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# JUNIOR BULLETIN

Connecticut Junior Women, Inc.

*“Juniors Make a Difference  
in the Lives of Others”*

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**Happy Easter!**

## **Director:**

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Ronnie Hollis

*“Juniors Make a Difference in the Lives of Others”*

Hello to everyone,

President's Dinner is over and I hope everyone that attended had a good time. The few people that I did hear from did say they enjoyed them self. Well, the work is done and now it is time for CJW reports. No matter what happens, I would and always will be appreciated. Since I been in awe of all the projects and work So thank you for all your hard work.



reports are done which means the club Chairwomen to do their work judging like you to know all your hard work has have been on CJW board I have always that gets done when a junior gets involved.

Spring Conference is Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell. Diane has planned a brunch as a different menu idea. I mentioned in the call to conference that we are going to focus on club spirit and it will be our time to celebrate. So wear your club shirts, hats and name tags. And don't forget your horns, bell or noise makers because it will be time to "Toot your Horn and Celebrate."

Congratulations to Wolcott Juniors on their 45th year of Community Service.

Remember: May 14 2011 the CJW statewide Spelling Bee will be held in Wallingford.

Vernon will be celebrating 51 years of community service on their anniversary April 10th.

And a big thank you goes out to the whole CJW Board for all that they do.

As always with Junior Spirit

Ronnie

## **Assistant Director:**

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Kathy Znosko

*“Start at Home for Membership”*



## **Immediate Past Director:**

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Teena Bruneau

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

On behalf of my husband & family I would like to thank everyone for their cards & prayers at the passing of my mother-in-law. She was a strong, beautiful woman. She taught me a lot about being a wife, mother and mother-in-law. I considered her to be a good friend (all though trying at times as any friend can be) and one of my biggest supporters. She was at conference when I was installed as Director and bragged to all her friends and anyone who would listen that her daughter-in-law was the Director of CJW, the head honcho!

The committee for the Long Term Affiliation will be announced at Spring Conference. If you are interested in serving on this committee and have not completed a form yet please send me an email with CJW LTA in the subject line by April 15<sup>th</sup> with your name, club name, district, phone number & email address. This committee is made up of the Immediate Past Director, one representative from the CJW Board and one representative from each of the CJW districts.

## **Corresponding Secretary:**

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Nancy Carter

The Blue Book and all of its information is on the website (thank you, Heidi!). If you don't know where to look, just contact me. I'll direct you to where to find it and also the proper person.

Remember that updates for the Blue Book are accepted (and appreciated) throughout the year. Please notify me of any informational changes with you and your club – new officers, emails, phone numbers, contact information, meeting dates, etc. You don't have to wait until I send out the formal request in May. Feel free to update me at any time. Any questions, I'm a phone call or email away!

In Junior Spirit,  
Nancy Carter

## **Treasurer:**

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Sue Spencer, 114 Pinney Street, Ellington CT 06029 860.212.0533 [razoo1106@gmail.com](mailto:razoo1106@gmail.com)

Please note my new contact information and update your records accordingly. See the treasurer's report in the minutes from the President's Dinner meeting below:

## **Recording Secretary:**

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Evelyn Magera

Minutes from President's Dinner – March 16, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell

### **CALL TO ORDER AT 6:35 p.m.**

- Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Teena
- Junior Pledge \_\_\_\_\_ Wolcott Jrs
- Juniette Pledge W \_\_\_\_\_ Wolcott Jrs
- Ronnie honored Wolcott club for 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary

### **GENERAL MEETING (50 minutes, 6:10 – 7:00)**

<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Ronnie Hollis
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Welcome to the CJW's Annual President's Dinner. Tonight we are here to honor the Presidents of our CJW clubs.

- A few housekeeping items:
  - Fire Exits
  - Turn off or put cell phones & pagers on vibrate

If you need to speak please stand and approach the podium so everyone will be able to hear you.

- Introduction of Guests:
- Past Directors in attendance:

Gloria Clair - Wolcott (1998-2000), Diane Maxellon - Enfield (2000-2002), Evelyn Magera Oxford (2002-2004) and Teena Bruneau Wolcott (2008-2010) our Immediate Past Director I would like to say how proud I am to have these ladies on my board.

- Past CJW board members – Lee Jensen, Lynn Sellers, Lisa Ryan, Doris Tolemei, Patty Najarian
- Thank you’s: Diane Maxcellon CJW Meeting Planner, for hosting our event this evening
- Evelyn Magera, Nancy Carter and Teena Bruneau for all their hard work assisting dinner.
- Distributed certificates of appreciation (with star clips attached) to CJW board members.
- There is a desk calendar on the table I would invite you to mark dates of your upcoming club events. But PLEASE follow this up with an email or invitation with all the details to Nancy Carter, CJW Corresponding Secretary if you are inviting the entire board. Send a personal invitation if you are inviting me or Kathy Znosko

As you know, the Director’s project is CUREchief, which is a nonprofit organization that makes head scarves for children and adults with medical problems that has caused them to lose their hair. CUREchief calls the scarves a fluffy piece of hope. They give them out free of charge to hospitals and anyone that needs one. They are made and packaged by volunteers with cards containing words of encouragement to get well. Scarves are available to take today. I suggest having a bucket for anyone wanting to make an optional monetary donation.

CUREangel is a little project I started. I make them out of leftover scraps of material from the scarves. CUREangels were available to purchase for a dollar. Kits to make the angels to sell are available to everyone.

<b>WELCOME-MEETING PLANNER</b>	Diane Maxellon
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- Thanked Nancy Carter and Evelyn Magera for helping with the dinner.
- Credentials—
- Juniors- 43**
- Board Members- 19**
- Total- 62**

Spring Conference – encouraged members to attend and get excited, cheer, etc. Talk to clubs and spread the word.

<b>ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</b>	Kathy Knosko
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- Photo Op— ½ poster board CJW President’s Dinner 2011
- Looking forward to reading reports and sharing with clubs
- The theme for *National Volunteer Week*, commemorated April 10-16 2011
- Ronnie announced she is having a “make a difference” award for clubs to participate with judging their reports.

<b>RECORDING SECRETARY</b>	Evelyn Magera
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- Bunny Ouellette and Gloria Clair read minutes with no corrections – all approved.

<b>TREASURER</b>	Sue Spencer
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- Sue moved and lost her razoo email account – apologized to everyone for not being available

- Monthly Report:

<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES:</b>	
Checking Account	1367.28
<b>HOLDING ACCOUNTS:</b>	
State Project – Covenant to Care	3566.80
Time for Life	2768.21
Maureen Borski Scholarship	3685.22
Marie Bates Scholarship/ Juniorette Campership Fund	2754.47
Paulie Magera Fund	2,702.27

TOTAL HOLDING ACCOUNTS 15,476.97

All checks need to be written out to CJW, Inc.

Checks received tonight dated February 28 can be used for reports just turned in.

Adjourned for dinner at 7:00 pm

INVOCATION – By Diane Maxellon

DINNER (45 minutes, 7:00 – 7:45)

Resumed meeting: 7:45 p.m.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY** Nancy Carter

Please send in your new officers list of information as soon as you change your leadership.

**IMMEDIATE PAST DIRECTOR** Teena Bruneau

LTA Process – requested members to volunteer to be on the committee. Explained requirements and committee member's responsibilities for volunteers, involves about 4 to 5 meetings. Nancy will distribute LTA Selection Committee form to be completed and submitted to Teena by April 15, 2011.

Teena has been through 3 months of life changes – mother-in-law passed away, son moved out to CA – last weekend he got married and they are expecting a baby.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN/LEADERSHIP** Lisa Furbush  
ABSENT

Reminder: voting today will include all CJW Officers, Chairs, District Reps, Immediate Past Director, Past Directors (if still a member of a Junior club), club presidents or alternates and accredited delegates.

**WAYS & MEANS** Sue Spencer

CJW items for sale at back table – no report. Please be proactive with sending preorders.

**STATE PROJECT** Heather Pulito  
Gretchen Saccone

- o Thank you for Easter baskets & other donations (birthday bags & monetary)
- o Spring Conference collections – summer bags for camps – go to CCC, see their website for items list.
- o Bowl-a-thon postponed – appealed for someone who can sit down and give details with how to run the project. Walk-a-thon - ditto
- o Would any club like to present a monetary donation at this time? Shoreline - \$21.12 + \$100 check

**ARTS** Elizabeth Tischio

March is Women's History month. New Britain museum – a must see of gorgeous artwork, free admission

**CONSERVATION** Mala Mistry  
ABSENT

Ink Cartridge collection at Spring Conference for Girls Inc.

No report.

**CURRENT AFFAIRS** Gloria Clair  
Amanda Clair

- o Requested moment of silence for citizens of Japan – Tsunami victims.
- o Don't text Red Cross with donations – more timely donations received if you call instead.
- o Spring Conference collections: cell phones - Feminine toiletries for female soldiers.
- o Socks and Hand warmers to assist Orange and Clinton Juniors –
- o Fun quiz – guessed what country represented each flag they displayed.

**EDUCATION** Ann Whitman

- o Spelling Bee - Will be May 14, 2011 At Sheehan High School in Wallingford.
- o Thank you for Scholarship donations and reports.
- o Book collection ongoing.

**HEALTH** Norly Casagrande

Will enjoy reading reports.

**HOMELIFE** Bunny Ouellette

Collection for Food Bank (monetary or food items) at Spring Conference

**JUNIOR BULLETIN** Evelyn Magera

Thank you to newsletter judges – Lisa Furbush, Diane Neri & Heidi Nelson.  
Deadline for news articles – April 20<sup>th</sup>, Awards Bulletin will be published in May.

**JUNIORETTE COORDINATOR** Debi Puzia

Juniorette Awards Day – “Old Fashion Hoe Down”  
Thank you for donations to Marie Bates Scholarship & Juniorette Campership fund.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** Heidi Nelson

Website updates – added call for Spring Conference and the Spelling Bee date. Send Heidi anything you want included on the website.

**REPORT WRITING** Kathy Znosko

Give press book items to Kathy for Ronnie’s scrapbook.

**President’s Recognition:** district reps read each presidents name and Ronnie distributed appreciation certificates with star pin attached.

**Charter Oak** Patty Nabors  
ABSENT

No report. Diane Maxellon presented certificates & pins.

**Dogwood District** Heidi Nelson

No report.

**Regal Monarchs District** Position open

No report

**S.H.O.R.E. District** Diane Neri

Report

**Wildbury District** Cara Rinaldi

Report -  
Cara announced she is pregnant and due 9/30/11.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

District Reps will pick up certificates & pins for distribution to absentee presidents.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Beacon Falls – Kathy Kersten’s spouse is waiting for a liver transplant. Clem Cardow’s husband passed away this month.
- Jeanne Boulay (passed director) – mom passed away last week. Nancy will send contact information via email.
- March 20 – Wolcott 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- April 7 - Judging Meeting at Teena’s home
- April 30 - Spring Conference, Crowne Plaza hotel in Cromwell
- May 14 - Spelling Bee - At Sheehan High School in Wallingford
- Juniorette conference - TBA

## ADJOURNMENT

8:55 p.m.

Adjournment with both the 7 word prayer and an Old Irish Blessing  
Seven-Word Prayer - "God grant us peace among all nations"

## Parliamentarian/Leadership:

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Lisa Furbush

## Arts:

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The best pArts of Life:

Elizabeth Tischio

## Conservation:

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Mala Mistry

## Current Affairs:

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Amanda & Gloria Clair

We are sure that every club would like to help Japan. We have put together some things to consider when making donations.

1. Verify that the organization is an accredited charity; this can be done at [www.bbb.org/charity](http://www.bbb.org/charity)
2. Be cautious when giving on line.
3. Find out if the charity has an on-the-ground presence. Unless the charity is in the affected areas, it may be difficult to get aid workers in to provide assistance.
4. Find out if the charity is providing direct aid or raising money for other groups. It is best to avoid a middleman.
5. Be wary of claims that 100% of donations will assist relief victims. All organizations have administrative cost. Even credit card donations will involve administrative fees. Organizations use some funds for expenses incurred.
6. Monetary donations are the most helpful. Gifts of clothing, food, or in-kind donations often need more staff and space to distribute.
7. Texting donations, while simple for you, may take much longer for your organization to get. Text donations also typically have limitations on the amount you can give. If you want to have, your donation used quicker do directly to the charity's website or call them with a credit card.

Two organizations that will accept donations:

UNICEF

[www.unicefusa.org/japan](http://www.unicefusa.org/japan)

1-800-For-Kids

Mail: 125 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038

Red Cross

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

1-800-REDCROSS

Text REDCROSS to 90999

Since one of the things that CJW asks is that you say the Pledge of Allegiance at each meeting, we thought it would be a good time to give you an idea of what the Pledge of Allegiance is all about.

The Pledge of Allegiance was written with a strong meaning we all, as citizens, believe in. "I pledge allegiance," means I promise to be true. "To the flag" means to the symbol of our country. "Of the United States of America" means each state that has joined to make our republic is a country where the people choose is for the people. "For which it stands," mean the means a single country. "Under God" means the



country. "And to the Republic" means a others to make laws for them. The government flag stands for the country. "One Nation" people believe in a supreme being.

"Indivisible" means the country cannot be split into parts. "With liberty and justice" means with freedom and fairness. "For all" means for each person in the country.

As shown at the Presidents Dinner, there are many ways to go with Current Affairs. One idea is to copy some pictures of flags and give your members a quiz on what county belongs to what flag. Just have fun with it. If you need help on project ideas just give us a call.

See you at Spring Conference.

## **Education:**

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Ann Whitman

*Theme: "Learning, the all time adventure"*

"Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school." ~Albert Einstein

Thank you to all the clubs who brought children's books for the "Read to Grow" collection at the President's Dinner - a total of 48 books was collected. Here is the website for additional information [www.readtogrow.org](http://www.readtogrow.org). I will be collecting children's books again at Spring Conference

The CJW Spelling Bee is Saturday May 14, 2011 at Mark T. Sheehan High School in Wallingford CT.

I've been reading your reports and am amazed by all the wonderful ways Juniors touch the lives of those in their communities and around the world.

See you at Spring Conference.

Ann

## **Health:**

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Norily Casagrande

Hi ladies

This is my first time that I will be reading your reports, thank you so much for submitting them, I know we all are busy and that make them more valuable for us because you take the time to write them.

This month I will like to talk about losing weight, Spring is coming and everyone is waiting to put all those coats and jackets in the closet. We are ready for some nice weather. But the first problem is that this has been a very long winter, too much eating and not that much exercise. Will my clothes from last year fit me? How will I look in my summer clothes? How I am going to lose some weight? **The first thing is going to the doctor for a check up and ask them about diets and exercise, this step is very important.**

I will like to share with you something that Henry Ford said "**Nothing is particularly hard, if you divided it into small jobs.**" I think that if we take small healthy steps at the time we can reach our goals, every day drink a little more water, have one more fruit and vegetable, exercise and relax.

## **Homelife:**

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Bunny Ouellette

Happy Spring,

I just wanted to thank everyone for your wonderful reports. I also want to thank you for being so generous with the food you've given me to bring to the Food Banks. They were very pleased. I will also be having one at Spring Conference, and again it will be anything you would like to give.

I would also like to thank you for a wonderful year and look forward to next year.

In Junior Spirit,



## **Junior Bulletin Editor:**

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Evelyn Magera,

*“Juniors are great leaders like shining stars guiding the way”*

I wish to thank the judges, Lisa Furbush, Diane Neri, and Heidi Nelson for volunteering to review the newsletters and tabulate their findings so we can award the clubs who took the extra time to submit their newsletters for judging. Many thanks to Durham, Fairfield, Hebron, Milford, Orange, Shoreline, South Windsor, Tolland, Vernon, Windsor, and Wolcott clubs for participating with judging. The results will be announced at Spring Conference. See you all then!

In Junior Spirit and Friendship,

Evelyn

## **Juniorette Coordinator:**

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Debi Puzia

## **Meeting Planner:**

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Diane Maxellon

Thanks to all who attended the Presidents Dinner in March. A special thank you to Evelyn Magera and Nancy Carter for helping me with the dinner. Now on to Spring Conference.

The format for Spring Conference has been changed this year in the hopes of allowing more Juniors across the state to attend. We all have very busy schedules and hopefully this new format will work for more people. Here are the details:

Spring Conference 2011 - April 30<sup>th</sup>

Location: Crowne Plaza, Cromwell

Times: Registration 8:00-8:30 with a meeting and brunch to follow

Adjournment: 1:00 PM

Our Director, Ronnie Hollis has asked for all members to wear their club shirts, name tags or hats. Bring noise makers, bells and horns and show your club spirit. It should be a fun day and CJW board members are hoping that with the new format and the central location more members will attend.

You should all have received your call by now. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email. Also, rooms are available the night before for \$99 for a single or double, \$109 for a triple and \$119 for a quad.

Happy spring

Diane

## **Public Relations / Website: Heidi Nelson (acting as interim webmaster)**

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I have added the call for President's Dinner. I'm sure there are things that need to be modified or changed but the current blue book is up, the upcoming CJW events are updated and the current Junior Bulletins are online too.

## **Report Writing: Position open – Kathy Znosko (acting interim coordinator)**

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Results of the awards of reports submitted will be published in the Awards Bulletin as the spring issue for the Junior Bulletin in May. Good luck everyone – you have all done a fabulous job trying to make a huge difference in the state of Connecticut and as volunteers in your local communities.

## **State Project:**

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Gretchen Saccone

Heather Pulito

***“Think, Care, Help and Share with CCC”***



***Mission Statement: Covenant to Care for Children mobilizes and channels the generosity of caring and faithful people to advocate for, mentor and provide direct assistance to Connecticut's children and youth who are neglected, abused or at-risk.***

The reports are awesome as we knew they would be!!!!!!!!!! So much is done for the children of Connecticut. We can't believe the number of Easter Baskets that were collected at the President's dinner. They were so beautiful. Catherine picked them up and was thrilled to receive them and when she saw the baby formula she jumped out of her skin.

Hopefully you have been able to conduct a coin challenge at your General meetings. We have asked you to “pass the can or basket” at your next 2 meetings and bring the coins to Spring Conference. We were so pleased and can't wait to see what the club's can collect before Spring Conference. Make it a game and have a small gift as a prize. Please remember CCC can always use **CASH!!!!** The items that we have collected have been outstanding, but cash is good too!!!

At Spring Conference Meral Prewitt will be with us and will be there to answer any questions you might have as well as take the donations.

At Spring Conference we are collecting the summer bags. The following items are ideas that can be placed into a bag; a beach towel, flip flops, hat, sun protection, beach ball or Frisbee, swimsuit, a game that can be played outdoors. Please remember to label the packs with **gender, age and your club**.

**Camp Equipment:** Some children receive camperships but do not have the necessary items for an enjoyable experience. Pack a small overnight bag with a flashlight, bug spray, sun protection, a swimsuit, beach towel or other items.

**Summer Fun/Family Play Packs:** Help children enjoy the outdoors with balls, chalk, Frisbees, jump ropes, kites and sports items. Help bring a family together with cards, board games, jewelry or model making kits, and other activities they can do together. Remember items can be combined between the different packs if you would like.

The following projects CCC have going on and you can check their website for future information.

April - a **Prayer Weekend for children in our State**-a special prayer during services the first weekend in April (April 1-3, 2011). Please do all you can to ensure your faith community takes part in this amazing effort! **April is National Child Abuse Prevention month.**

April 5<sup>th</sup> – Champions Event at the Capitol State Capitol Building from 2:00pm to 4:45pm.

Feel free to contact either one of us if you have any questions regarding the content of this article or any additional you may need.

## **Ways and Means:**

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Sue Spencer (acting as interim chair)

If you need items, please give me more than a week to get your order to you. Items are kept in storage and it may take me a few days to get there and then to the post office.

## **“DISTRICT NEWS SECTION”**

Here's a suggestion to all clubs. Cut and paste the article pertaining to your district and include it in your club newsletter. Help support your sister clubs with their public events and fundraisers. Call the club presidents or the coordinator for details on the events you find interesting.

## **Regal Monarchs District: Position open**

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**Attention:** all club presidents of this district – You may send me (the newsletter editor) your upcoming events by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month and I will gladly include your announcements within this newsletter.

Junior Woman's Club of Berlin  
Cromwell Junior Woman's Club, Inc.  
Glastonbury Junior Women's Club

Marlborough Junior Woman's Club  
Simsbury Junior Woman's Club  
West Hartford Junior Woman's Club

## **Wildbury District:**

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Cara Rinaldi

### **The clubs in the Wildbury District are:**

Beacon Falls Junior Woman's Club  
Bethlehem Junior Women's Club  
Junior Woman's Club of Bristol  
Cheshire Junior Women's Club  
Junior Women's Club of Litchfield Hills  
Middlebury Community Women's Club

Oxford Woman's Club  
Southbury Women's Club  
Southbury Juniores  
Junior Women's Club of Watertown  
Junior Woman's Club of Wolcott  
Wolcott Juniores  
Woodbury Junior Women's Club

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

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Diane Neri

Durham Woman's Club  
Haddam Junior Woman's Club  
Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women's Club

Middlefield Junior Woman's Club  
Shoreline Community Women, Inc  
Wallingford Junior Woman's Club

Jeanne McFarland was the only district president who took up my challenge to attend the Women's Health Conference on March 6<sup>th</sup>. There were 6 members from Shoreline and 2 from Wallingford at the all day event, which I can't recommend highly enough. This is a very uplifting conference. The keynote speaker was Dr. David Katz speaking about nutrition, childhood obesity and the NuVal system that is creeping into our grocery stores to take the confusion out of figuring out nutrition labels. The higher the NuVal number, the better the food choice. Mark your

calendars for the first Sunday in March and plan on attending next year's conference sponsored by Guilford Women and Family Life Center.

It was great seeing so many presidents from S.H.O.R.E. District at President's Dinner. Our club years may be winding down but many of our clubs are just gearing up for a busy season of fundraising. Durham and Middlefield are busy getting ready for the Durham Fair. Haddam works on their Safety Town, Lyme/Old Lyme has their art gala the last weekend in April and Shoreline is gearing up for their 5K Road Race.

Shoreline is holding Neighbor's Night on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Peregrine's Landing in Clinton.

Diane Neri  
District Rep.

## **Dogwood District:**

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Heidi Nelson

Junior Women's Club of Fairfield  
Junior Woman's Club of Milford  
Monroe Women's Club  
Newtown Junior Women's Club  
Orange Community Women  
Stamford Junior Woman's Club

Stratford Junior Woman's Club  
Trumbull Community Women, Inc  
West Haven Junior Woman's Club  
Trumbull Young Woman's Club  
West Haven Juniores

Junior Women's Club of Milford - City-wide Spelling Bee on March 4, at City Hall Auditorium, Milford, 7 p.m.

Stratford Junior Women Club -Spelling Bee will be held on April 28, at Wooster Middle School, Stratford, 7 p.m.  
April 16 Easter Egg Hunt to be held at Sterling House Community Center grounds at 11 a.m. for children ages 9 and under.

Junior Women's Club of Fairfield 30th Annual Spelling Bee on April 26, at Roger Ludlowe Middle School, Fairfield, 7 p.m.

Newtown Junior Women - Spring Flower Show – feel free to contact them for further details.

