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Mahatma Gandhi**

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*“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others”, Mahatma Gandhi*

Since long before Thanksgiving even happened, retailers were preparing for the holidays. Lights are now on the houses, music is playing on the radio, and there’s the endless talk of gifts. Like most people, I love this time of year, but it wasn’t always that way. Up until a few years ago, it was really hard for me to get into the spirit and it all had to do with the stress of buying material gifts. I’ll admit it, I just hate buying gifts. Yes, I know that it is better to give than to receive, but what do you give someone who has everything and what if a gift is being given just for the sake of giving? Where is the meaning in that? In CJW, we talk all year long about the beautiful gifts we give to each other: the gift of a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on, sharing a memorable moment, filling a need, putting a smile on someone’s face. These are wonderful things that each of us has to give that we shouldn’t and don’t save for once a year, yet we don’t typically give gifts like these during the holidays. It is because of that dilemma that I have slowly replaced my material gift giving for gifts of time and I’ve never felt better.

It started when I ignored my nephews request for a DVD (he had dozens)and instead, gave him a certificate to spend a half a day with me going out for lunch, painting pottery, then ice cream afterward. To this day, he reminisces about the time we spent together and knowing that I gifted him a memory (and a nice hand painted mug!) continues to put a smile on my face. Since then, I have gifted many memories like day trips, subscriptions and season passes. Don’t misunderstand, I am not judging those that enjoy shopping and wrapping - I still sprinkle purchased or homemade gifts amongst the more unconventional ones, but I have found that it’s always the latter that leaves the deepest impression on the receiver.

I’ve learned so much about the beauty of giving from the CJW community that it only seems right to share it. If you have a memory making gift story, I’d love to hear it – email me at [nevesfamily34@gmail.com](mailto:nevesfamily34@gmail.com). I will continue the theme of GIVING in next month’s article and share ideas I’ve received. Until then, I want to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday and Happy New Year! Enjoy your gift giving!!!

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In response to your feedback from the Volunteer Satisfaction Survey, you will begin to see enhancements to the CJW website and Newsletter, in an effort to make them more informative and user friendly. Your suggestions are also being taken into consideration with the planning of upcoming conferences.

Another area we would like to focus on in the next month or so is in regards to CJW and Club communications. The goal is to ensure all are well informed and to open the door to ideas to enhance ongoing communications. Club Presidents should expect a call from a CJW board member in the near future to discuss this topic further.

**Membership / Retention:**

With the holiday season upon us, it is an opportune time to explore some fun and games to support member retention. Here are some ideas you may want to consider for your upcoming holiday party. We'd love to hear what your club does and would like to compile a list to post to the website for all of us to use for future planning ideas!!

**Holiday Party Ideas:**

- Pot luck dinner at member's house
- Themed party (Disco Christmas, holiday hat, ugly sweater, holiday jewelry,)
- Yankee gift swap
- Ornament exchange
- T-cup auction (proceeds benefit club choice)
- Holiday Trivia Game (create a game based on holiday movies, holiday facts, etc)
- Here's a game to get to know your members better. Gather the group and ask these questions (or create your own) to learn more about each other. Or give the list to each member and have them mingle with each other to find out who has done what! Share answers with all.

1. Has celebrated Christmas in another country \_\_\_\_\_
2. Returned a gift she received last Christmas \_\_\_\_\_
3. Has seen a real, live reindeer \_\_\_\_\_
4. Has been to Bethlehem \_\_\_\_\_
5. Went Christmas caroling last year \_\_\_\_\_
6. Has peaked at a present before Christmas \_\_\_\_\_
7. Still gets her own stocking filled each year \_\_\_\_\_
8. Has all her Christmas shopping done \_\_\_\_\_
9. Hasn't done any Christmas shopping yet \_\_\_\_\_
10. Has never seen "It's a Wonderful Life" \_\_\_\_\_
11. Has seen "It's a Wonderful Life" too many times \_\_\_\_\_
12. Knows all the reindeers names \_\_\_\_\_
13. Knows what she is getting for Christmas this year \_\_\_\_\_
14. Has made "figgy pudding" at least once \_\_\_\_\_

[http://www.partygameideas.com/christmas-games/find\\_out\\_who\\_1.php#sthash.SQaCyUQY.dpuf](http://www.partygameideas.com/christmas-games/find_out_who_1.php#sthash.SQaCyUQY.dpuf)

Whatever you decide to do, have some fun and celebrate all we do together as members of the CJW family! We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!!

## IMMEDIATE PAST DIRECTOR/LEADERSHIP/PARLIAMENTARIAN

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Happy Thanksgiving

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY



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Sent a sympathy card to Kathy Znosko on the loss of her sister.

We are happy to promote your club events. Please submit your flyers (must include a CJW logo) to Amy Neves for approval.

I am receiving more and more messages from people who find our web page (this is good news) and want more information.

Please remember to let CJW know of any change in officers. Please send us the following information:

CLUB Name	F_NAME	L_NAME	OFFICE	EMAIL	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	PHONE

We are also collecting official club mailing addresses. If your club uses a PO Box or has a physical address please include it with the names of your officers.

Please send this information to [dianeatCJW@gmail.com](mailto:dianeatCJW@gmail.com)

## TREASURER/WAYS & MEANS



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*If you need any pins or other supplies please let me know, and I can mail them out to you.*

Hi all! Welcome to another riveting installment of the Junior Bulletin Treasurers Report, where I will continue to try to convince you that being your clubs Treasurer can be FUN! Hmmm...still not buying it???

This month's article will give you some general framework for new Treasurers or clubs with mostly new membership or clubs that just need a refresher. This is back to basics –

Treasurer 101. In chatting with folks at the Fall Conference I thought this might be helpful to new regimes.

First – In prior articles, we have already gone over some of the more immediate needs surrounding taxes, nonprofit status, insurance, and how to handle contributions.

Now, what do you do day to day, or month to month?? This information is in the Blue Book in much more detail, and I truly encourage you to read the Treasurer section. While I have not yet penned my updates, the vast majority of the information provided is accurate and would be helpful if you are new. You should also have a copy of your clubs Bi-Laws. This document governs all club activity and there should be a section on rules around the finances.

*Does your club have a budget? If not, it should.* This is just a simple document that makes an estimate of what monies will come in (from Dues, Fundraisers, Donations, whatever your club has) and an estimate of what monies will go out (in dues and insurance to CJW, Membership Costs, Project Costs, Cost for supplies for fundraisers, again, whatever you club has).

*Does your club get a regular financial report? If not, it should.* I have seen this done different ways. There is no one right way, but each month your club should be apprised of the financial standing of the club. At CJW, bank account balances are shared, and some clubs might opt to do that. At some clubs and other similar organizations, a list of all the transactions is shared, and other clubs might opt to do that. Some organizations additionally do project financial reports – particularly on large fundraisers, so the sources and uses of funds can be shared with the membership. The definition of “regular reporting” generally means monthly, though many clubs don’t meet in the summer so it is OK if there is some hiatus. If your club is not sharing financial information and would like further assistance on how to accomplish this, please contact me directly and I would be happy to help you achieve that goal.

*Is your bank account reconciled each month? If not, it should be.* This is a standard method of ensuring that no unintentional errors have occurred either by the keeper of the books, or by the bank. The bank reconciliation may also be used as the clubs financial report – just a thought!

*Does your bank account have two signers? If not, it should!* First, it is never a good idea for any one individual to have total control of the finances. One person can be responsible, but there should always be a backup person. One recommendation might be to appoint a long time member as the backup. That person may never have to do anything at all, but something happens to your current treasurer the club funds are not inaccessible. In the worst case scenario, if there should ever be the suspicion of misuse of funds, the Club needs to have the authority to act in the Clubs best interest and make changes as they see fit. A back up is good, but you should also have a process to remove former Treasurers from the signature cards on file with the bank when they are no longer the Treasurer. Again, just good practice! This may also be stated in your Bylaws as a requirement of the organization. Some clubs may also require two signatures on checks over a certain amount.

I will leave you this month with two additional items:

- 1) Dues – most clubs have now paid their dues for the membership that existed as of the date of the Presidents Report (2/28/14). Just a reminder that you should continue to submit \$6 for each new member who joins throughout the year. The general rule would be that from each payment of dues the club receives, \$6 should be forwarded on to CJW.
- 2) Need help?? If your Club has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you would like me to attend a club meeting, that can be arranged. I can consult with you by e-mail or telephone, or if you have a topic you would like me to address in the Bulletin, please let me know.

Wendy

## RECORDING SECRETARY



No report

How would you like to become a “behind the scenes” member of the greatest organization in CT? We have an opening for a Recording Secretary for CJW. If you are interested please contact Amy Neves [nevesfamily34@gmail.com](mailto:nevesfamily34@gmail.com). The job description is available at [www.cjw.org](http://www.cjw.org) in our Blue Book.

## ARTS & EDUCATION

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No report

## CONSERVATION & CURRENT AFFAIRS

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“Juniors make a difference in the lives of others”

### Conservation:

Did you know that you can pick your electric provider? The savings are depending on the provider you pick. You do have to do your homework on the saving and the time you need to stay with them before you can cancel and move to another. But if you do your homework there are saving to be had.

I know it may be hard to believe but winter will soon be here, so before she shows her ugly head you still have some time to do some last minute cleaning outside. If you have a road drain in the front of you house make sure leaves are clear from it. This will keep snow or water from damming up. It is also a good idea to drive a stake in the ground

to mark a fire hydrant that may be in front of you house, unless you town does this. And don't forget to clean you house gutter, this will prevent costly problems later on.

**Current Affairs:**

I would like to thank Nick Campbell and Glastonbury Jrs. for the donation of the three skeins of yarn. I was able to make 5 knitted hats in red, white and blue theme that will be delivered to the Veterans' Hospital. I did show them off at Fall Conference in Cromwell. Another thank you goes to Sue Ponton and Watertown Jrs. for their donation of yarn. So far 5 more red, white and blue hats have been made. Thanks to Watertown Jrs.

For a total of 10 hats have been made.

Ronnie

## HEALTH & HOMELIFE

Enjoy the holiday season. Everything in moderation. Make your New Year's resolutions positive and attainable.

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News Flash: The deadline for newsletter submissions is ALWAYS the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. All officers and committees are required to submit an article each month. It doesn't need to be a 500 word essay but should be checked for spelling and grammar. The purpose for this newsletter is to be informative and motivating for our readers. You know an article is due each month so you shouldn't be caught by surprise when the deadline rolls around. Be prepared and write articles in advance.



Pictures! I need pictures of your club events. Let me see what you're doing and please identify people in the pictures and the when-what-where-and why so I can incorporate them in Amy's memory book (and add them to our web page if you'd like). Send electronically in .pdf format, please, and put "Amy's Album" in the subject line.

## JUNIORETTES

No report

## LONG TERM AFFILIATION (LTA)

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ABRI/Homes for the Brave

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Female Soldiers: Forgotten Heroes

<http://www.homesforthebrave.org/programs/female-soldiers-forgotten-heroes/>

I am very pleased to begin my journey as Long Term Affiliate liaison to FS:FH. I am looking forward to working with the staff at ABRI/PFC Nicolas A. Madaras Home and helping CJW coordinate our support for our state project. I know I have some very large shoes to fill, but I also know with the help of our wonderful members in so many CJW clubs, we will continue our successful partnership with FS:FH.

I have already reached out to Claudia Nielson, Development Director for ABRI, Homes for the Brave. She was so kind to give me an update about what they have been up to recently.

Recently, Channel 3 The Eyewitness News I-Team has launched a series called "Keeping the Promise," focused on exposing issues facing veterans in Connecticut and provide a platform to those offering help. They did three stories on homeless veterans that ABRI is helping. The first story is about Cynthia, who is a resident at the PFC Nicholas A. Madaras Home. It's really a remarkable feeling knowing that our support is directly helping Cynthia and other residents at the home to get back on their feet and to live happy, healthy, productive lives.



Cynthia's story:

<http://www.wfsb.com/story/27359096/female-veterans-assisted-through-ct-nonprofit>

The other two stories are about male veterans, currently being served by Homes for the Brave.

Alex's Story:

<http://www.wfsb.com/story/27356532/ct-non-profit-helps-homeless-veterans-find-success>

Fred, Andrew and Steve:

<http://www.wfsb.com/story/27356690/three-homeless-veterans-find-success-in-ct-nonprofit>



One point that was particularly striking to me, both in the articles and my conversation with Claudia, is that there are **open beds** in both the male and female programs. We know that there is such a tremendous need for assistance for our homeless veterans, and these services are ready and waiting. It truly is a matter of getting the word out that these homes and services are available.

Women especially, often do not seek out services, out of fear, shame or other reasons. They may temporarily sleep on a relative's couch or other emergency situation, but those arrangements do not offer the services that FS:FH provides.

These services include case management, life skills, a safe and stable place to live, job assistance, and ultimately, transition into permanent housing.



We can help by getting the word out to our friends, family, co-workers, community groups, asking them to share the information. The more the information is shared, the higher the likelihood that a homeless veteran can be helped. In this age of electronic/social media, it seems that one of the best ways to do that is by sharing on-line. Please "like" and share their Facebook pages and the other links listed above.

FS:FH

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Female-Soldiers-Forgotten-Heroes/59077772267>

Homes for the Brave

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/ABRIHomes-for-the-Brave/199613606735630>

Thank you so much for your support. Please don't hesitate to contact me if your club would like to donate items, get involved with program offerings, or just need more information.

## MEETING PLANNER



Nicole Maxellon [nmaxellon@aol.com](mailto:nmaxellon@aol.com)

Happy December everyone! First I would like to remind all clubs that we are still looking for hosting club, clubs, or districts to host future CJW meetings. We have President's Dinner in March and Spring Conference in May. Those months are right around the corner.

On a lighter note, I want to take the time to wish everyone a very happy and healthy holiday season. I hope everyone gets to spend as much time with the family as I get to. My favorite thing to during the holiday season I bake! Baking is my true passion, and I have gone ahead and added my favorite holiday recipe to this article!

### **Muddy Buddies – By Chex**

9 cups Chex cereal

1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

½ cup peanut butter  
¼ cup butter or margarine  
1 tsp vanilla  
1 ½ cups powder sugar

Steps:

1. Put cereal in a large mixing bowl.
2. In a microwave safe bowl, microwave chocolate, peanut butter, and butter on HIGH for 1 minute. Stir. Microwave for about 30 seconds more, until the mixture is smooth to mix onto the cereal. Stir in vanilla.
3. Pour the chocolate mixture over cereal and stir until all cereal is coated evenly.
4. Put cereal into a zip lock bag.
5. Add powdered sugar, and shake until all the cereal is coated.
6. Spread out on wax paper until cool.

Store in an airtight container!

I hope everyone loves them as much as I do. Enjoy this holiday season, as well as the snow!

-Nicole Maxellon

## WAYS AND MEANS

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**CJW has just what you need to.....welcome new members, thank speakers or other visitors to your clubs, and acknowledge that extra special effort of a club member or someone in your community!!!!**

We have environmentally friend shopping bags – blue with a white CJW logo screen printed. I have about 30 in stock. PRICE \$1.00/each.

**We have certificates of appreciation – Quantity – unlimited – PRICE \$1.00 for 10.**

We have CJW pads – approximately 6"x4"; white with a blue logo printed – PRICE \$2.50 for 5.

We have CJW Post It Notes –white with a blue logo printed – PRICE \$2.00 for 10.

We have fleece jackets – quantity is limited – sizing runs small – 1 Medium; 2 – 2XL; 1 – 3XL. Blowout fall special PRICE \$10 each.

We have fanny packs! PRICE \$3 each.

We also have small quantities of pens, pencils and key chains.

Want to buy in bigger quantities? Let me know and we can offer volume discounts!!! I am happy to deliver items at Fall Conference or if you need them sooner let me know and we can try to find a way to not have to ship! With these extra special prices...the postage would cost more than the items!!! Hurry get yours TODAY!!!!

*Wendy*

## CHARTER OAK



Barkhamsted Women's Club, Enfield Junior Women's Club, South Windsor Junior Women's Club, Tolland Junior Women, Vernon Junior Women's Club, Windsor Junior Woman's Club, Tolland Juniores

**Clubs, please send news items directly to Diane Neri with your club name and district in the Subject.**

OK clubs, what have you been up to this past month? Send me ONE paragraph about your club's last meeting. Make sure to include your club name and the District. Send to [dianeatcjw@gmail.com](mailto:dianeatcjw@gmail.com).

## DOGWOOD

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Junior Women's Club of Fairfield, the Junior Woman's Club of Milford, the Monroe Women's Club, the Newtown Junior Women's Club, the Orange Community Women, the Stratford Junior Woman's Club, the Trumbull Community Women, Inc., the West Haven Junior Woman's Club, and the Orange Community Juniores.

Hello Everyone!!

So many things to be Thankful for this month! It is so great to hear from you all about the wonderful things you are doing in your communities. I saw in the local paper that the Junior Women's Club of Milford just selected their Living Treasure for 2014, honoring Robert Burr Gregory on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> for the service he has given to the city of Milford. What a nice way to recognize those who make our communities special. Take a look below to see what some of our other clubs are doing in their communities.

- Donna Wesolowski, Dogwood District Advisor

**Highlights and News from our Clubs:**

**Junior Women's Club of Fairfield** : Our elves have been very busy preparing for our 29th Annual

"A Visit to Santa's House" scheduled for December 13 & 14 at the Burr Homestead in Fairfield. A cherished town tradition attended by generations of families, A Visit to Santa's House consistently raises thousands of dollars for charity. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the club's charitable partner, the "JWC Girls Zone" at the Cardinal Shehan Center in Bridgeport. See attached flier for more info.

**The Monroe Women's Club:**

We are working on several winter projects. The first is our Poinsettia Fundraiser. We offer them in white, pink and red. Plants will be delivered to residents' home or businesses in Monroe on Friday, Dec. 5th. The second project is our Luminary Fundraiser. These are ordered through our P.O. Box at \$5 per dozen. Order deadline is Dec. 7th with delivery to homes in Monroe on Dec. 13th. The club also participates in the town's giving tree and donates \$300 in gift cards to the Monroe Social Service Dept. We call this our Adopt a Neighbor Project.

Our biggest winter project is our Holiday Tree Lighting at the Monroe Town Green Gazebo on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The event starts at 5:30 pm and the public is invited to enjoy free cookies, hot cocoa & coffee. Music & singing is provided by the High School and Middle School students. Later, Santa & Mrs. Claus make an appearance by Fire Truck and greet all the children. Finally, our club has started to support Wreaths Across America which places wreaths on the graves of veterans in CT. Last year the club purchased 2 wreaths. I imagine we will do the same this year.

**Orange Community Women:**

Our first beautification project got underway with an assessment of the garden area and condition of the signage at Wright's Pond. A decision was made to hold off the majority of the work until the Spring, though some fall plantings were added.

We also held our annual Halloween party with the Tracy Bunch. All of our guests arrived in costume, and immediately posed for a group photo. The craft that was chosen for this event was decorating a 5 x 7 wooden frame, immediately followed by cupcake decorating. While the festivities were taking place, the photos were printed and inserted into the frames. We wrapped up the evening with several games of bingo (until everyone had won a prize). As everyone left, they took home their prizes, candy and framed photo. A great time was had by all!

On Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> we will be serving dinner to the women residents at Homes for the Brave. Everyone puts together a dish, and then several of our group members bring the meal and spend some time visiting. It's always a lovely evening.

To further support our LTA, we will be holding a fundraiser on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bertucci's in Orange. If you would like to attend, download the voucher attached to the

newsletter. Simply show the voucher to your server prior to ordering. We will receive 15% of the total check. This also pertains to takeout orders. Come join us for this worthwhile cause!

### **Orange Community Juniorettes:**

We have formed a team – “The Jazzy Juniorettes” and will be participating in our tri-town Relay for Life event to be held in May of 2015. Our first group fundraiser was held on October 26th, selling hot chocolate, coffee and popcorn at “Trunk or Treat.” It was a cold, windy afternoon so our booth was very popular, and it gave us a good start toward our fundraising goal!

On October 29<sup>th</sup> we spent time with our friends at Silverbook Senior Center. Rather than do a craft, we opted to play board games and share a snack with them. We had a huge turnout and everyone had a great time. We’ll be going back to Silverbook in December along with Orange Community Women for a joint holiday party.

Our next event is our “Wonderland Waggin’ Tails Pet Food Drive”, to collect food and supplies for the Milford Animal Shelter. The Shelter services both the towns of Milford and Orange and is open to all residents who are having difficulty feeding their pets due to hard economic times. We will have collection boxes at Petco and Pet Supplies Plus later in November, and then have a collection area at our town’s tree lighting ceremony on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Trumbull Community Women:**

We again sponsored the 2 mile Health Walk at the 24th Great Pumpkin Classic held on Oct. 19th at the Trumbull High School campus. Despite the cold weather, runners and walkers from all over the area turned up to support this annual event. All proceeds raised went to fund high school scholarships.

On Sunday, Oct. 26, the Trumbull Library on Quality Street was the setting as the community celebrated the memory of Clarence Heimann, Trumbull’s longest serving first selectman, who died in October at his home in New Hampshire, at the age of 99. We provided the refreshments for the afternoon ceremony that was hosted by Mary Keane and included speakers Suzanne Burr Monaco, Joan Plouffe and Heimann’s daughter Carol. Cindy Nigro, co-president of TCW, said there was a sentimental reason for their involvement. Heimann served from 1961 to 1973, at the time that their club was getting started, and was a motivating force behind the building of many schools, parks, and the very Community Room where their club meets every month. “He did so much to make Trumbull the town that we all love,” Nigro said, “that he’s an inspiration to us every day.”

On Saturday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> we hosted a Wildtree product fundraiser for friends and family at a members home. Wildtree is 100% all natural and Certified Organic food company. Wildtree helps families make healthier food choices with simple, easy recipes anyone can cook and everyone will love! Over \$280 in proceeds was made to benefit TCW projects.

We are offering a personalized "Letters to Santa or Frosty" delivered to a child's home before the holidays. The letter includes information about the child and a gift they are asking

for. Of course the letter is post marked from the North Pole. If you are interested for family or friends, please go to

<http://www.trumbullcommunitywomen.org/> to get the registration form. The cost is \$5 per letter. The funds raised are used for community projects (Tidy Up Trumbull, Children's Art's Tent, Veteran's Day among others). Please feel free to pass this along to anyone else who has children who might enjoy.

We hosted a Veteran's Day reception on Tuesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at Trumbull High School. This event gets bigger and bigger every year. The veterans are greeted with breakfast and treats before the ceremony to honor them. They then go into the classrooms and speak with the students about their experiences serving our country. On the way out the veterans receive gift bags enclosing a roll of Life Savers and a \$1 scratch lotto ticket. The day is so heartwarming, meaningful and a very successful event for our Veterans. **Only the Best for Them!**

### **Stratford Junior Women's Club:**

The Stratford Junior Woman's Club hosted a fundraiser at Two Roads Brewery in Stratford on November 20<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Sterling House Toy Drive and Adopt-a-Family Program, their annual high school scholarships and other community projects which anticipates raising over \$2000. In addition, the Mayor of Stratford matched our goal by making a donation from his annual charity golf tournament of another \$2000. This donation will be used to assist the toy drive in supporting the children and families in Stratford for the upcoming holiday.

## **REGAL MONARCHS**



Junior Woman's Club of Berlin, Central Connecticut Community Woman's Club, Inc., Glastonbury Junior Women's Club, Hebron Women's Club, Marlborough Junior Woman's Club, Simsbury Junior Woman's Club, Hebron Juniores

**Clubs, until you get a District Advisor please send your news directly to Diane Neri or Amy Neves.**

**Please indicate in your subject that you are a Regal Monarchs District club.**

OK clubs, what have you been up to this past month? Send me ONE paragraph about your club's last meeting. Make sure to include your club name and the District. Send to [dianeatcjw@gmail.com](mailto:dianeatcjw@gmail.com).

### **News from the Central Connecticut Community Women's Club (CCCWC)**

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Central Connecticut Community Women's Club (CCWC), formally the Cromwell Junior Women's Club, hosted their 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Craft Fair in Cromwell. The 70 crafters, home-made baked goods, warm lunch items, and a plethora

of raffle items brought in almost 700 visitors on a chilly day! Funds raised at this event will be disbursed at the end of the Club year to support various educational and civic purposes in Cromwell and neighboring towns.

In December, CCCWC will be participating in the Cromwell Historical Society's Christmas Open House: The Colors of Christmas occurring on December 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be sponsoring and decorating the music room in the museum and members will be on hand to speak with guests during the Open House. This is a great opportunity to visit the beautiful Frisbee House, meet the CCWC members and learn a bit of Cromwell History all at once! The Frisbee House is located at 395 Main Street in Cromwell and the Colors of Christmas is open December 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-4P & 6-8P and December 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-4P.

## S.H.O.R.E.



Durham Woman's Club, Haddam Junior Woman's Club, Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women's Club, Shoreline Community Women, Inc., Wallingford Community Women

I challenge other S.H.O.R.E. district clubs to send me a paragraph or a photo of what your club did at your last meeting. Send it to [dianeatcjw@gmail.com](mailto:dianeatcjw@gmail.com). Better yet, would someone like to step up and join the CJW Board as District Advisor?

Santa is arriving in Clinton on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, to light the Christmas tree and take requests from good little girls and boys. Shoreline Community Women will be hosting their annual craft bazaar and bake sale and providing healthy snacks along with hot chocolate and cookies. December's meeting will be a potluck supper and gift exchange. On Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> we will be making a holiday dinner for the residents of Glenhaven Elderly Housing.

## WILDBURY



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

OK clubs, what have you been up to this past month? Send me ONE paragraph about your club's last meeting. Make sure to include your club name and the District. Send to [dianeatcjw@gmail.com](mailto:dianeatcjw@gmail.com).

## THIS AND THAT

(anyone who wants to can stop reading here, but you may miss a really good recipe or project idea)

Here's a recipe that is just too yummy to pass up.

#### Blueberry Yum-Yum

- 1 10 oz package Lorna Doone cookies (or another type of shortbread cookie)
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 8-oz containers frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 12 oz can blueberry pie filling
- 1 cup chopped pecans

#### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350F. Crush the cookies and reserve about ½ cup of the crumbs for the topping. Mix the cookie crumbs with the melted butter. Press them into the bottom of a 9 x 13" glass baking dish. Bake for 5 minutes and then cool completely.
- In a large bowl, combine the softened cream cheese, confectioners' sugar and 1 container of the whipped topping by hand. Spread mixture over cooled crust.
- Drop dollops of the blueberry pie filling over the cream cheese layer and spread carefully. Sprinkle pecans over the pie filling. Top with remaining container of whipped topping and sprinkle with the reserved crushed cookies. Chill at least 2 hours before serving.