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

Happy New Year to everyone, is it really 2010? 2010 holds a lot of promise for our family, I have a niece & a great nephew both planning weddings; my youngest, Ricky, leaves in January for 4 months of work in CA; Christmas Eve my brother got the word that he was hired for an executive position and he’s also been commissioned to write a book; my husband is fulfilling one of his dreams and will be drag racing again after a 30 year hiatus and I am packing for a trip to the Dominion Republic.

It’s hard to believe that my time as CJW Director has passed so quickly and when I look at the calendar I know it’s time to get back to work and stop dreaming about sandy beaches. January is the month when most clubs start thinking about Report Writing. CJW Report Writing Chair, Kathy Znosko is just waiting to help you. Please check the Bluebook CD that you received at September board, some of them are missing the report writing section. Heidi Nelson, CJW Public Relations Chair, will be posting this section on the website in writable form (you will be able to download the form and fill in or change information as you need). If your club chooses not to write reports you must still submit a President's Report. I realize report writing might not be everyone's favorite part of a project, but it is necessary for a number of reasons: it is part of your club's history, it serves as a guideline for project chairs in the future, it reinforces that CJW is a non-profit organization providing community service, and for those who have never done a President's report - it makes it a whole lot easier to compile your figures.

January & February are a little quiet on my calendar so please let me know if your club would like a visitor or two, I always try to bring at least one CJW board member with me. I hope district reps are planning some district events and I look forward to meeting districts club members at these events.

Our next state event will be the March Board/President's Dinner on March 10th at the Stillwood Inn in Wallingford. This call should be sent out via email by January 5th. Then Spring Conference is right around the corner – April 30th & May 1st at the Clarion Hotel in Bristol. The call for Spring Conference will be sent out in early February.

Looking at my planning book for the year I see a lot of clubs with special anniversaries coming up including our second oldest – Junior Woman’s Club of Bristol celebrating 75 years in April. West Haven Junior Woman’s Club is the oldest having just celebrated their 75th anniversary. Congratulations to all the clubs whether you are celebrating 5 or 75 years this year.

Happy Anniversary to:

Vernon Junior Women’s Club	1/1/60	50 years
Vernon Juniorettes	1/1/65	45 years

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Juniors Make a Difference

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas or Happy Holiday Season. It is the New Year and there are so many things to always do. It is a good time to reflect on things that we have done and how we can improve in all areas of our lives. I try not to make resolutions for the new year that are out of sight for me to reach. But small ones that are just out of reach.

I try to do the same thing as far as Juniors. It is far better to make small goals for yourself and reach them then large ones that are hard to do or you may never achieve. Start organizing your reports. First list all the projects you have done in Membership (this goes for your other club Departments too) then get you reports to go with that project. If some one else has done the project you need to make sure you get that report from that member...

Please don't wait for last minute to get your report together because that is when mistakes are made or things are forgotten and left out. And the last thing, have someone else look at the whole report to check it over.

As always in Junior Spirit,

Ronnie

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*** Reports * Reports * Reports**

The President's report is due to CJW at Presidents Dinner Wednesday March 10, 2009. As treasurer you will need to work with your president to complete this report. This is the financial portion of the Presidents report.

Have a Happy New Year,

Ann

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Juniors are great leaders like shining stars guiding the way.

REMINDER: Anyone wishing to be an officer or a member of the CJW board should complete the application and also contact Ronnie Hollis with your objectives. All applications **must** be sent electronically or by mail to **both** Sheree and me by January 1, 2010. Please contact either Sheree or me for any additional information you need.

The nominating committee will meet on January 12, 2010 at Patti Stankevicius' home at 6:30 p.m. Anyone submitting an application for an officer position will need to give us your telephone number where you can be reached during that evening so we may call to confirm your intentions.

On a personal note I would like everyone to know that my playtime is over and I have obtained a new job with a new career. Last week I started working full time at Griffin Hospital in the physical therapy department. I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers and endless support.

Some of you may have seen this passage before through emails or whatever but I thought with the New Year arriving it will give us encourage living life to the fullest.

Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and proclaiming, "Wow, what a ride!"

Sheree and I wish you a happy New Year with much health and happiness.

In Junior Friendship,
Evelyn and Sheree

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Go Green – Use: Recycle: Repeat

I hope everyone had Happy and Healthy holidays with family and friends. Despite the encounters with the inconvenience of the snowstorm, it was a beautiful scenario-especially on the shoreline for a change (23 inches in Clinton) and a picturesque White Christmas! Enjoy the New Year and welcome 2010! and another chance for you to continue to increase your efforts to save the environment.

Recycled Card Program--several clubs have done this for many years but for those of you looking for new ways to recycle greeting cards, here is the information. St. Jude's Ranch for Children will be accepting used, all-occasion cards thru February 28, 2010. Over thirty years ago, wishing to show their appreciation to their donors, St. Jude's Ranch turned the previous year's Christmas cards into "new" cards for the next season. The recipients were so delighted with the unique cards that they requested the children sell the "new" cards to them. Thus the program was born and has now expanded to all forms of greeting cards. The program is very simple; just remove the front of the card to send to them. The children attach a new back and a beautiful new card has been made. The benefits are two-fold; the customers receive "green" holiday cards for use and the children receive payment for their work and learn the benefits and importance of "going green."

To donate cards, send them to:

St. Jude's Ranch for Children
Recycled Card Program
100 St. Jude's Street
Boulder City, Nevada 89005

To purchase cards that are sold in packets of 10 for \$10.00 go to the online store; phone 1-877-977-7572 or send your request and donation to the Donor Office at P.O. Box 60100. Cards are available as general Christmas; religious Christmas; Easter; Birthday; Thank You, and All Occasion. (And thank you for helping the environment)

Water Conservation Tip -- "Soak It Up" --before a meal (especially when you will have lots of silverware) fill a wide mouthed container (ie: pitcher) with soapy water and leave it on the counter or in the corner of the sink. Place silverware handle side up in the container as you finish using it to help prevent food from sticking. Food that doesn't get the chance to dry washes off more easily and saves water! (remember when you used to scrub and scrub to get silverware clean??)

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“Ancora Imparo” – I’m still learning

Happy New Year! I hope one of the resolutions you made (and intend to keep) is to send me information about your club with regard to the annual spelling bee. Please let me know ASAP if and when your club is sponsoring a local spelling bee. This information will help me to prepare for the CJW Annual Spelling Bee that will be hosted by Glastonbury on May 15, 2010.

Did you give and/or receive books for the holidays? Sometimes the stories we love as children help shape our lives. In *Everything I Need to Know I Learned from a Children’s Book*, edited by Anita Silvey, some exceptional people remembered their favorites. These 110 society leaders from various areas – science, politics, sports, and the arts – talk about a children’s book that they loved and its impact on their lives. Funny, insightful, and inspiring, these stories testify to the amazing power of the right book for the right child – at the right time. When we give children books, we become part of their future, part of their most cherished memories, and part of their entire life. Children’s books change lives, and the act of reading to a child is the most important contribution to the future of our society that adults can make.

Enjoy a good book!

Elizabeth

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Welcome to 2010! Its hard to believe a decade as past since the hoopla for 2000. Many wonderful things have happened in the past 10 years and some painful ones for our country, lets hope the next decade brings us closer to peace.

The January article is traditionally a recap of the newsletters clubs have submitted for judging, they are:

Milford: October, November, December

Orange: September, October, November

South Windsor: September, October, November, December

Wallingford: September, October, November

Wolcott: September, October, November, December, January

Please double check and if you disagree with my records, send newsletter(s) again. 5 editions of your club newsletter are needed to be eligible for judging and must be received sooner or on March 10, 2010, the date of the Presidents dinner/March Board meeting. Email is the hands down favorite way to receive but you may hand in paper versions that night to the judges, they are mentioned below.

Even if you aren’t interested in judging, continue forwarding your newsletters to Teena, Ronnie, your club district rep, and myself; what your club is doing is interesting and an easy way to share information. Remember Connecticut Juniors is all about Grow, Give, Care, and Share – and isn’t that what the holiday season is all about ☺

Best wishes for the best in 2010,

Riva

Forward club newsletters to Director Teena Bruneau bruneachrist@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 reclark@bkm.com.

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

I hope you all had a healthy, happy holiday season. I'm always surprised when January rolls around. Where DID the last twelve months go?

My heartfelt thanks for the food donations you brought to Fall Conference. We collected 41 boxes of cereal, 13 Ramon noodles, 6 packs of gum and 27 miscellaneous canned goods. That's in addition to the checks that went to Ann, our treasurer, who then sent money to our two major food banks.

Please continue to support Homelife by bringing more food and monetary donations to the President's Dinner and Spring Conference. No suggestions this time - your choice of what you feel is best needed will be much appreciated.

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Greetings fellow Juniorettes!

At the time of my writing this article my club, Stratford Juniors, has just completed their first year of organizing and running the Toy Drive for the local community center. The experience has been one I will not soon forget (mostly because we're still dealing with a few problems). It was a little bit of a trial by fire, working with the framework that had been established for many years but sometimes lacking the important knowledge of the details to properly execute certain parts. We hit our share of bumps along the way, even a pothole here and there. But at the end of it all, we helped make happy Christmas memories for more than 500 children! And were able to add Covenant to Care for Children to the list of toy recipients.

The great thing about this project is that it gave us a chance to get the name Stratford Junior Women into the heads of a whole new circle of the community. While the toy drive helped many families in town, we also received toy donations from many area businesses and organizations around town. We then turned around and delivered those toys to other service organizations in the area. Each time I spoke to someone in those circles, I told them about Stratford Juniors. I now have new connection for places that the club can help throughout the year and we have a few prospects for new members!

I certainly felt like a broken record. But we're a small club and we are looking for any free avenue we can to promote our club and get our name out there. At the end of the toy drive I was told by a staff member at the community center that they would be willing to do what they could to help get our name out there as well! A win, win, win!

If you're a smaller club trying new ways to get your name out there, consider reaching out to an established organization in town and see how you can help each other obtain your goals!

Wishing all of you a happy and healthy 2010!

Heidi

Report Writing:

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Happy New Year!

This is a time when many people resolve to improve in the coming year. Allow me to suggest a resolution for each of your clubs. Resolve that your club will submit reports on all of your projects to the CJW Department Chairs and that those reports will be complete, correctly presented, easily read and understood by those Department Chairs. You have about 2 1/2 months to get these reports in shape on all projects done since March 1, 2009.

Here are some things to remember about the proper presentation of those reports.

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.

Best of luck following through on this resolution! As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or problems regarding your reports.

Kathy

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

Wonderful and Safe new year to all, as some may have missed the announcement at the December Dinner I am in fact with child who is Due in Mid June 2010.

VJWC

Holly, my friend from work, Bill, and I worked the Thursday, November 12 game and the 3 of us brought in over \$350 for the UFL game. Thanks to everyone who brought in items, or gave me money to buy items for the Covenant to Care Christmas stockings. This month, we'll take a break from gathering items for CCC, and next month, put together a birthday box.

SWJWC

The holiday season is upon us and you all do so much to help with the various collections this month. Stocking stuffers are being collected for Safe Home and CCC. Gifts are being purchased for Adopt-a- Family. We are also trying to fulfill some of The Connecticut Children's Place's wish list of items. December's meeting should be a fun one. Anyone is welcome to bring homemade goods, craft items, etc. that they wish to sell to other members. This "in club" craft sale is a great way to get gifts for teachers, scout leaders, coaches, etc. We are forming our **scrap booking committee** and are working on a date and a place to hold the event. If you know of any large spaces that are fairly inexpensive to rent (free is even better), please let us know. 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 moneymaker for us, but possibly the most recognized Junior event. Many families have been coming to our Kid's 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 will be holding our Time, Talent & Treasure Silent Auction in March. Keep this in mind as you receive those holiday gifts, or if you have a "talent" you like to have the club bid on. We adopted one family with 2 children (a girl age 11 and a boy age 14) from Human Services. We have been asked to deliver the items unwrapped. If you have a box and want to include it, that would be great. Also please include a gift receipt and indicate the value of the item on the back of your tag so I can estimate a value when I create the report. We will also give the family a \$50 gift card from Target so they can purchase wrapping paper or other needed items. If you've lost your tag and need a reminder, e-mail Doreen at ddiramio@cox.net. Members are also purchasing Health and Beauty items from the Connecticut Children's Place Wish List. Please bring your items to the general meeting on December 15th or if you need a pick-up, contact Doreen. We collected \$25.60 at the November general meeting. The monies collected for the months of Sept, Oct and Nov, totaling \$93.66, were forwarded to the South Windsor Food & Fuel Bank. Thank you all for your generous donation of your pocket change. **Flag Collection** Teri will be collecting old flags for proper disposal on Flag Day in June. Members can bring them each month to the meeting. At the November meeting, we voted to donate \$150.00 to "Home for the Holidays" It was a special fund raising effort this year from Gov Rell to bring 700 CT troops preparing for deployment home to CT at no expense to them or their families. This year, CT had a record number of soldiers deployed or preparing to deploy and many would not have been able to afford to come home and spend time with their families. The CT National Guard foundation will raise money and send buses to bring 700 soldiers home and back their base from 12/23/09 -1/2/10. We hope all our soldiers everywhere have a happy and safe holiday!

WJWC

First off we would like to say that the Vendor Event/Shop 'Til You Drop was a marvelous success! And a wonderful way to kick off our fund raising with a bang, getting us off to a GREAT start. Kudos to Lisa M and Tracy. February 5th Fundraiser Comedy Night at the Skyline Restaurant. Tickets are \$15.00 per person in advance. Contact April Vines to purchase. We thank you for another fantastic and exciting year. Thank you to all for a great 2009. We are looking forward to 2010 and all the wonderful events we have planned:

- Comedy Night 2/5/2010,
- Scrap booking 2/20/2010,
- Bunny Breakfast 3/20/2010,
- Shad Ball 5/1/2010,
- Shad Wrecke 5/7/2010.

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

I wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year. Be safe and enjoy the rest of your holiday season. Kerry

Glastonbury Juniors would like to encourage other clubs to recycle magazines. They now collect magazines at a central location and they are then distributed to a local senior housing facility. The program has recently grown to include donating

some of the magazines to a local food pantry/shelter and sending some with our monthly parcel to our adopted deployed soldier. To maintain privacy we remove the mailing labels before passing them onto the recipients.

The **West Hartford JWC** got the holiday season off to a good start with wreath sales during the month of November. Sold about 200 wreaths, for a profit of around \$900. On Thanksgiving members prepared food for the Bridge Family Center for children and families in need. On December 12 members volunteered at Operation Elf, a holiday event for the children and families of deployed soldiers. Throughout the holiday season we are selling tree ornaments at local businesses. So far we have had a hard time keeping up with demand! We are also participating in Covenant to Care for Children and have adopted a family with four children. In addition, bedding is being purchased for donation to Interval House, a local shelter for battered women. In place of our usual present swap at our annual Holiday Banquet, this year we donated \$10 per person to Governor Rell's efforts to raise money to bring soldiers home to CT for the holidays after their training elsewhere the US ends and before their deployment abroad after the holidays.

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

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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 Juniors.

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I hope everyone had a great holiday and a great New Year. I want to thank Monroe, West Haven and Fairfield for allowing me to meet their members at their Holiday events this month. Please remember to send me your club's newsletters. Also any information you would like me to place in the CJW Bulletin by the 13th of each month.



Fairfield Juniors ~

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Fairfield held their annual Santa House event at Burr Mansion. Visitors were treated to crafts, candy and bake shop, story time, raffles, live performances from the Nutcrackers, Mrs. Clause's and her homemade cookies, and of course an opportunity to talk to Santa. It was a huge success.

Milford Juniors ~

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Milford sponsored an Adopt a Grandparent for the holidays.

Monroe Women's ~

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On the 21st they had the holiday party and a cookie exchange. They had a successful craft show in November and are taking about another fundraiser in the spring.

Newton Juniors ~

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Stamford Juniors~

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Stratford Juniors~

Co-Presidents: Susan Kostopoulos ~ askost@bpthosp.org

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Trumbull Community~

Co-Presidents: Donna Monks ~ donnasusy@yahoo.com

Laurie Rongey ~ larongey@earthlink.net

They had a great turn out at their Wine & Beer Tasting Fundraiser in November. This month the members collected food for the food pantry and items for the Give to the Troop program. Also had members go to Rocky Hill VA to help pack the donations to Give to the Troops. The Arts committee held a holiday home decoration contest.

Trumbull Young Women~

Co-Advisors: Laurie Nagy ~ TYWC8@aol.com

Mabel Buttress

The girls were very busy this month. They baked for social service. They made 36 pies for their Thanksgiving baskets. They also decorated two giving trees to collect gifts for the Center for Women and Families and Bridgeport Rescue. The club also made 13 stocking for the veterans from the Homes for the Braves. They received a donation (over 250) assorted knitted hats and scarves. The items were distributed to both Bridgeport Rescue (over 200) and Homes for the Brave (30). They also held their annual fundraiser ~ Santa Letters and it was a huge success.

West Haven Juniors ~

Co-Presidents: Mala Mistry

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West Haven held their annual Dutch Auction. The money raised will help buy toys for kids in need.

West Haven Juniorettes ~



Let it snow, let it snow.....