



New members (l to r) Megan Reynolds, Anne Bergeron, Kim Walsh and Paula Lubas. Missing from photo: Lauren Barnicle, Rebekah Forlenza, Edith Kaplan and Genevieve Manfredo.



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MONTHLY NEWS FOR THE WEST MORRIS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

IMPORTANT DATES

WMJWC Welcomes Eight New Members at Annual Banquet



At the WMJWC annual banquet held on Wednesday, January 14th, eight new members were welcomed to the club as well as the official installation of new officers. At the banquet which took place at Redwoods in Chester, the following new members were welcomed into the club: Lauren Barnicle, Anne Bergeron, Rebekah Forlenza, Edith Kaplan, Paula Lubas, Genevieve Manfredo, Megan Reynolds and Kim Walsh.

New officers for the 2015 year include WMJWC president Francesca

Mullany, first vice president Meredith Arena, second vice president and secretary Kim Walsh, and treasurer Ginna Welsh.

Also honored with the annual WMJWC awards were members Francesca Mullany and Linda Chang. Mullany was presented with the Fernanda Smith Memorial Award for her continued support and enthusiasm throughout the years. Chang was presented with the Junior of the Year Award for her dedication to the club and its various charities.

Special thanks to members Paula Lubas and Allyson Daly for their work planning and coordinating this annual event!

To read more about all the new installations and positions for 2015 or to view the image gallery, please visit our website.

Wednesday, February 4th
Juniors Annual Valentine Meeting
The Daly Residence
34 Horizon Drive, Mendham
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4th
Monthly Meeting
Garabrant Center, Mendham
8:00 p.m.

Monday, March 9th
Annual Senior Luncheon
Garabrant Center, Mendham
11:30 a.m.

20th Annual Spelling Bee Welcomes Chester School

The WMJWC 20th Annual Spelling Bee was held Saturday, January 17th at West Morris Mendham High School. The event was chaired for the second consecutive year by member Mandy Culbertson with a huge amount of help from members Genevieve Manfredo and Edith Kaplan.

For the first year, Juniors was thrilled to welcome Chester Bragg School to the competition which resulted in the best-attended spelling bee on record with 56 participants. This year's top three winners, who will now go on to the Northern Region Spelling Bee on February 21, include: Peter Cosmi (Hilltop), Aidan deGrandpre (Mendham Township Middle School) and Hanna Kutlu (Hilltop).

Special thanks to WMJWC members Kelly Rice (judge), Jenna Rosselli (judge), Linda Chang (judge) and Lauren Barnicle (word caller). Also there to help were WMJWC members Corrie Viola, Megan Reynolds, Francesca Mullany and Nicole Shaw.

Congrats to all the winners! Best of luck at the regional contest!



President's Letter

Happy New Year, Juniors! I'm excited for a new year filled with many amazing opportunities and memories-in-the-making in store for all of us. My hope for the West Morris Junior Woman's Club is that we continue to create opportunities that contribute our talents and resources to our community.

We have so many amazing events on tap this year! One of these events will be our Annual Fundraiser (still working on the details - thanks for your patience!) and the proceeds from this fundraiser will not only come back to the club but we will also continue to support our community by donating proceeds to The Valerie Fund's Thomas J. Rice Grief Support Program. We are also working on plans for a Community Health + Awareness Day that will take place on May 16th at the Brookside Community Club. This event will include a bone marrow drive and possibly diabetes testing, expert nutritional information, yoga, children's physical activities and much more. We really want to make this a fun event focused on health for the whole family.

We are still in need for a member to chair our Annual Blood Drive that takes place in November. This is a very EASY event to chair as the bulk of the work is to schedule a date that works for both Atlantic Health Blood Donor services and the Mendham Boro Firehouse. Atlantic Health takes care of everything else, including creating signs and posters for us. Email me at francesca.calogero@gmail.com or mendhamjuniors@gmail.com.

Who's excited about our upcoming Valentine's Day-themed meeting on February 4th at Allyson Daly's house? Be sure to RSVP on the Evite—and if you have a friend that is considering Juniors, please invite them along. This is sure to be a very fun meeting! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Kelly Rice for being an amazing mentor this past year. I have enjoyed working with you and will continue to ask you a million questions throughout the year! If anyone is interested in learning more about the role of president for 2016, please let me know.

Francesca



Group photo from last year's Valentine's Event.

Join us for the 2015 Valentine's Day Event!

Join us for our annual Juniors Valentine's Event! Each Valentine's Day, WMJWC hosts a special meeting to catch up on business and to have some fun! This year's meeting will take place Wednesday, February 4th at member Allyson Daly's house, 34 Horizon Drive, Mendham, and will feature Pure Romance products for sale. For those who don't know Pure Romance, check out some of their romantic and sexy items for you and your partner online!

A percentage of the sales from the evening will benefit the club. Please bring a bottle of wine or appetizer to share. Also, bring a friend or an alum to join us for this fun night! We look forward to seeing you there! Please RSVP via the evite that was sent to all club members.

Treat Mendham Area Seniors this St. Patty's Day

Join Juniors on Monday, March 9th for the annual Mendham Seniors St. Patrick's Day Luncheon! This event, which will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Garabrant Center in Mendham, is sure to warm your heart as you help provide a festive and memorable luncheon for many members of the Mendham Senior Center. Many volunteer positions are needed such as set-up, decorations, servers and clean up. To volunteer, please contact committee chair Cynthia Dreeman-Meyer, cjdreeman@msn.com.



New Website Launched

In early January, West Morris Junior Woman's Club launched a new website! The new site, which is supported by WIX, offers core menu items such as *About Us*, *Events*, *News* and *Get Involved*, from a new, more modern and engaging platform. The club's signature green and purple colors are also front and center on the site. *Meet Our Members* offers a photo and a quick bio of the majority of our members. "The previous site served the club well," said communications co-chair Linda Chang who designed the site and will manage it along with co-chair Allyson Daly. "But the club has done so much and has grown so over the past few years, we wanted a new website that is more up-to-date and truly showcases all that we do in the community."

