



Juniors Kristen Schutzman, Ginna Welsh, Megan McCarthy, Kerry Seely and Megan Reynolds relax and enjoy catching up at our Annual Yankee Gift Exchange.



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IMPORTANT DATES

## Luminary Fundraiser Brightens Christmas for iCare Families

We were so excited to see our community "light the way for Santa and his sleigh" this past Christmas Eve! Thank you to all members who supported our luminary fundraiser. Through this initiative, WMJWC raised funds to sponsor gifts for 16 children for the iCare Foundation.

A special THANK YOU to our committee chair Lauren Barnicle and committee member Corrie Viola for heading up this wonderful effort, and our members who supported and encouraged the sales of luminary kits. Together, we sold 260 kits, totaling \$2,600 in sales plus additional donations that went directly toward gifts for iCare children. Thank you to Corrie Viola, Kelly Rice, Anne Bergeron and Francesca Mullany for helping to deliver the completed kits to our participating neighbors.



Thank you also to our members for personally shopping for gifts for our sponsored children and helping make their Christmas a little brighter this year! Thank you to Angela Fantin, Danielle Shefsky, Kelly Rice, Megan McCarthy, Paula Lubas, Jenna Rosselli, Kristen Schutzman, Susanna Short, Linda Chang, Tori Legacki, Ginna Welsh, Megan Reynolds, Kelly Johnson and Kerry Seely. All gifts were given out at the 9th Annual iCare Fulfill a Wish party on December 20 at the Sisters of Christian Charity.

Our hope is for this community project to become a WMJWC and Mendham/Chester tradition for years to come - allowing us to brighten everyone's spirit with the magic of Christmas and ultimately touch the lives of families in need during holidays.

**Saturday, January 23, 2016**  
WMJWC 21st Annual Spelling Bee  
Location: West Morris Mendham High School

**Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00 pm**  
WMJWC Annual Banquet  
Location: Dante's Ristorante

**Wednesday, February 3**  
Monthly Member Meeting  
Location: Chang Residence

**Monday, March 14**  
St. Patty's Senior Luncheon  
Location: Garabrant Center



## Volunteers Needed for WMJWC 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Spelling Bee

The WMJWC 21st Annual Spelling Bee will be held Saturday, January 23rd at West Morris Mendham High School. The event is being co-chaired by members Mandy Culbertson and Megan McCarthy.

A call for participation has been requested for all local 4th and 5th grade students. We look forward to 50+ students participating in the 2016 WMJWC Spelling Bee.

Mandy and Megan have been hard at work preparing for the Bee and we need volunteers to make the day a success. Please review the Sign-up Genius [here](#) and consider signing up for one of the available positions. We are still looking for 2 additional judges and a word caller. We cannot pull off this event without YOUR help.

Please reach out to Mandy Culbertson with any questions leading up to the event at [amhculbertson@gmail.com](mailto:amhculbertson@gmail.com).

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## President's Letter

Happy New Year! I am so proud of everything we accomplished in 2015, including the first annual community luminary fundraiser and the re-introduction of Cookies with Santa. I am very excited for a productive 2016 with the Club! We've been revamping some of our events and community contributions, including our West Morris Mendham High School scholarship and our annual fundraiser. More information about both is coming in the weeks ahead.

December marked the end of my 2nd year as the President of Juniors and I have really enjoyed this role over the last 2 years. I'm looking forward to remaining an active member of the Club and know that the role of President is in great hands! Thanks to all of you for all the support you've shown me and the Club.

All my best,  
Francesca







## Cookies with Santa - Oh What Fun for the Whole Family!

Santa and his little elf paid a special visit to WMJWC's families and friends at our "Cookies with Santa" event held at the Garabrant Center on Saturday, December 12. An old Juniors' tradition has been revived as a way for Juniors to connect, mingle and get into the holiday spirit with our families. The kids enjoyed decorating and eating their cookies, and crafting snowmen while waiting for Santa to arrive. When Santa arrived, each child had the opportunity to personally tell Santa his/her wish list and have their picture taken. Everyone enjoyed coffee and hot cocoa with donuts, pastries and bagels. We also collected two boxes filled with toys to donate to Toys for Tots.

A big thanks to Kyleigh von Dohlen and Kerry Seely for chairing a wonderful event, and Linda Chang for capturing memories with Santa. Thank you to Mandy Culbertson, Kelly Johnson, Victoria Legacki and Ginna Welsh for all delicious goodies and refreshments. Also, special thanks to Megan McCarthy, Francesca Mullany and Anne Bergeron for helping with setup and cleanup.

Lastly, thank you the friends and families who attended - you all helped make this event a wonderful time for kids and grownups alike! We look forward to seeing you all next year.



## Lots of Fun and Giggles at our Annual Yankee Gift Exchange!

Happy Holidays from Juniors! Lots of fun and giggles were had at our Annual Yankee Gift Exchange. It is one of WMJWC's most fun events and we all had a wonderful time celebrating the end of the year with a bit of friendly, and funny gift-giving.

Thank you to everyone who attended and a special thanks to our lovely host, Anne Bergeron.



## RSVP for the Juniors Annual Banquet by January 20<sup>th</sup>

Join Juniors on Wednesday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m. for our Annual Banquet. This year the banquet will take place at Dante's Restaurant in Mendham. The annual banquet is the event where new officers are sworn in, new members are officially welcomed to the Club and all members who have decided to become Alumni are honored. We will also be handing out outstanding member awards which will be voted on by members electronically this year – so be on the lookout for your ballot and cast your votes!

Reservations for the banquet are \$35 per person and includes a four course sit-down dinner. Since Dante's is BYOB, please bring your favorite bottle of wine to share. Please make your check payable to the West Morris Junior Woman's Club and send it to Linda Chang at 12 Conifer Drive, Mendham NJ 07945.

Also, be sure to RSVP via the Evite which was sent to all members. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

