



Junior and children's author Meredith Stack Ross hosted storytime at the "Fall Into Music and Storytime" event aimed at creating awareness and raising funds for pediatric cancer research.



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MONTHLY NEWS FOR THE WEST MORRIS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

IMPORTANT DATES

WMJWC Fall Into Music & Storytime Event Delivers Good Reads, Tunes and Fun!

WMJWC's "Fall into Music & Storytime" was a huge success! This community event, held on Thursday, September 24 at the Brookside Community Club, featured our very own Meredith Stack Ross and Billboard Magazine's best-selling kids' artist Mr. Ray. Meredith read stories from her Peanut and Patton books, and Mr. Ray had the kids up and dancing to his music.

Guests indulged in yummy autumn treats, got their pictures taken, and purchased signed copies of the Patton and Peanut books! \$6 of every purchase will be donated to pediatric cancer research and we raised \$240 through book sales! You can purchase your own copies by visiting www.pattonandpeanut.com.

Thank you so much for everyone who worked so hard to pull this together. Many of you helped us spread the word by inviting



friends to our Facebook page and distributing flyers to your children's pre-schools. Francesca and Anne would also like to thank Linda Chang and Mandy Culbertson for helping with set-up, and Corrie Viola and Lauren Barnicle for helping to clean up. Lastly, the event would not have been successful without the support and attendance of so many members including Kelly Rice, Kristen Schutzman, Laura Wilson, Meghan Bergman, and Katie Jabbour.

And also a big thank you to our co-sponsor, the Brookside Community Club.

Wednesday, October 7 at 8:00 pm
Monthly Member Meeting
Garabrant Center, Mendham NJ

Thursday, October 15 at 9:30 am
Gold Canyon Fundraiser Open House
The Bergeron Residence

Tuesday, October 20 from 10:00 am – noon
Halloween Poster Contest Judging
Location: Daly Residence

Wednesday, November 4
Monthly Member Meeting
Location: TBD (Volunteer needed to host)

Wednesday, November 11, 1:00-6:00 pm
WMJWC Annual Blood Drive
Location: Mendham Borough Firehouse

Friday, November 20 at 9:00 am
Thanksgiving Food Drive "Bagging Party" -
The Reynolds Residence

Wednesday, December 2 at 8:00 pm
Monthly Member Meeting / Yankee Gift Exchange
Location: TBD (Volunteer needed to host)

Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 2:00 pm
Cookies with Santa
Location: Garabrant Center





It's Back to Business (and Fun!) at the Annual Porch Party

Welcome back from summer break Juniors! Our Annual Porch Party, held on Wednesday, September 9 at the Short residence, was filled with fun conversation, food and lots of planning as we gear up for a busy remainder of the year. Everyone had a great time catching-up with friends and also meeting new friends at our first meeting back from the summer and then it was back to business!

Co-presidents Francesca Mullany and Anne Bergeron shared results from the club survey that was conducted over the summer. We received a lot of great insight from your feedback which in turn will help us as a club determine where to direct our time, money and energy. Our focus will continue to be to channel our efforts toward events and activities that we are passionate about and that makes a difference in our local and global community.

Thanks to everyone who attended, especially our new members! And special thanks to Susanna Short for hosting such a wonderful evening!

President's Letter

Each year the fall season brings so many fun activities and events and this year is no exception. We have had a strong start to the year with our Porch Party & Fall into Music & Storytime, and we loved seeing so many of you support these events!

We have many more great events planned for the fall including the Gold Canyon Fundraiser, Halloween Poster Contest, Blood Drive, Food Drive, Luminaries, and Cookies with Santa. Our next general meeting is on October 7th at the Garabrant Center. Please make sure to attend because we have so many exciting events to discuss!

Anne + Francesca





Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive Kicks Off November 2!

Once again, WMJWC will be partnering with FIS to run the Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive. Last year, we collected and provided over 80 bagged meals for families during the Thanksgiving holiday. The drive will run from November 2 to November 21 with the Turkey drop off on November 23. Hilltop Elementary in Mendham Borough and the elementary and middle schools in Mendham Township will be participating. Be on the lookout for information from your schools as far as what items are needed.

We will be coordinating a competition at the two elementary schools to encourage donations. We will need 2-3 people at each elementary school to help with food collection and the legwork for the competitions.

Once we collect all of the food items, we will be having a "Bagging" Party" on November 20th at 9am at the home of Megan Reynolds (29 Tingley Road, Brookside, NJ - might come up as Morristown for GPS).

Please email Megan (meganreynolds@gmail.com) or Kim (kadams68@yahoo.com) if you are able to help at the "Bagging Party" or collect the food donations at either elementary school. We appreciate your help!



Save the Date for our 33rd Annual Blood Drive

Blood donation is the gift of life. Did you know that blood is needed somewhere every 3 seconds? Did you know that one out of three people will need donated blood in their lifetime?

On November 11th, WMJWC will once again partner with Atlantic Health System during our Annual Blood Drive. Each unit of blood collected will be brought back to Morristown Medical Center and has the potential to save 3 lives! And for another reason to donate - your blood donation will sponsor a teddy bear gift to over 75 children in the Goryeb Children's Hospital this holiday season.

Mark your calendars and plan on being at the Firehouse between 10am and 6pm.