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Grow with Connecticut Junior Women in Friendship, Leadership and Service.

Thank you to Enfield Junior Woman's Club & Shoreline Community Women for hosting Fall Conference, special thanks to Diane Maxellon & Luann Clark for co-hosting this event. The next statewide meeting will be the President's Dinner on March 10, 2010 at Stillwood Inn in Wallingford. It's hard to believe that my term as Director is almost over, but it's just one more step toward my ultimate goal of being Immediate Past Director ☺.

During this special time of year I would like to thank each CJW member for giving unselfishly of their time to make this a better state, country & world to live in. As I visit clubs and hear about all the projects they are doing even at this busy time of year I am overwhelmed. Juniors' just keep on going & giving, Stafford & Windsor recently held Ladies Night & Shop till You Drop, Fairfield is preparing for their Santa House, Glastonbury is decorating wreaths & making apple crisp, Vernon is still working those UCONN Football games, South Windsor is collecting slightly used coats & stuffing stockings for SW Safe Home, West Haven is having a holiday auction, Woodbury is holding a craft fair, Wolcott is sponsoring the town's Holiday Tree Lighting & Toys for Tots & Teens Program, and a lot of clubs have filled stockings for CCC. God Bless all of you.

Please remember to email me a copy of your club's newsletter and let me know when your club is having a special event.

**May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,
The gladness of Christmas give you hope,
The warmth of Christmas grant you love.
~Author Unknown**

*Merry Christmas from the Bruneaus,
Bob, Teena, Jay & Ricky*

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Juniors Make a Difference

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It has come to my attention that the report writing section was never converted to .pdf for the webpage and that it was omitted from some of the blue book cds. The first part has been corrected and if you check back you'll find that it should/or will be uploaded to the webpage soon. Please check your cd and if you don't have the file you can either check the webpage at cjw.org or email me and I'll send it to you. Sorry for any confusion or inconvenience.

Treasurer:

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Happy Holidays! To all the Connecticut Juniors and families.

Dues for any NEW MEMBERS who joins your club between September 2009 and December 2010 are payable now. Please contact me for mailing address:

CJW NEW MEMBER DUES PAYMENT FORM DECEMBER 2010			
CLUB NAME _____			
JUNIOR MEMBERS ___ x \$6.00= _____			
JUNIORETTE MEMBERS ___ X \$3.00 = _____			
TOTAL # OF CLUB MEMBERS _____			

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Juniors are great leaders like shining stars guiding the way.

We would like to remind the CJW board of directors and all club members that we are currently organizing the nominating committee for the election of CJW board officers and seeking new department coordinators for the 2010-2012 term. Sheree Rinaldi, Immediate Past Director is the chair of the nominating committee and I will be acting as advisor. Accordingly with our CJW Bylaws Deb Puzia was selected by the CJW Executive Committee as the representative for the CJW Board of Directors. At Fall Conference club members representing each district were selected as follows:

- Wilbury: Pat Najarian
- Dogwood: Anna Henry
- SHORE: Diane Neri
- Charter Oak: Diane Maxellon
- Regal Monarchs: Sue Johnson

The nominating process:

1. Anyone wishing to be considered for a particular office on the CJW Board of Directors must submit a formal application (located on the Blue Book CD or the CJW website under Immediate Past Director section) to the Chairman of the CJW Nominating Committee no later than January 2nd of the election year.
2. To be considered for the position of Corresponding Secretary a candidate should have served at least one term on the CJW Board of Directors.
3. To be considered for the position of Recording Secretary, Treasurer or Assistant Director, a candidate should have served two terms on the CJW Board of Directors with at least one of those terms as a member of the Executive Committee.
4. To be considered for the position of Director, a candidate should have served three terms on the CJW Board of Directors with at least two of those terms as a member of the Executive Committee.

Anyone wishing to be a member of the board should complete the application and also contact Ronnie Hollis with your intentions. As one member of CJW stated – "...being a member on the CJW board is like belonging to another family." All job descriptions are explained in detail within the CJW Blue Book under the Bylaws and Standing Rules section. Please contact either Sheree or me for any additional information you need.

We wish you a happy and joyous holiday season.

In Junior Friendship,

Evelyn and Sheree

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Ars:

Here's hoping that everyone has a pleasant holiday. May you go forth and artify.

Holly

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Go Green – Use: Recycle: Repeat

WOW we are in to the thick of the holiday season. Where did this year go?? And to have so much mild weather in November is a real tease and will not make us happy to suddenly go to sub-zero snow and ice weather. Many of us heard during our growing up years that it is "not nice to fool Mother Nature" but she certainly likes to fool us!! But this also serves as a reminder that we must constantly be thinking of the environment and ways that we can help to cut down on the products and life styles that have already destroyed parts of the world and the atmosphere. I will continue this month's column with some more "Ah-Ha" new uses for common products.

Carpenters Belt -- original use --hold tools for your favorite carpenter

AHA! use -- the handy pockets are perfect for storing everything you need to clean your house. ie: an old toothbrush, a sponge, dust rags, furniture polish and the window cleaner.

Paper shredder -- original use -- shredding documents to protect identity

AHA! use -- shred tissue paper or wrapping paper to make attractive "fluff" for the inside of your

packages. Almost anything can be shredded to make festive strips for gift bags or boxes or to pad the breakable items.

Napkin Holder -- original purpose -- hold paper napkins

AHA! use -- organizing bills by order of their due dates and keeping them handy until paid.

Shoe polish -- removing scuffs from shoes

AHA! use -- filling in nicks and gouges on wooden chairs and tables. Apply a pea-size dot of wax shoe polish, use a soft cotton cloth to buff it in, as you would on shoes. You will have like new chair legs or table tops.

And last but not least--you are familiar with those plastic packages (called "clamshells") that are designed to prevent theft but actually deter literally everyone from getting inside the package. Here's an easy extraction tip to keep your fingers intact--open the package with a can opener. Use a rotary can opener. Make sure it is sharp. Flip the package over so you are looking at the back, clamp the can opener on the top right edge of the package then cut all the way around the package. And voila, you have your product!

Have very happy and healthy holidays and enjoy each and every moment you share with family and friends. Lynn

Current Affairs:

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I hope everyone had a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Speaking of safe, I have something I would like you to pass on to all the clubs. There is a web sit called www.LetsSayThanks.com and you can send a **THANK YOU** card to a soldier (you can't pick a soldier out). Xerox is doing this. You can choose a message that is already printed or you can write one yourself. There is another web site also called www.give2thetroops.com, which sends care packages along with the cards to the troops. Please look into to these web sites and send a card.

Please everyone have a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

In Junior Pride,

Bunny

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"Ancora Imparo" – I'm still learning

When my nieces and nephews were growing up, I promoted literacy by always including books with other gifts for special occasions. Now I am doing the same thing for the next generation. I recently spotted a book with this intriguing title: *1001 Children's Books You Must Read Before You Grow Up*. On the book cover it states that this reference book "is a fascinating glimpse into the fantasy, adventure, historical, and real-life stories that you loved when you were a child – and that your children will enjoy for years to come. Travel back in time, or to fantastic worlds where imagination reigns and dreams come true. From Narnia and Middle Earth to Hogwart's School and Wonderland, let this book be your passport to the best of children's literature.

This authoritative guide to the best writing for children and young adults is organized by age group, and it takes a global perspective and includes important books from around the world. Reviews of the books are written by children's books reviewers, authors, and teachers. Entries are accompanied by evocative line drawings and color artworks from the books themselves, together with reproductions of original jackets.

Enjoy the holidays!

Elizabeth

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I can't believe I did it again! When deleting one name from the CJW Club Presidents distribution list, I hit the wrong key and deleted the whole list!! And yes, this is my 2nd time making this mistake! My hand and eye coordination has gotten rusty ever since my employer deleted Solitaire off all company computers ☺

I've redone the distribution list but may have missed someone, so if you would please make your membership aware if anyone wants to be on the distribution list to contact me directly.

Only a few clubs are sending the below group newsletters – we truly want to receive them, so kindly ask your newsletter editor to include us on their distribution email.

May your holidays be joyous! Riva

Forward club newsletters to Director Teena Bruneau bruneauchrist@hotmail.com, Assistant Director Ronnie Hollis ronniehollis@hotmail.com, and your District Rep. And, to newsletter judges Evelyn Magera evelynfromjuniors@hotmail.com, Lynn Sellers msellers@snet.net, Nancy Carter nancy_carter@sbcglobal.net, and Riva Clark rclark@bkm.com.

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Holiday Greetings to Everyone!

With the holidays rushing upon us (Yes even with these warm temperatures) the cycle brings an end to 2009 and the positive hopes of the New Year. The economy is still in a state of flux and with it the need for more and more services for members of our communities. This year think of having another food drive, or a bake sale to support the local fuel bank. Recruit new members to help out with a food kitchen....our helping is endless. As a club we can make a difference. On a more fun note.....plans are being made for Juniorette Mother/Daughter banquet. This event will be formal "A Red Carpet Event". So, bring your bling and your fancy dress up clothes to see who will be walking the RED CARPET to accept their awards. Write those reports to let us know just what you have accomplished this year. Don't forget to add to your New Year's resolution....I resolve to invite the Juniorette Coordinator to an event or a meeting before the end of the year!!! Have a wonderful holiday season and many wishes for a warm loving New Year.

In Junior Spirit,
Debi Puzia

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Hello Everyone:

When planning your holiday parties, use paper guests towels in the bathroom; they are about \$1.99 @ The Christmas Tree Shops for 15 count. It will make germs be a little more confined. I have also put both soap and sanitizer gel on the counter of the bathroom. Just thought I'd share that with you. It takes just a little time to do some detailed things to make your event

successful and cozy. CJW is having their December Board Meeting @ The Manor Inn in Milldale, Ct. (Just down the mountain for me) and I know from past experience, we will have a great meal and time. Take Care & Be happy!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Patti Stankevicius

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I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday. I'm afraid I haven't had time for more than this during this busy season. I'm sure many of you can relate.

Cheers!

Heidi

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I hope that everyone has a nice Thanksgiving and enjoys family and friends.

Just a quick note to anyone who ordered a fleece and has not yet received it. I should have the next order back to me by December 1st. New ideas will be presented to the board and hopefully I will have new items for President's dinner or Spring Conference.

Thanks to all who responded to my survey.

Sue

Charter Oak District:

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Charter Oak District consists of: Barkhamsted, Ellington, Enfield, South Windsor, Stafford, Tolland, Tolland Juniorettes, Vernon, Vernon Juniorettes, and Windsor.

SWJWC

Many thanks again to everyone who helped make our 40/20 Anniversary Party and Silent Auction a big success. We had 72 people attend and we profited about \$2,300 from the silent auction- slightly less than we had hoped and budgeted for but it was a wonderful time and great party to reconnect with former members and showcase all the great things the club has done throughout the 40 years and what we continue to do for the community. In addition to the Silent Auction we designated 2 Pink Raffles to benefit our "Relay for Life" team in the Spring the 2 baskets were full of gift certificates for either The Foster Farm corn maze or Willowbrook Golf and other items. We profited over \$200 just for those, so great job. We will begin to plan for a Fundraiser – Scrap-a thon in late Feb/ or Mid March. A committee will be formed to look into places we can use for free or rent cheap. So if you have any connections at your church or other hall let Paulann or Laura know. We need room for approximately

50-60 people to scrapbook or create cards etc. We are also collecting any new or VERY gently used winter coats for children, any age. There is more need now than ever. This collection will continue past the holidays. Paulann Marianella reached out to St. Francis church and will be handing over hopefully many coats for the collection. Thank you all for your generous donation of your pocket change. We collected \$24.70 at the general meeting and we also received an additional \$23.36 from a lemonade stand that was run by the Leibowitz and Pulido children! The monies collected will be donated to the South Windsor Food & Fuel Bank. We have a few events to look forward to that will help get us in the Holiday Spirit in the months ahead. Save several dates on your calendars. I am planning for us to create and donate a wreath for the 36th annual **Festival of Trees**. Our theme is "40 and Fabulous." Keep and eye out for ornaments or other small decorations with stars, & moons and peace signs, etc. in blues, purple and silver. (Woodstock and Moonwalk are also 40 yr anniversaries) so we we'll tag onto those events with our 40th Anniversary and add some Jrs. symbols to the wreath. We will get together sometime in Nov. to assemble it. Plan to attend the Wadsworth to view all the trees and other holiday decorations on Sun. 12/13. Time TBD.

WJWC

In the last newsletter, we introduced the 'buddy' program. With so many new members coming into the club, we need to assure all new members are paired with a buddy. Therefore, we will randomly assign new members to all existing members. Hello Members! Our meetings continue to be a success with visitors checking us out and eventually becoming new members! We were happy to welcome three visitors at our October 20th meeting, two of which have decided to join us; **Niki DeRosie and Carrie Pasaro**. We hope our third visitor, **Sue Levin**, can eventually join us as well! Thank you to all of our members who have been passing along the word and bringing along their friends, neighbors and co-workers to our meetings! The Shop 'til you Drop event will be the perfect place for people to learn more about our club and all of the wonderful things we do, so pass the word. It's a win, win for everyone!

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Regal Monarchs District consists of: Berlin, Cromwell, Farmington, Hebron, Hebron Juniores, Glastonbury, Marlborough, Simsbury, West Hartford, and Wethersfield.

Wildbury District:

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Wildbury District consists of: Beacon Falls, Bethlehem, Bristol, Cheshire, Litchfield Hills, Middlebury, Oxford, Southbury, Southbury Juniores, Southington, Watertown, Wolcott, Wolcott Juniores, Woodbury, and Woodbury Juniores.

Happy Holidays from all the clubs in the Wildbury District.

Congratulations to Litchfield on there two big events and meeting their budget early in the year. It sure makes club life easier. December 5th in Middlebury is a Pancake Breakfast on the green, Shepardson Hall.

Southington is now listed in volunteer.com

Watertown is holding a lunch with Santa 11-2 at the John Trumbull School

Wolcott-is lighting the tree 11/30 and having social time on 12/2

Woodbury-12/5 Crafts Fair at Woodbury's Middle School

And who says clubs are quiet in the winter months?

Happy Holiday,
Gloria Clair

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S.H.O.R.E. District consists of: Durham, East Hampton, Haddam, Lyme/Old Lyme, Middlefield, Portland, Shoreline, Wallingford, and Wallingford Juniores.

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Happy Holidays to All!