of their efforts in the months leading up to the Bazar and for working tirelessly during the Bazar
- Janet Allocco, for managing all the physical arrangements before, during and after the Bazar and preparing the vendors' lunches
- Carol Hartel and Suzanne Caccavale (who worked late each evening), assisted by Betty Dangler and the team working in the Social Room, for handling the new payment process and vendor payments
- Bernie Grohol and Carolyn Stiner and the Catering Group for 158 delicious lunches

And other members of the Bazar committee: Peggy Oakes and Rosemary Dinnhaupt, volunteer scheduling; Margaret Weisgerber, Decorations; Claire Burling & Sue Hess, Admissions; Sylvia Luber, Publicity; Arlene Odell, Signs; Judi Spoko, Members Treasures; Doris Costello and Diana Krug, La Patisserie; Mary Jane Burns and Roe Marchese, Gift Raffle; Denise Bone, Brochures and Flyers; Eileen Ryan, 50/50 Raffle; Olga Soriano, Linens.

And **thanks to so many more who made the Bazar a success** -- a success not only because we made money for the MCH but also the involvement of so many members brings us together as a Club and the Bazar raises awareness of the TMC and the MCH in the community.

And next...Coming in **December**:

Create a lovely holiday centerpiece at the **Holiday Greens Workshop 1 PM, 12/2**.

Enjoy music, tea sandwiches and cookies at the **Holiday Tea 12:30 PM, 12/3**.

Wish members happy holidays at the **Holiday Sherry 4-7 PM, 12/10 at Arlene Odell's home**.

In addition, members will be shopping for seniors for the Madison Eagle Christmas Fund (really in need of volunteers).

Coming in **January: Scholarship Social and Lunch 11 AM, Jan 21**.

**Wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season!**



Karen Jeisi



New Jersey State Federated Women's Clubs [WWW.NJSFWC.ORG](http://WWW.NJSFWC.ORG)

## \*\*\* Federation Focus \*\*\*



We are now into the last month of 2015 and have only four months left to concentrate on the current state project, NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness). As you know the primary focus has been on educating the public. The thrust is to remove the stigma of mental illness, a stigma placed by those who do not understand what mental illness is. As a club, we have raised money for this program through the sale of chocolate bars. We have also collected contributions to provide 14 filled backpacks to those people being discharged from treatment programs who do not have a home ready to welcome them. We are currently investigating ways that we can publicize this cause on a local level.

Mary Gilbert, the Executive Director of NAMI, noted that the organization “was thrilled that Congress has taken the first step in moving forward comprehensive, bipartisan mental health legislation. The extensive discussion and action on a bill, focused on the needs of our members and others who are affected by mental illness, represented a historic moment.” The bill includes the following provisions:

1. Strengthening funding for certain types of research on serious mental illness at the National Institute of Mental Health;
2. Achieving a proper balance between protecting the privacy of sensitive health and mental health information while affording families access to information necessary to serve as effective support ;
3. Scaling back restrictions on Federal Medicaid reimbursement for short term, acute inpatient psychiatric treatment for adults between the ages of 22 and 64.

This is a beginning on the national level and I will keep you apprised of any opportunity we may have to contact our legislators.

Please visit the New Jersey State Federated Women's Clubs website to follow the NAMI progress along with learning more about our State Federation.

1. Log on to [www.njsfwc.org](http://www.njsfwc.org)
2. Select “create account” at top right corner next to “log in”
3. Next page, enter your name, email, Highlands District and the CASE sensitive USER CODE- WnufMXEtRW2m9ut
4. Enter a user name and password unique to you
5. Hit “save changes” and have fun learning why TMC is part of Federation.



~Carol J. Schessler  
1<sup>st</sup> VP  
973-822-2202

# Back by Popular Demand!

The Arts Committee invites you to attend a Winter Workshop  
**Thurs., January 14, 2016 – Fleece Blanket**

1 pm to 3:30 pm – Madison Community House

Snow date: the next day, Friday

Conducted by Susan Packie

**Cost - \$20**

For information e-mail [susan.packie@gmail.com](mailto:susan.packie@gmail.com) or call (973) 966-6815.

**Susan Packie will conduct another “Fleece Blanket Workshop” on Thursday, Jan 14, 2016. If you missed the opportunity last year, you now have another chance. The cost of \$20 includes two layers of fleece.**

This workshop will teach you how to cut, tie and complete a cozy fleece blanket without any sewing. Susan will show you several finishing options if you want to make more than one blanket. The fleece in two layers will be provided along with a cardboard corner template. You will leave with a complete set of (easy) directions so that you can make one at home. **Materials to bring include a good pair of scissors, yardstick or tape measure, a sharpie marker and lots of enthusiasm.** Those who attended last year made some lovely blankets to give as gifts, especially to grandchildren.



Go to [tmcch.org](http://tmcch.org) to see more photos of members with their finished blankets of various designs, patterns and colors.

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Checks can be made payable to “Thursday Morning Club” with Winter Workshop in the lower left corner. Mail to: TMC, Madison Community House, P. O. Box 345, Madison, N.J. 07940. Or, drop off at Community House Office in Suzanne’s basket.

***Your completed form and check will be your registration for this workshop.***

Name \_\_\_\_\_; Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_;

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ **Fleece blanket workshops x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline: Jan. 8**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

## **LUNCH TO FOLLOW GENERAL MEETING, JANUARY 7TH**

### **Beat the Post Holiday Let Down**

Join us for a delicious lunch prepared by our Catering Committee to immediately follow the General Meeting on Thursday January 7, 2016. The cost will be \$15 and will be payable at the door. If you plan on attending, please contact Sharon Silver at [Sharons043@gmail.com](mailto:Sharons043@gmail.com) or at 973-714-8367 to make a reservation. Your pre-reservation greatly helps to let us know how much food to prepare. Join us for a delicious kick-off to 2016!!!

~Bernie Grohol & Carolyn Stiner

### ***From Programs...***

#### **“GOTCHA!:: SNAPSHOTS THAT MADE HISTORY speaker Jim DelGiudice at our January 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting**

Just as the title implies, this lecture and slide presentation will impress you with his “look at some of the accidentally historic photographs that not only changed history, but have become the icons by which we remember great events”. Jim DelGiudice, a photojournalist and adjunct assistant professor at County College of Morris, has been taking photos for over 25 years and has received awards for his architectural photography, Historic Preservation awards and been recognized by both the county and state legislatures for his contribution to the arts. So join your fellow Club members at this 10am meeting for his intriguing look at these “iconic” photographs.

Immediately following the meeting our Catering Committee will be serving us with another of their delicious luncheons. Please SEE ABOVE for reservation details.

~Olga Soriano – Program Chairman

### ***From International Outreach...***



We are again supporting two charities to help African women and girls. One provides a safe hospital delivery ([ednahospital.org](http://ednahospital.org)) with a \$50.00 donation and the other provides a school uniform ([camfed.org](http://camfed.org)) with a \$40.00 donation. Thank you all for your support. The "outreach pail" will be available at the General Meetings for collection of your monetary donations.

~Ellie Diamond ~Sue Speer  
Co-chairs International Outreach

From Education...

# SCHOLARSHIP SOCIAL

**\*\*Lunch and Game Day\*\***



Soon the holidays will have come and gone...  
Kick-off January with a fun day of friends and games at the TMC Scholarship Social.

**GUESTS ARE WELCOME.. and Encouraged to Attend!**

**Date: Thursday, January 21, 2016**

**Time: 11:30am TO 3:30pm**

**Place: MCH**

**Cost: \$20.00 (Includes Lunch)**

**RSVP: January 14, 2016**



Get your "gamers" together and reserve tables to play Bridge, Bunco, Mahjongg, or anything else you might enjoy! Indulge in a delicious lunch with recipients of scholarships and awards sponsored by the Thursday Morning Club:



- GCI (Girls' Career Institute)
- Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Memorial Day Patriotic Essay
- Madison Junior School Awards

*Light lunch, dessert and beverages will be served. Open to guests. Please make your reservations by January 14, 2016. Any questions: Sharon Kapica 973-377-8228.*

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## Scholarship Social Reservations - RSVP by January 14th

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Table reserved: \_\_\_\_\_ Bridge \_\_\_\_\_ Bunco \_\_\_\_\_ Mahjongg \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Persons at table \_\_\_\_\_

Total Attendees (including member) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20/person =

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please make checks payable to TMC Scholarship Social.)

Mail to: Thursday Morning Club, PO Box 345, Madison, N.J. 07940  
Attn: Scholarship Social



## *From Membership...*

### **New Members:**

#### **Ms. Ann Johnson**

4 Redmond Dr.

Madison

973-845-2538

Email: [ann\\_h\\_johnson@yahoo.com](mailto:ann_h_johnson@yahoo.com)

Proposed by: Anne Meyer

Seconded by: Michal Holzman

#### **Mrs. Theresa Padula**

15 Schindler Ct.

Chatham 07928

862-812-2109

Email: [mickpads09@gmail.com](mailto:mickpads09@gmail.com)

Proposed by: Sue Speer

Seconded by: Ellie Diamond

#### **Mrs. Connie Breslin**

50 Davenport Place

Morristown

Home - 973-539-4028

Cell - 862-703-0659

Email: [Onnieb2o@aol.com](mailto:Onnieb2o@aol.com)

Proposed by: Suzanne Harttree

Seconded by: Pat Robinson

### **EMAIL CORRECTION:**

Josephine Allocca

[josephineallocca@gmail.com](mailto:josephineallocca@gmail.com)

### **Total Membership: 261**

### **Reminder...**

Members are always welcomed and encouraged to become a part of the mentor program for new TMC members. It's a way to help welcome the new members and share an easy transition into the Club with them. If you'd like to be a part of this unique experience, please contact Michal Holzman @201-602-0854.

~Michal Holzman

## **Circle of Friends**

Remember to call if you need a ride to the doctor's office, an errand to be run, or a home-made meal while you're convalescing or otherwise indisposed. There are 20 members eager to help so please don't hesitate to call us. While I'm down South from November to April, I personally won't be able to drive or cook, but between my computer and cell phone, I'll be able to coordinate with other members to satisfy your requests. Just call me at 973.223.5379 and let me know what you need and when. Meantime, here's to good health or the return to it!



~Mary McCann  
Coordinator

## *From The Arts...*

### **Back by Popular Demand!**

The **Arts Committee** invites you to attend a Fleece Blanket Workshop from 1 pm to 3:30 pm at MCH. *See flyer in this newsletter to sign up.*

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**Arts Performing Day - Highlands District** - mark your calendars for **10 am, Wednesday, March 9, 2016.** This year the Thursday Morning Club is honored to co-host this event with the Chatham Women's Club at the Madison Community House. Our talented TMC members will entertain you along with other women's clubs so come out and support them and enjoy the fun. Refreshments will be served before the meeting. ***If you or your group wish to perform on March 9, please contact me by mid February so you can appear on the schedule.***

If you plan to enter the **GFWC writing contest**, please contact me before the **deadline of Feb 1, 2016** to enter your Short Story, Poetry, Haiku, Essay, Book Review, Play/Skit. For more information, consult the club manual at [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org)

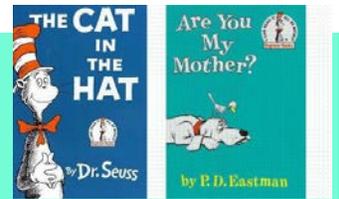
~Sylvia Luber  
Arts Committee Chair  
[sylvialuber@optonline.net](mailto:sylvialuber@optonline.net)

## ***From Home Life...***

***REACH OUT AND READ...a success!!!***

HOME LIFE THANKS YOU...

for supporting **Reach Out and Read**. To date almost 200 books have been collected and will soon be delivered to Zufall Health Center in Morristown. Please continue to donate new or nearly new books in the collection bin outside the Community House office. You truly make a difference in the lives of others. **Remember...** Home Life is collecting books for young children – chunky cardboard books for babies and picture books for preschool children. The donated books don't have to be new, but the books should be in good condition. A collection bin is located outside the Community House office – just drop the books off anytime or call me (973-377-4670) if you need the books picked up. This is an invaluable project. Thanks again.



Also, the SuPurlaKnits knitted 7 hats and 5 scarves for use by cancer patients, and they were delivered to the Carol Simon Cancer Center at Morristown Medical Center on November 9, 2015.



*~Susan Fleming, Home Life Chair*



## ***From Book Group...***

There is no book group meeting in December.

The book group will be meeting on Jan. 19 at 1 pm at the Community House. We will be discussing "Girl On The Train" by Paula Hawkins. The novel is filled with intrigue, and twists and turns at every chapter. Read the book... find out what really happens to the girl on the train. Or... is there a girl on the train? hhhmmm, See? The suspense has already begun!

Join us for an in-depth discussion of this fascinating novel. The book is on reserve at the Madison library and in local bookstores. Any questions, please contact Margaret at 973-644-2740.



*Margaret Closssey  
Book Group Coordinator*

## ***From Le Bazar de Noel...***



We would like to say thank you to our wonderful Le Bazar de Noel 2015 committee for a job well done! This was the 34th Le Bazar de Noel! The bazar is one of our largest fundraisers requiring many, many volunteer hours and we want to thank everyone who participated! A fundraiser of this magnitude could not happen without your help and support. We tried several new innovations for this bazar and while we don't yet have final numbers, overall, we were very satisfied with the results. Thank you all again! Our best wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy holiday season!

*~ Susan Packie and Jeannie Kosakowski  
Le Bazar de Noel Co-Chairs*



The Thursday Morning Club invites you to  
**Wise Wonderful Women**

lunch and lecture series

February 11, 2016

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

at Madison Community House 25 Cook Avenue, Madison

featuring

Lisa Rochelle

“Escaping the Cube: From Finance to Frosting”

Lisa Rochelle, owner of Sweet Grace Cake Designs, will chronicle her journey from Wall Street analyst to cake designing entrepreneur. Ms. Rochelle has been named, by Martha Stewart Weddings, as amongst the two top wedding cake pros in New Jersey and in the top 63 in the country. She has created cakes for many celebrity events and her cake designs have been featured in multiple bridal magazines and on-line blogs.

In 2009 Ms. Rochelle, utilizing the artistic eye she developed at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City, made the dramatic change from her 20 years as a Wall St. equity analyst into cake design. CNBC featured this, as Lisa calls it, “piece of cake” transition in the segment “Escaping the Cube: From Finance to Frosting”.

Lunch will be served during the lecture.

For information call the Madison Community House @ 973-377-0244. Your canceled check is your receipt; no tickets will be mailed. Reservations are nonrefundable. Deadline for reservations is

February 4, 2016

Speaker may change due to circumstances beyond our control.

Parking in Madison is limited; please carpool if possible.



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Reservations are \$35.00 per person; please make checks payable to TMC, Wise Wonderful Women.

Detach and mail to: Wise Wonderful Women, TMC, PO Box 345, Madison, NJ 07940

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

# of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the names of your guests (if known) on the back of this form.



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 Website: [www.TMCMCH.org](http://www.TMCMCH.org)

✂ quick reference guide:

## Straight Ahead...

<b>Mahjonn</b>	<b>Monday afternoons</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Community House</b>
<b>Supurlaknits"</b>	<b>2nd &amp; 4th Monday of the month</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>MCH Rose Wing</b>
<b>12/10/15</b>	<b>Holiday Sherry</b>	<b>4:00-7:00pm</b>	<b>Home of Arlene Odell</b>
<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!</b>			
<b>***Welcome to 2016***</b>			
<b>1/14/16</b>	<b>Arts "Winter Workshop" - Fleece Blankets</b>	<b>1:00-3:30pm</b>	<b>Community House</b>
<b>1/19/16</b>	<b>Book Group Meets</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Community House</b>
<b>1/21/16</b>	<b>Scholarship Social</b>	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Community House</b>
<b>2/11/16</b>	<b>Wise Wonderful Women</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Community House</b>
<b>3/9/16</b>	<b>Highlands District Arts Performing Day</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Community House</b>

For more information and copies of all flyers, visit the TMC Website: [TMCMCH.ORG](http://TMCMCH.ORG)



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