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## Connecticut Junior Women, Inc.

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

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### **Director:**

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

On March 10, 2010 we will meet at Stillwood Inn in Wallingford to honor all the CJW club presidents. This call was emailed in early January and the deadline is 2/28/2010 so please make sure to register on time. At this meeting each club (Junior & Juniorette) is required to submit a President's report (whether or not you submit other reports). This to protect your club and you as an individual regarding tax exempt status with the I.R.S., Department of Consumer Protection, and our liability insurance. I know this is a very detailed report, but the information is vital. We are required to file information annually, and it takes a while to compile a report that includes all our clubs. This information is also used in the Annual Report given by the CJW Director at Spring Conference.

Presidents - you'll need to work closely with your club Treasurer to get all the information that's needed. Copies of the President's Report & Participation form are available on the CJW website – [www.cjw.org](http://www.cjw.org) – go to Member's section – Blue Book 2009 – By Department PDF – Report Writing Section. Both of these forms are due no later than March 10<sup>th</sup> and can be handed in at the meeting or emailed to me at [bruneauchris@hotmail.com](mailto:bruneauchris@hotmail.com) or snail mailed to my home. Please look over the requirements and forms now so that you'll be able to complete these on time! If you have questions on report writing during this last minute mad scramble to get reports done, please contact CJW Report Writing Chair, Kathy Znosko, at [Kathy.znosko@scouting.org](mailto:Kathy.znosko@scouting.org).

Spring Conference will be held April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Clarion Hotel in Bristol, all clubs should receive the call via email by 2/5, if your club does not receive the call please contact CJW Corresponding Secretary, Lois Wack at [loisannwack@yahoo.com](mailto:loisannwack@yahoo.com).

Please remember to email or snail me a copy of your club's newsletter and let me know when you have a special event coming up.

**Director's Challenge:** For each club to do at least one project for Breast Cancer Awareness or Research.

*The only rose without thorns is friendship. Madeleine De Scudery*

### **Assistant Director:**

Ronnie Hollis [ronniehollis@hotmail.com](mailto:ronniehollis@hotmail.com)

*Juniors Make a Difference*

Hi all,

Remember, if you have anything that you or your club would like included in Teena's press book please get it to me by April 1st. Anything after that may not be in the book when it's presented too her at Spring Conference.

Please don't forget that CJW officers and chairmen are your best source of information if you have any questions. I'm sitting here writing this article and laughing, because there was a club that used to give a special award to a member that was the most helpful (supportive). Now you can laugh if you want because like I said I am laughing as I am writing this and the award was the "Playtex Award". That goes without saying when you think about support, who does not think about Playtex.

As always in Junior Spirit,  
Ronnie

### **Immediate Past Director:**

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Ann Whitman [annwhitman@snet.net](mailto:annwhitman@snet.net)

*Happy Valentine's Day*

If you wish to include donations to CJW scholarships or State Project on this year's President's report checks must be dated before February 28, 2010.

Please forward all checks **made payable to CJW** email me for the address where to mail.

### **Recording Secretary:**

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### **Parliamentarian/Leadership:**

Evelyn Magera [evelynfromjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:evelynfromjuniors@hotmail.com)

*Juniors are great leaders like shining stars guiding the way.*

We received applications from members who wish to be nominated as an officer for the upcoming 2010-2012 term. The proposed slate of officers are: Ronnie Hollis, Director; Kathy Znosko, Assistant Director; Lois Wack, Recording Secretary; and Sue Spencer, Treasurer. We will announce the names for the proposed slate according to our bylaws.

Unfortunately, we have not received any applications for the corresponding secretary position as of this writing. Each position is important and so vital for the organization to run effectively. CJW has always strived to fulfill a full slate of officers. Therefore, we will open the nominations to the floor at the March Board meeting and in addition, will make an appeal for a corresponding secretary. A copy of the board of director's application is seen below. Anyone interested in the corresponding secretary position does not need to wait until the March meeting and may send a completed application to Sheree and me as soon as possible.

*Bylaw Article 11, Section B:*

- 7. Eligibility for each office shall require membership in good standing in a CJW club. Candidates for the office of Director shall have served at least one full term in another CJW officer position. Candidates for other officer positions shall have served in at least one full term as a member of the CJW Board of Directors.*
- 8. Nominations, other than those put forth by the Nominating Committee, will be taken from the floor at the March Executive Board meeting, after which, nominations shall be closed. Anyone who meets the eligibility requirements of an office may be nominated from the floor. If she did not self-nominate thru the*

*nominating process, she must submit a completed self-nomination form (as found in the Blue Book) to the Nominating Chairman prior to accepting the nomination.*

Many thanks to Deb Puzia, Pat Najarian, Anna Henry, Diane Neri, Diane Maxellon, and Sue Johnson for volunteering to be on the nominating committee and assist us with this election process.

Please contact either Sheree or me for any additional information you need.

In Junior Spirit and Friendship,  
Evelyn and Sheree

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPLICATION FORM**

This form will be used for applications for positions on the CJW Board of Directors. This includes all officers, chairs and district representatives. All applications should be mailed to the Immediate Past Director, Chair of the Nominating Committee. To be eligible for consideration, submissions must be received by January 2nd of the election year.

Use this outline to provide detailed information regarding your qualification for any specific position. If applying for more than one position, use a separate sheet for each position. Please limit your application for each position to three pages.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Date membership began in CJW: \_\_\_\_\_

Date application submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

List the maximum of two positions you are applying for in order of preference.

If offered to you, would you consider other positions? Yes/No

Please describe the qualifications you will bring to the position. Please mention all CJW qualifications and all "other" qualifications such as work/career related, professional, and volunteer, etc.

What would your goals be for each position?

Briefly outline your plans to accomplish your goals.

What other contributions do you feel you can make to CJW while holding this position?

List in chronological order for both local club and CJW:

All officer and chair positions held

Dates of service

Responsibilities of each position

Accomplishments

Other in-club activities and special recognition such as "Rookie of the Year", "Woman of the Year", Ella Grasso Award, etc.

Other comments:

## Arts:

Holly Miotke [hmiotke@newington-schools.org](mailto:hmiotke@newington-schools.org)

## Conservation:

Lynn Sellers [msellers@snet.net](mailto:msellers@snet.net)

*Go Green – Use: Recycle: Repeat*

It is hard to believe that we are already talking about the year winding down, reports being due while we honor our Presidents on March 10th and Teena "retiring" as Director of our wonderful organization!! As you reflect on the activities your club participated in while doing Conservation projects, I hope you had fun; did some wonderful projects to benefit your communities (or the world in general thru donations); you recycled among club members or encouraged all members to participate in town wide collections; and you beautified your own surroundings and/or the neighborhood/town.

If you vowed to recycle more in the New Year, GOOD FOR YOU!! But, were you thinking to yourself, "If only I could find a worthy recycling solution to fit my space and needs." Here are 5 stylish options for you to think about from sleek, under counter bins and kid-friendly buckets to attractive office caddies and a recycling hub for you and your neighbors. Each project is budget-friendly, so you can "Save Green" while you "Go Green." (Lowe's Creative Ideas)

1. Under counter center --use large wastebaskets with lids. Spray paint them with either a metal look using Silver Rust-Oleum or for a fun look, a color of your choosing. Apply two coats, allowing to dry between coats. Label each bin with a picture of whatever you are going to recycle i.e.: milk carton; newspaper; tin cans or bottles.
2. Budget Minded Tote Bags --purchase 3 reusable shopping bags from any store. Stand the bags beside each other and fasten the touching corners together with a clothespin or a paper fastener. Make a label out of a note card, using a magic marker to write the name of the items to be put in each bag. To protect the bags from spills, spray with waterproofing spray.
3. Desk Side Station -- use any kind of a rolling caddy or small receptacle that you can place a plastic bag inside to catch any clutter from your desktop.
4. Recycle Hub in your garage --use a 3 or 5 tier metal shelving unit. If you like, put casters on the legs so you can move the unit if you need to. Get 4-6 plastic storage bins (made from recycled materials) Use self stick letters found at hardware stores (3 or 4inch) and label bins for cans, paper, glass, plastic, newspaper, etc. Purchase 3 or 4 rectangle smaller bins to place on the upper shelves to use for batteries, light bulbs, ink cartridges, cell phones, etc. Label this bins with a decorative label attached to the end.
5. Small Business Setup -- create a one stop recycling station in your office or place of business. Assemble a wooden shelving unit that has 12x24 inch shelves. Purchase galvanized utility bins at Lowe's. To decorate the bins apply a coat of primer paint (Valspar) as a 2 inch stripe around the upper third of the bin. Then apply a color of your choice; allowing each paint to dry between coats. Label the bin's content using a permanent marker on the stripe. Place bins on the shelves.

## Current Affairs:

Bunny Ouellette [mouellette@timex.com](mailto:mouellette@timex.com)

Hi, I hope everyone is working on their reports; I can't wait to read them.

I know everyone has been watching the terrible tragedy in Haiti. I know our hearts go out to everyone in the terribly poor country, and I'm hoping that all the clubs are trying to make some sort of donation, whether it is monetary, food or clothing. I have a few web sites or cell phone numbers to call to make a donation.

1. [www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org)
2. [www.clintonbushhaitifund.org](http://www.clintonbushhaitifund.org)
3. Text the word Quake to 20222 to donate \$10.00
4. Text the word Haiti to 90999 to donate 10.00 to the Red Cross. Either of these will charge your cell phone for the money.

Now on the lighter side of things, I will be doing my final collection for the Troops at Spring Conference. It will be for the female soldiers, so please bring feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, wipes, deodorant, hard candy, and gum. I thank you now for all the great things you have done as far as collecting cell phones, and thing for the troops.

In Junior Pride,  
Bunny

## **Education:**

Elizabeth Tischio [johntischio@prudentialct.com](mailto:johntischio@prudentialct.com)

*“Ancora Imparo” – I’m still learning*

February is a month that is short on days but long on holidays. In addition to the well-known one like Valentine’s Day, there is another special day in February for state residents that’s the first Saturday of the month which has been designated “Connecticut Loves to Read Day” by the Connecticut Reading Association (CRA). Connecticut is a small state with a BIG love for children and reading!

Celebrate “Connecticut Loves to Read Day” on February 6. There are neighborhood events sponsored by the local reading councils that are part of CRA. There will be guest readers, authors, and activities for children. Many businesses will be partnering with reading councils, and there will be giveaways and fun for all. The Greater Hartford Area Council has planned events at the Central Library in Enfield and at the Barnes & Noble Bookstores at Blue Back Square in West Hartford and Manchester. The Eastern Council will host events at Target in Killingly, and the Nutmeg Reading Council will host an event at Target in Waterbury. The Southeastern Council will sponsor something at the Children’s Museum in Niantic and the Northwest Council will celebrate at the libraries in Newtown and Middlebury.

The Southern Fairfield Council and the Connecticut Association for Reading Research will celebrate a week later on Saturday, February 13, at the Trumbull Library. For all the details, please visit the CRA website at [www.ctreading.org](http://www.ctreading.org).

CJW Spelling Bee Information: The statewide CJW Spelling Bee will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Brownstone Intermediate School in Portland. The CJW Spelling Bee is being hosted by the Glastonbury Junior Women’s Club. Please contact me 260-349-3065 for more information.

Scholarship Information: The deadline for applications for the CJW Maureen Borski Scholarship is March 10, 2010. Each applicant must be sponsored by a CJW Junior or Juniorette Club and the sponsoring club must have made a monetary donation to the CJW Maureen Borski Scholarship Fund during the 3/1/09-2/28/10 reporting year. Rules & application forms for all the CJW scholarships & camperships are included with this newsletter. These forms can also be found on the CJW Blue Book CD & CJW website. Applications are to be turned into me.

CJW needs your monetary donations for the CJW scholarship & campership funds. Donation totals are down this year from past years and the amount of money we give out to worthy applicants at Spring Conference is directly related to the amount of donations received during the year. Contributions to all scholarship & campership funds must be made by 2/28/10 to be included in the 2009-2010 report totals

Enjoy!  
Elizabeth

## **Health:**

Luann Clark [lacl1498@yahoo.com](mailto:lacl1498@yahoo.com)

Paulie Magera Award Information: The deadline for applications for the Paulie Magera Award is March 10, 2010. Each applicant (individual or group) must be sponsored by a CJW Junior or Juniorette Club. Application rules are included with this

newsletter. This form can also be found on the CJW Blue Book CD & CJW website. These applications are to be turned into Luann Clark, CJW Health Chair.

CJW needs your monetary donations for the Paulie Magera Award, CJW scholarships & campership. Donation totals are down this year from past years and the amount of money we give out to worthy applicants at Spring Conference is directly related to the amount of donations received during the year. Contributions to all scholarship & campership funds must be made by 2/28/10 to be included in the 2009-2010 report totals.

## **Junior Bulletin Editor:**

Riva Clark [rclark@bkm.com](mailto:rclark@bkm.com)

Heidi Nelson, Ms Web Extraordinaire, provided me a great website for free clipart, <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/clipart/default.aspx> and I share it with you this month. The CJW Bulletin deliberately doesn't have much attached to it so as not to tie up opening this document. It was reported last months Bulletin took a considerable amount of time so I have gone back to one seasonal picture at the bottom. Some club newsletter editors are fabulous looking; very apparent to me they are skilled. I encourage them to apply for my position for the next CJW term. If you know of others free clipart sites, please share them with me.

A couple clubs heeded my article last month and submitted their newsletters; they have been enjoyable to read as are all the newsletters received. Personally, I most enjoy the recipes ☺ and have made of a couple of dishes. Your club still can participate, the deadline isn't March 10<sup>th</sup>, the date of the annual President's Dinner. I have another commitment that night and unable to attend, so if you intend to hand in paper newsletters other arrangements will have to be made. Emailed newsletters are preferred, 5 months worth is the minimum needed for judging. See judges email addresses below. Contact me if you have any questions.

Riva

Forward club newsletters to Director Teena Bruneau [bruneachrist@hotmail.com](mailto:bruneachrist@hotmail.com), Assistant Director Ronnie Hollis [ronniehollis@hotmail.com](mailto:ronniehollis@hotmail.com), and your District Rep. And, to newsletter judges Evelyn Magera [evelynfromjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:evelynfromjuniors@hotmail.com), Lynn Sellers [msellers@snet.net](mailto:msellers@snet.net), Nancy Carter [nancy\\_carter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancy_carter@sbcglobal.net), and Riva Clark [rclark@bkm.com](mailto:rclark@bkm.com).

## **Homelife:**

Nancy Carter [nancy\\_carter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancy_carter@sbcglobal.net)

*"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill*

For those clubs who are in the process of / or are planning to write reports - please take a look at the Blue Book for the proper format. More than anything, your reports should provide information that will allow someone else to successfully implement the same project. No need to "reinvent the wheel"! Keep in mind that awards are nice, but shouldn't be your main reason for writing a report.

Please continue to support Homelife by bringing food and monetary donations to the President's Dinner and Spring Conference. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do.

In Junior Spirit, Nancy Carter

## **Juniorette Coordinator:**

Debi Puzia [dapuz55@comcast.net](mailto:dapuz55@comcast.net)

Hello Everyone,

February is here....so Spring must be on the way. Hopefully, by now everyone has at least started on their report writing. Remember every club must submit a President's Report (due at the Presidents Dinner Meeting on March 10, 2010) even if they are not writing other reports. Please note that there are some changes in scholarship applications for this year. Your club must

have made a donation to the scholarship in order for the applicant to be considered. Also, for the campership application please include the TYPE OF CAMP, the FEE on a weekly basis, and LENGTH OF TIME you are attending. There has been some confusion in the past and we want these awards to benefit as many girls as possible. If you have any questions about report writing or the new changes please contact me.

The Juniorette Spring Banquet is still in the planning stage. The theme this year is A RED CARPET EVENT. It will be glitzy, glamour, dress to impress and a whole lot of FUN. I am still trying to find a place to hold the event (one that is cost efficient so the event is not costly for the girls and their guests) so if you have an idea please let me know. I am still looking for invites to Juniorette clubs so that I can accomplish my goal of visiting with all Juniorette Clubs before June.

I would like to congratulate Southbury Junioresettes for their great success on their "Hearts for Haiti" project. The girls made heart necklaces and sold them ....they raised over \$800.00 !!! These girls and their Advisors worked really hard on this project....and the funds raised will make a big impact on the Haitian tragedy. These girls are truly making a difference in their world.

In Junior Spirit and Friendship,  
Debi Puzia

## **Meeting Planner:**

Patti Stankevicius [pstanks@netzero.net](mailto:pstanks@netzero.net)

Hi Ladies: Just letting you know that when you are planning an event, it is very good to keep a journal on who, what, where, and the date. You have no idea how much it helps when getting all the information finalized; especially if you have more than one thing going on. I'm looking forward to the Presidents' Dinner in March @ The Stillwood Inn, Wallingford and seeing everyone again.....Until then, Be Happy!

Happy Valentine's Day  
Patti

## **Public Relations / Website:**

Heidi Nelson [daffodil8494@yahoo.com](mailto:daffodil8494@yahoo.com)

Tweet Much?

I've written a few times about the benefits of using Facebook to promote your club, but how many of you have been brave enough to try Twitter? At my job the past several months I have been immersed in the world of Social Media- that is the world of blogs, twitter, facebook, linkedin and e-zines or e-newsletters.

My company has yet to start a company Fan page but I'm pushing them toward that, but we do have a Twitter account for which I do the "tweeting". We just started it a few weeks ago and have a meager 20 followers but that number grows a little each week. This past week I sat through a Webinar produced by Women Who Launch ([www.womenwholaunch.com](http://www.womenwholaunch.com)) about the FUNdamentals of using Twitter for your business. The statistics of who is using or visiting twitter is astounding: 23+ million unique visitors a day and the largest demographic is ages 35-40 years old.

So why do businesses, individuals and non-profits use Twitter? It reaches a broad audience, provides real-time news, is a great research resource and you can monitor your brand (be it organization or individual) reputation. I have a personal twitter account as well as the one that I manage for my company. On my personal one, I follow other nonprofit organizations, many which post links to great articles that I never would have found otherwise. Like this nonprofit blogger: [www.frogloop.com](http://www.frogloop.com).

The Webinar that I sat through was 60 minutes long, so I am not able to cover instructions on how to use Twitter in this brief article. But do at least check out the site, [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com), you can see what people are tweeting about without even signing up! And if you do decided to sign up for yourself, your club or your company and have questions- I am willing to help you. I can even come to you club and explain it to everyone if you'd like.

If by chance you have a club member who already knows the ins and outs of Twitter, and you use it for your club, I highly recommend registering your Twitter with the following lists in order to gain more followers:

[www.twellow.com](http://www.twellow.com)  
[www.wefollow.com](http://www.wefollow.com)  
[www.twitstates.com](http://www.twitstates.com)

They are also a great resource for finding businesses/organizations/individuals who may be worth following.

Feel free to follow me at [www.twitter.com/hnelson92](https://www.twitter.com/hnelson92) Happy Tweeting!

Heidi

## **Report Writing:**

Kathy Znosko [kathy.znosko@scouting.org](mailto:kathy.znosko@scouting.org)

Fellow procrastinators, reports are due March 10! How are you doing on yours?

Remember, if you want a project to be judged, you need to submit a report on it, listing it on the Summary Sheet is not enough.

Another thing to remember is to only submit ONE report for any given project!

And, please be sure to use the correct name for each CJW Department and Division! Your club might have a different name for the department within your club, but the report must be submitted in one of the CJW Divisions & Departments. Please see the Blue Book for the correct Division & Department names.

Also remember:

1. All clubs MUST submit a President's Report.
2. Remember to refer to the Report Writing Guidelines in the Blue Book, or sent separately by CJW Corresponding Secretary, Lois Wack, for the physical presentation of the reports.
3. ALL REPORTS MUST BE ON ONE OF THE FORMS FOUND IN THE BLUE BOOK!
4. Project Reports must be no longer than one page. Anything over one page will not be judged.
5. Remember that it is the intent of the project that determines in which department the project should be reported.
6. All projects must have been completed between March 1, 2009 and February 28, 2010.
7. Use your full, proper club name on all pages.
8. Give as much information as possible, especially about any local organizations that the CJW Chairs might not know.

As always, if you have any questions or problems with the Report Writing process, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kathy

## **State Project:**

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**In Leadership and Service, Grow with State Project**

## **Ways and Means:**

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## Charter Oak District:

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

### Vernon JWC

This is the year of the **Vernon Junior Womens Club 50th Anniversary**. This month's Membership challenge is the VJWC Souper Bowl! I'd like each member to bring a can of soup to the January meeting. Or as many cans of soup as you'd like! Write your name on each can of soup and these will be your entries for this month's raffle. All the soup will be donated to Hockanum Valley Community Council. A \$75 donation was made to HVCC right before the holidays.

### South Windsor JWC

Roseanne Sapula is a Special Olympic Messenger; Ryan Paggioli will be at our next meeting on January 19th to discuss their Penguin Plunge fundraiser for Special Olympics. We are also having an "in club" tag sale to raise money to purchase an acre of Rainforest. Bring your unwanted items for people to purchase but don't forget to take home anything that doesn't sell. And if you forget, really fabulous items can be auctioned at the March meeting during the Time, Talent, and Treasure Auction for CCC. Also **Kids' Fair** is around the corner and we need a lot of help mainly with Food, Games and Cakewalk. With all these events you will have plenty of teens to help and club support with baking. This is not only a very consistent money maker for us, but possibly the most recognized Junior event. Many families have been coming to our Kids Fair for years (in conjunction with the town Easter Egg Hunt) and have come to expect a really great day. Please sign up to help so we can continue to provide a fun, safe, inexpensive event for the kids in our community. We are also planning a **Gold Party** that will take place sometime in January, so if people have gold or know of relatives or friends that want to make some cash back to pay off bills in January we will have a date set at the December meeting. Both attendees and the club will make some cash from this event! **STOCKING STUFFERS FOR SAFE HOME** Thanks to everyone for all of the stocking stuffers you bought for the South Windsor Safe Home. The Safe Home staff was really appreciative. **ADOPT A FAMILY** Thank you all for your generous gift/gift card contributions for our adopt-a-family. We were able to fulfill all their items on their "need" list and their "wish" list! **CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S PLACE** Many thanks to the members who contributed health and beauty items to Connecticut Children's **"Dress for Success" Donations Needed** We are going to be collecting the following items at the December, January, and February meetings: Pant suits in sizes 0-2 & 16-above, blouses of all sizes, handbags and cosmetics. They are **not accepting** the following: blazers, dresses, skirts, footwear, sweaters or suits. **About the Organization:** Dress for Success Hartford is mostly an **all-volunteer run organization**. The Dress for Success Hartford affiliate began in 1998 and **has served more than 2,900 women**. "Dress for Success" is a widely known brand that signifies our message **"Suits to Self-Sufficiency."** However, we are **much more than just suits**. We recognize that finding a job is only one step in a woman's journey towards economic independence; remaining employed and building a rewarding career is equally important. For more information you can go to [www.dressforsuccess.org/hartford](http://www.dressforsuccess.org/hartford).

### Tolland JWC

December was a busy month once again for our club. While you are driving around town, please notice the beautiful wreaths hanging on the town buildings. Amy Wheeler-Page and a group of us got together on a Sunday afternoon and assembled the wreaths. Of course it wasn't possible without the help of Heather from Wildflowers. She has been helping us for a few years now. She has also been kind enough to let us sell our cookbooks in her store as well. She said people have actually stopped in looking for them and she is sold out. I gladly gave her more. When you get a chance, you should stop by her store; she has great gifts and makes wonderful wreaths and holiday centerpieces too. We also made one extra wreath that we gave to Adam Mlodzinski's family. Adam is a second grader at Birch Grove and he has been at CT Children's since November 1st in battling Bacterial Meningitis. I sent it along with a note from TJW that his family was in our thoughts during this holiday season. The annual holiday shopping bazaar went off smoothly under the direction of Kim Evans. Once again Kim did a super job. The new location looked great at Birch Grove even though traffic was a little light this year. Betty-Lou did a wonderful job personalizing the ornaments for the holiday shopper. Minna Dibella also worked very hard as assembling some new items for sale. It was a very festive atmosphere with holiday music playing and lots of yummy snacks being sold by our Juniores. Great job ladies. Our Wish Upon a Star Tree has been up at New Alliance Bank in Tolland. Eileen Moore has been coordinating this effort that helps so many of our young people in our town. All the stars have been signed out from the tree and gifts need to be back this week so they can be given to the families well in advance of Christmas. Thanks Eileen! Don't forget your secret pal gift and your food item for the food basket. I hope to see you all at our meeting to participate in our "Make It, Bake It, or Recycle It" gift

swap. It should be a lot of fun. If I don't see you, I want to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday and many wishes for a happy and healthy new year. I'm looking forward to new and exciting projects for TJW in 2010 as well. **Juniorettes** (Deb Puzia): The end of the year brings with it a very busy schedule. We will be celebrating the holidays with a cookie making event (we will be bringing the cookies to the nursing home at a later date). Candles on the green on Christmas Eve, caroling at Foxhill Nursing home, shopping for gifts for our Sharing and Caring Family, food collection for the family basket. We made \$68.50 at our cookie sale to use for the gifts. The girls are filled with many new creative ideas for the upcoming year- the future promises to be a good one.

### **Windsor JWC**

Thank you to groups for donating Christmas Stockings (to be delivered to CCC on Thursday); next up – maybe Easter Baskets **Shad Wreck** Overwhelming response to go forward with ~\$20 per ticket, light refreshments, DJ; will need dedicated publicity contact; reviewed costs (hall, bartender, band vs DJ, food, plating fee, insurance, publicity), pros/cons, food options (hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert, snacks; catered), minimum tickets that will have to be sold; big year for Shad; Shad Wreck as community event this year and fundraiser next year; recommend that Queen's Court attend.

### **Regal Monarchs District:**

Kerry Tully-Zahnke [regal.monarch.dr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:regal.monarch.dr@sbcglobal.net)

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

**West Hartford** - At annual Holiday Banquet in December, we were happy to officially welcome five new members into our club. In January members volunteered to prepare and serve food for approximately 100 men, women, and children at a local homeless shelter. Attention now is focused on planning our main fundraiser for the year; holding a beer tasting from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, February 27 at the Thomas Hooker Brewery in Bloomfield. Tickets are \$20 per person, and we will raffle off a Kindle, an iPod Touch, and a \$100 gift certificate to the Max's restaurant group.

### **Wildbury District:**

Gloria Clair [gloria@kidstoothcare.com](mailto:gloria@kidstoothcare.com)

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

**Litchfield Hills Women's Club** will be hosting a comedy night on 2/13 at the Litchfield Fire House. \$20.00 per person 8 p.m. to ? BYOB, dessert and coffee provided. 1<sup>st</sup> annual Women's 5 K Road Race- Girls Just Wanna Run - April 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 around the Bantam Lake area. \$20.00 registration walk / run. Call 860 567-0584 for more information on both events.

**Wolcott Juniors and Juniorettes** will be hosting a blood mobile on February 27, 2010 at the Wolcott Congregational Church.

### **S.H.O.R.E. District:**

Phyllis Prokop [phylprokop@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phylprokop@sbcglobal.net)

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

### **Dogwood District:**

Laura Mann [lotakids6@aol.com](mailto:lotakids6@aol.com)

I cannot believe that this year has gone by so fast. Just remember when you are doing your reports to have fun.

**Fairfield Juniors ~**

**President: Cheryl Eustace ~ [chervleustace@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chervleustace@sbcglobal.net)**

**Milford Juniors ~**

**Co-Presidents: Kim Hulme ~ [kimhulme@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kimhulme@sbcglobal.net)**

**Jerilyn Shannon** ~ [Mshanno@optonline.net](mailto:Mshanno@optonline.net)

Ziti Dinner – January 24<sup>th</sup>

**Monroe Women's** ~

**Co=Presidents:** Myrna Mills Albino ~ [monroewomensclub@yahoo.com](mailto:monroewomensclub@yahoo.com)

Cindy Nikbin ~ [cnikbin@charter.net](mailto:cnikbin@charter.net)

**Newton Juniors**~

**President:** Christine Grabowski ~ [chris@kmg-design.com](mailto:chris@kmg-design.com)

**Orange Community**~

**President:** Dona Wesolowski ~ [donnaweso@optimum.net](mailto:donnaweso@optimum.net)

Tracy Bunch ~ Feb 10, 7pm

Making plans for an evening at the Downtown Cabaret

**Stamford Juniors**~

**President:** Mary Garvey ~ The [Garvs@aol.com](mailto:Garvs@aol.com)

**Stratford Juniors**~

**Co-Presidents:** Susan Kostopoulos ~ [askost@bpthosp.org](mailto:askost@bpthosp.org)

Kimberly Bielecki ~ [nkbiel@bpthosp.org](mailto:nkbiel@bpthosp.org)

**Trumbull Community**~

**Co-Presidents:** Donna Monks ~ [donnasusy@yahoo.com](mailto:donnasusy@yahoo.com)

Laurie Rongey ~ [larongey@earthlink.net](mailto:larongey@earthlink.net)

January meeting several members held mini workshops to share their talents. Homelife committee is planning a bingo at the Maefair Assistant Living Facility.

**Trumbull Young Women**~

**Co-Advisors:** Laurie Nagy ~ [TYWC8@aol.com](mailto:TYWC8@aol.com)

**Mabel Buttress**

The girls made Valentine's Day cards for the seniors. In February they will be collecting items for the local animal shelter. They also made several donations to the following: Beardsley Zoo, CJW Scholarships, Sara Taccone Arts Foundation & the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

**West Haven Juniors** ~

**Co-Presidents:** Mala Mistry

Pamela O'Neill ~ [Pamela.oneill@century21.com](mailto:Pamela.oneill@century21.com)

Upcoming events:

Feb. 1st ~ Friends & family Night 6:30pm

8th ~ Vet Dinner 7pm

20th ~ Men's Shelter Dinner ~ 6pm

**West Haven Juniorettes** ~

The girls are planning a membership drive Ice Cream Social on Feb. 15th.

