



Members Allyson Daly, Francesca Mullany, Corrie Viola, Ginna Welsh, Laura Wilson, Paula Lubas and Linda Chang along with their families getting ready to march.



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MONTHLY NEWS FOR THE WEST MORRIS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

IMPORTANT DATES

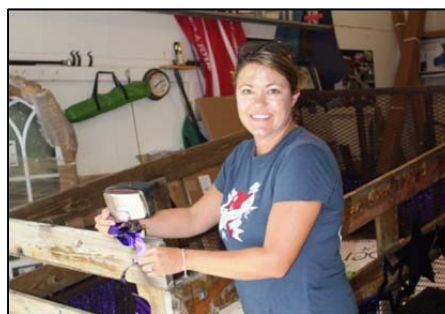
Juniors Debut Float at the Annual Community Labor Day Parade

Thousands of community members from the Mendhams and surrounding areas gathered on September 1st to celebrate Labor Day at the annual Parade and Carnival—one of Mendhams most-attended events.

Juniors had a great presence at this annual community event where the Club participated in the parade and debut its spirited float to help promote awareness of WMJWC and its community service.

Special thanks to members Allyson Daly, Linda Chang, Paula Lubas, Francesca Mullany, Kelly Rice, Corrie Viola, Ginna Welsh (and family!) and Laura Wilson for their help decorating the float and for representing the Club at the parade.

Just another way Juniors supports our community and honors our country!



Wednesday, September 10th
General Meeting
Rizzo Residence
77 West Main Street, Mendham
8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 27th
Harvest Hustle 5k/Juniors Team
9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 1st
General Meeting
Rice Residence, 56 Mountain Avenue
9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 5th
General Meeting
Garabant Center
8:00 p.m.



Current and prospective members.

Summer Porch Party Ushers in New Members and Ideas

The West Morris Junior Woman's Club Summer Porch Party on Tuesday, August 26 was a great success, joining longtime members with new! Special thanks to Nicole Geary for hosting!

In addition to catching up with old and new friends, many new ideas around fundraising and community activities were discussed. To learn more about joining Juniors and how you can help make a difference in our community, please visit our membership page at wmjwc.org.



Members Meredith Arena (second from left) and Nicole Shaw (second from right) with new members (left to right) Rebekah Forlenza, Kim Walsh and friend Edith Kaplan.



From left to right, member Heidi Speckhart with new members Lori Furness and Megan Revnolds.

President's Letter

Welcome back friends! We hope everyone had an amazing summer. We are so excited to be back and we have lots in store for Juniors this year! The Porch Party kickoff was a great way to get back in the groove—we loved seeing so many of you and meeting new and potential members.

The Porch Party also reminded us of one of the things we love best about Juniors—our commitment to community and our ability to share ideas with each other. We had a lot of great conversations about how we can work together to do great things in the West Morris area, such as increased food donation efforts.

We have many important dates and events coming up such as the Halloween Poster Contest, Blood Drive, Food Drive, and Spelling Bee so please be sure to attend our September meeting which is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. this Wednesday, September 10th at the Garabrant Center. We'll also be talking a little more about working towards redefining what we want WMJWC to be all about and potentially moving forward with setting up a Health Fair in April to showcase a focus on promoting health and wellness in our community.

Francesca + Kelly



Juniors is proud to announce it is an official sponsor of the Twin Boro Bears Cheerleading Club for the 2014 season! Our tents will be used at all the football games and practices. Go Bears!

Juniors Welcomes Four New Members



Rebekah Forlenza

Although I was born in NJ I grew up in Buffalo, NY, I met my husband while working and living in NYC after college. We moved to NJ together in 1999 and moved to Chester in 2007 when I was pregnant with my son. We needed more room for our growing family and loved everything about Chester. That feeling has only grown in the past 7 years.

I work part time for Wiley in Hoboken and feel very lucky to have found a balance between work and family that works for all of us. I believe strongly in giving back to my community and look forward to the fantastic opportunities to do so with WMJWC. Our family includes our daughter Mira (8), son Cristian (7), 2 dogs, 2 cats, and various fish. We love the outdoors in all seasons and spend as much time as possible hiking, biking and exploring.



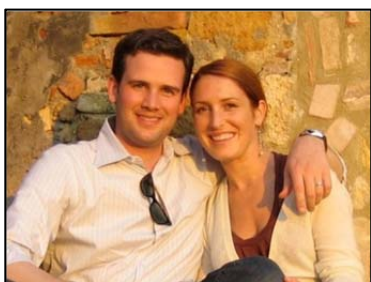
Paula (Modano) Lubas

Born and raised in Massachusetts and having recently lived in Connecticut, I'm certainly a "New Englander". I did, however, spend twelve years in NJ from 1994-2006 – years filled with significant milestones including getting my Masters in Corporate and Organization Communications from Fairleigh Dickinson University, marrying my better half Paul (Yes, we are "Paul and Paula"), and having our "one hit wonder" Christopher. We moved back to NJ in November 2013. We are happy to have settled in Mendham and I am looking forward to Juniors. There is nothing like being part of a group of smart women who work together for the benefit of others – for the benefit of a cause. Of course, the social aspect is important to me too. I work full-time from my home and sometimes this "New Englander now New Jersey-er" just has to get out. And finally, I have a sweet spot for chocolate, dogs, and cats. to the area, I am looking forward to meeting new friends and contributing to this wonderful community!"



Kim Walsh

I'm a born and raised Jersey girl. Although I left for college, I knew New Jersey was always going to be home. My husband Mike and I have lived in Randolph for almost 13 years, and have 3 children, Matthew (11), Amelia (8) and Ryan (5). As a stay-at-home mom, I have always wanted to get involved in a club that was a balance between social (you had me at wine tasting) and community service and with my "baby" entering kindergarten in the fall, I found myself wanting to do more and WMJWC fit the bill. I look forward to meeting wonderful women like me who want to help make a difference in the community that we love so much..



Megan Reynolds

I moved here from New York City a little over a year ago. My third child, Grant, arrived about a month later. I also have a daughter, Lillian, entering second grade and a son, Henry, entering Pre-K. I stay at home with the kids now, but formerly worked for an investment/brokerage firm doing investment strategy and also have my CFA designation. I'm looking forward to working with Juniors.

Summer Adventure Photobook!

Thanks to all those who shared pics from their summer travel. It looks like everyone has had a wonderful and restful summer !



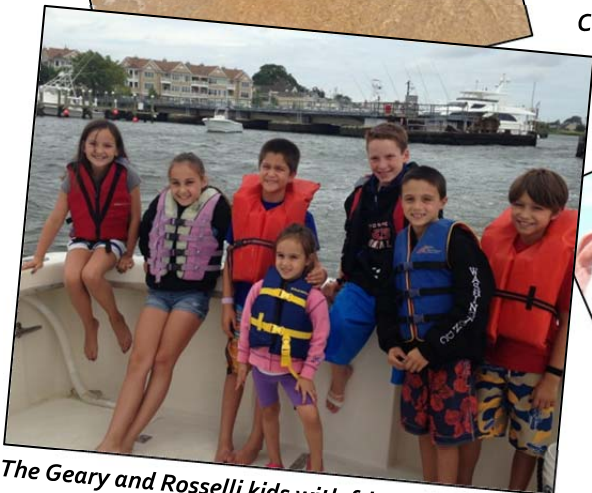
The Rice's visited Brick Beach.



Cynthia and her family in Budapest.



The Walsh kids in Holgate, LBI



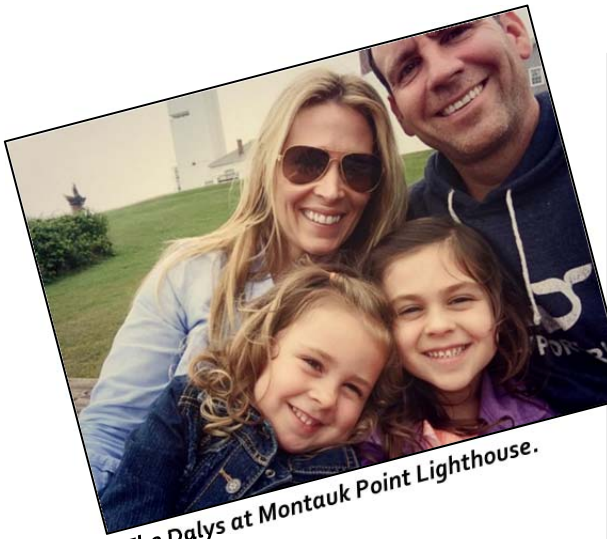
The Geary and Rosselli kids with friends in Bay Head.



The Changs enjoyed Point Pleasant Beach



The Lubas Family visited Myrtle Beach, SC.



The Dalys at Montauk Point Lighthouse.



The Violas in Edgartown, MA, Martha's Vineyard.



Team WMJWC Ready for the 2014 Harvest Hustle Challenge

For the first time, Juniors will join the ever popular fall favorite Harvest Hustle 5k race on Saturday, September 27th at 9:00 a.m. The 6th annual Mendham Harvest Hustle is a celebration of health and fitness as inspired by Sergeant Richard Morales and benefits the Mendham Borough Home School Association. The scenic 5K course is USATF sanctioned and certified, and electronic timing will be provided. A spirited 1 mile Kids' Fun Run will be held prior to the 5K to accommodate younger runners. Saturday, September 27th at 9am. This is for a great cause and a really fun event. Please run or walk with us and let's support our community. To join the Juniors team please visit our website (www.wmjwc.org) to register.



Juniors Facebook Page Reaches Milestone 250 Likes

The Juniors Facebook page (www.facebook.com/wmjwc.org) has grown significantly throughout the past month, thanks to a promotional campaign to reach more community members and to help raise awareness about the Club and its service. "Our Facebook page is a great way to easily share our activities and public service work with our community," said Communications Co-Chair Allyson Daly. "It's also a perfect way for potential members to get a better idea of what it's like to be a member by seeing our members in action, but also enjoying our time together at social or family events." A higher number of followers, translates to better visibility of each post. A recent post of the Club at the Mendham Labor Day Parade, for example, reached more than 1,000 people. According to Daly, the goal for the Club is to grow the social media site to 300 or more by the end of the year. "Once we have a strong following on Facebook, we'll continue to see our website stats increase. The more presence we have online, the more opportunities we have to grow our membership numbers and impact in our community," she said. To follow Juniors on Facebook, please "Like" facebook.com/wmjwc.org today!