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## February! The month for the RED SWEETNESS!



At our February monthly meeting, besides celebrating Valentine's Day, the Juniors celebrated "Heart Health Month". Members wore RED creatively to observe this event! The month is noted to improve cardiovascular health among both men and women.

This year Kim Riberio again organized the Valentine's Day Cookie Drive for the Seniors residing at Senior Assisted Living in town. The members were asked to bring their baked goods to the February meeting. Fifteen Junior members baked, collected and donated 77 bags of cookies for the Seniors. The cookies were attractively wrapped in a Valentine's Day bag, tied with ribbon and a Valentine tag. The Valentine tags

were made by local Girl Scouts and added such a beautiful personal touch to each bag of cookies. Kim was glad that Rickie Stein could deliver the cookies to the senior home and then the staff distributed them to the seniors.

## It was a B-U-Z-Z @ Franklin School



On February 26, 2011, the bees were buzzing in Kearny for the Central Regional

Spelling Bee! The Arlington Juniors hosted the bee. Juniors from the Greater Brunswick and Verona Clubs assisted at the Bee. Again, the "Jr. Helping Juniors" children of the Arlington Juniors were available to assist with the bee setup, refreshments, and cleanup. The event was moderated by the Central Assistant Director, Christine Jablonski. The 23 participating contestants came from Greater Brunswick, Hightstown, Kearny, Cedar Grove, Cranford, Summit, Verona and Westfield. Refreshments provided by the Arlington Juniors raised \$62 for the NJSFWC-JM State Project – The Valerie Fund and Camp Happy Times.

Ms. Pat Sherwen (Arlington Woman's Club Advisor to

Juniors & Vice President of the Friends of the Kearny Library) served as the official pronouncer. The distinguished panel of judges represented Alpha Delta Kappa – International Honorary Organization for Women Educators – teachers' sorority: Mrs. Barbara Calabrese (ADK member), Ms. Janet LaForge (ADK member), and Mrs. Cyndie Schirm (ADK member & Vice President – Arlington Juniors). The alternate judge was Mrs. Kim Davey (College District Advisor).

This Bee was nerve-racking yet rewarding as we had not one but two spell-offs to determine the 6th & 1st place finishers. We also fielded a number of questions from the parents (and one of the winning contestants herself) about misspelled and pronounced words and the rules. We had to consult the official dictionary and almost had to review the videotape;

however, due to the collective efforts of the conferring judges, pronouncer, and moderator, we resolved the disputes fairly and amicably, following our bee rules. In the end, it was a bee to remember. The winners and their families delighted in the celebration of their successful spelling.

The Central Region of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs – Junior

Membership is proud to announce the Top 6 Finalists in their **Central Regional**

**Spelling Bee.** After nine rounds and two spell-offs, "lawyer" was the winning word.

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"No Person was ever honored for what he received.

Honor is given by what he gave."

~ Calvin Coolidge ~

## And the New Board of Executives is...

Rachel McFadden was the master of ceremonies this year at our Annual Installation Brunch. Everyone complimented on the wonderful change of venue and was impressed with the decor and collections of club memorabilia. This year the Brunch was at our local and familiar Senior Center. The convenience of location allowed many ladies the opportunity to attend and spend some time with the Junior members..

The Arlington Juniors were thrilled that Moira Crowell, Woman's Club President, Pat Sherwin, Honorary Junior & Woman's Club Advisor, Addie Boyd, EMD Chairperson, and Jane Macksey, Honorary Junior & EMD Jr. Representative were able to

attend our function. Moira officiated at our Installation of Board Executives. She performed a delightful candle lighting ceremony. The Executive Board installed was Sandra Riveria, Program Secretary; Kim Ribeiro, Federation Secretary; Bernadette Oberndorf & Rachel McFadden, Co Membership Secretary; Holly Capobianco, Treasurer; Denise Ganzer, Recording Secretary; Cyndie Schirm, Vice President; and Lisa Sibrel, President.

Rachel announced the Arlington Junior's and Liberty District's Junior Fever Award recipient, Helen Selami. Since she could not attend the Liberty District Spring Conference and fellow Juniors kept the secret she was pleasantly surprised. She was awarded the Junior Fever Pin.

This year the food was catered by John Claude Catering, a local establishment in North Arlington. The spread of delectable foods had something for everyone. Rachel completed the food selection with mimosas for all. Afterwards everyone sampled stuffed cupcakes (vanilla, chocolate or strawberry) decorated with diamonds (Diamond Dozen Club)! Everyone had an enjoyable time and there was time to socialize as well as conduct some club business.



## Arlington Woman's Club "Tea Anyone"



The Arlington Woman's Club held their "Author's Tea" on February 13, 2011 at the Arlington Players Club @ 12

Washington Place; Kearny. Everyone was privileged to hear from and speak with Maryann McFadden, a New Jersey writer. While the guests enjoyed the delectable tea time sandwiches, desserts and tea, Ms. McFadden spoke about her experiences of becoming a writer and how she accomplished getting the novels published, **The Richest Season** and **So Happy Together**. She also answered many questions and made available copies of her

novels which she happily signed. Not only was it a lovely and successful affair, it was also an excellent event for the community.

The Juniors were pleased to attend and to assist the Woman's Club by hosting the raffles. Cyndie Schirm, Adriana Anders, and Lisa Sibrel were in attendance and were honored to help out a fellow sister club with their wonderful fundraiser. Adriana graciously made a teapot arrangement that was presented to Ms. McFadden.

The Juniors donated the entire proceeds of the gift basket and 50/50 raffles to the Woman's Club of Arlington. The gift baskets raised \$630

and the 50/25-25 earned \$213. The Woman's Club of Arlington raised the funds for the NJFWC State Project, Gilda's Club And The Wellness Community as well as other local charities.



## Grow your Membership

On March 30th, the Roseland Junior Club hosted the Liberty District Spring Conference. Junior Woman's Clubs sprung into action and celebrated "Grow Your Membership in 2011." Five Arlington Juniors, Sandra Riveria, Mary Beth Kennedy, Bernadette Oberndorf, Lisa Sibrel and Melanie Pasquarelli, attended the festivities. We socialized with members from Cedar Grove, Roseland, and Verona Junior Clubs. Also in attendance was Patty Whitehouse, NJSFWC President, and several members of the NJSFVC-JM State Board including our very own, Christine Jablonski,

The evening's theme was "Grow Your Membership in 2011" and many attendees came dressed for the merriment with hats, overalls and such. Bernadette was thoughtful to make sure none of our members were underdressed and brought appropriate attire for all.

The evening along with the wonderful and entertaining camaraderie was also filled with oodles of information about Federation, International Outreach projects, Director's Special Project and our State Project. The evening only continued with wonderful news for the Arlington Juniors when the Club learned that

their Junior Fever recipient, Helen Selami, won the Liberty District Junior Fever Award! Then the winners of the desert contest was announced and Bernadette won for her Hummingbird Cake! ... **And we all wish she would volunteer to bring it to one of our meetings!**

This evening proved to celebrate all of the Liberty District's successes and we all left with a renewed mission to "Grow Your Membership in 2011".

# Great American Clean - Up



The Arlington Juniors and the Evening Membership Department of the Woman's Club of Arlington (EMD) organized another

successful Town Clean up! At the town hall 245 students and 36 adults (including 8 from Pathways for Independence) for a total of 281 participants were up bright and early on Saturday, April 8th. Amazing! It was a cold and windy, but it wasn't raining, that held off until the afternoon.

Our fellow Junior, Kim Ribeiro, and Jane Macksey, EMD representative, helped coordinate this Clean up. Congratulations to them for a successful event! Many

Juniors, Jackie Santos, Holly Capobianco, Bernadette Oberndorf, and Sandra Riveira to name a few, along with their children braved the cold and helped out with registration,

handing out gloves, bags, donuts or water. Along with EMD members, Moira Crowell (a Woman's Club Member as well) and Pat Henderson we assembled a fabulous team.

Many of the children came back with stories of how much trash they were able to pick up, and more children brought back bags so full that they had trouble carrying them. This scene reiterated that ...**We are making a difference!**

April 8th was the day for the River Clean

Up as well as the Town Clean Up. Carol Doyle Jean had her crew helping with the Clean Up at the Marina. Christine Jablonski and her family participated down by the river this year.

By the end of the day, Kearny sure sparkled from all the attention it received!



*"Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program, takes place annually from March 1 through May 31,"*



**Kearny NJ April 8, 2011**

# B-U-Z-Z @ Franklin

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## THE WINNERS ARE...



1st Place	Emily Sullivan	Grade 5	Greater Brunswick / College District
2nd Place	Emily Pommier	Grade 5	Summit / Liberty District
3rd Place	Nicole Volpe	Grade 4	Verona / Liberty District
4th Place	Anushka Subrahmanian	Grade 4	Hightstown / College District
5th Place	Benjamin Schachter	Grade 5	Summit / Liberty District
6th Place	Zachary Kessel	Grade 4	Summit / Liberty District

### The Top 6 winners earned the following prizes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place** \$100 U.S. Savings Bond – Alpha Delta Kappa  
\$30 Barnes & Noble Gift Card – Arlington Juniors  
Spelling Bee 2011 Champion Trophy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place** \$100 U.S. Savings Bond – Alpha Delta Kappa  
\$30 Barnes & Noble Gift Card – Arlington Juniors  
Spelling Bee 2011 Champion Trophy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place** \$75 U.S. Savings Bond – Alpha Delta Kappa  
\$15 Barnes & Noble Gift Card – College District
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place** \$50 U.S. Savings Bond – Alpha Delta Kappa  
\$10 Barnes & Noble Gift Card – Liberty District
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place** \$50 U.S. Savings Bond – Alpha Delta Kappa  
\$10 Barnes & Noble Gift Card – Liberty District
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place** \$50 U.S. Savings Bond – Alpha Delta Kappa  
\$10 Barnes & Noble Gift Card – Shore District



The Top 6 Finalists of the Central Regional Spelling Bee competed against other 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from towns throughout New Jersey in the New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs – Junior Membership State Spelling Bee. The State Spelling Bee was held on March 12 at the NJSFWC Headquarters on the campus of Douglass Residential College at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

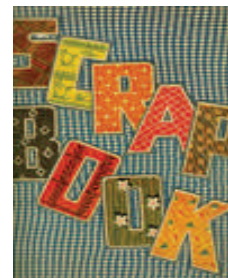
## “Scrap for a Cause” Continues its Success!

The Junior Woman’s Club of Arlington hosted its 4<sup>th</sup> “Scrap for a Cause” on Sunday, April 10, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Henrietta Benstead Senior Center, 60 Columbia Avenue, Kearny. For a \$15 fee, forty-eight scrapbookers and crafters had 9 hours of uninterrupted time, plenty of table space, and ample lighting to work on their projects. The “Scrap for a Cause” Committee, Christine Jablonski, Mary Beth Kennedy and Lisa Sibrel, planned, organized and coordinated the event. Fellow Arlington Juniors, Cyndie Schirm, Denise Ganzer, Holly Capobianco, Rachel McFadden, Bernadette Oberndorf and Yue Yu to name a few, were available to help out throughout the day with preparing

and serving the food and cleaning up as necessary. Again Mary Beth Kennedy outdid herself with the organization of the donation of food, beverages and snacks. Everyone was extremely impressed with the spread of food available. Many vendors were available so the participants could purchase the latest scrapbook products, chocolates, cosmetics, jewelry, pocketbooks and more.

All registered guests were entered into drawings for door prizes. Arlington Juniors raised \$325 for the NJSFWC-JM State Project - The Valerie Fund / Camp Happy Times and \$325 for their other charities and expenses.

A special thank you to all that helped out or donated items for the fundraiser. Without you this event could not nor would not be as successful as our “Scrap for a Cause” fundraisers have been.



## “Junior Rock May 13 - 15 JR Convention”

The Junior Convention has changed to a new venue. For the 84th Annual Convention of the New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Club- Junior Membership the Arlington Juniors were off to Long Branch, New Jersey to celebrate with over 100 other Junior Club members. We all converged at Ocean Place Resort and Spa for the May 13-15 weekend.



Lisa Sibrel made the trek to the shore early Saturday morning to attend the Business Session as our voting delegate. She was surprised to find the meeting informative as well as entertaining. During the meeting some of the anticipated awards were given out and the Arlington Junior Club was called to the podium quite a few times to accept their awards. After the meeting Lisa attended an educational workshop given by Patty Whitehouse, NJSFWC President. Patty spoke about what makes a successful club. Her workshop was very informative since she allowed everyone to speak and bring their own experiences and events into play. Lisa was fascinated by many of the events that the other clubs had done and used. After the workshop it was off for some relaxation and beach walking for Lisa.

*Lisa was not alone for long, Holly Capobianco made her appearance shortly after and the two Juniors took in some more sight-seeing and shopping. Then they were back to the room to get ready for the Awards Banquet.*

At the night time festivities, Kim Ribeiro, Cyndie Schirm, and Jackie Santos joined Lisa and Holly. Christine Jablonski, a Arlington Junior and NJSFWC-JM State Board Central Assistant Director and Liberty District Advisor, was present at the head table performing her State Board duties. It was an evening of more entertainment, camaraderie, informative speeches, and wonderful food and spirit. We all had a great time!

By the end of the evening the Arlington Juniors collect many awards in the 11 through 19 members category. Even though, we volunteer for our personal satisfaction and to help out those in need, this year the recognition our club received for our efforts allows us to continue to promote our dedication and

committee to our sister clubs and our community. **1st Place Awards:** Golden Key, History Book, Press Book, Best Work in Leadership, Best Work in Membership, Best Work in State Project, Best Work in Conservation, Best Work in Special Project, Best Work in Arts / Creative, Best Work in Women’s History, **2nd Place Awards:** Best Work in Domestic Violence Awareness, Best Work in Communications, Best Work in Education, Best Work in International Outreach, Best Work in Public Issues. **3rd Place Awards:** Newsletter, Best Work in Fundraising.

**The Arlington Juniors** were also the recipients of the prestigious Diamond Dozen Award for the 6th year in a row. Hopefully next year more Arlington Juniors will be able to attend and help collect all the awards! It is a great excuse to get dressed up and have some fun!

## Installation of New Members

**Congratulations to our club's newest members, who were installed and welcomed officially at our meetings. Welcome!**

- On March 11th, Yue Yu was installed at our monthly meeting.
- On March 25th, Toni Ann Troy was installed at our annual meeting.
- On June 12th, Jenny King was installed at our Annual Installation Brunch.

**All members were installed by a unanimous "AYE".**

**We look forward to everyone's future contributions and participation at our club meetings and events.**

## JWCA Supports the State Project -Valerie Fund Walk



On Saturday, June 11 @ Verona Park the Arlington Juniors stepped out to help the NJFWC-JM State Project, the Valerie Fund. 190 teams, 2,865 participants, 2,163

walkers and 669 runners helped raise over \$500,000 to help support comprehensive health care services for children with cancer and blood disorders. This has been the mission of the Valerie Fund since 1976 and is carried out in the seven Valerie Fund centers across New Jersey, New York, and Metro Philadelphia. The Valerie Fund Centers comprise the largest network of healthcare facilities exclusively for children with cancer and blood disorders in New Jersey .

The Arlington Junior's team "JWCA Purple Power" was proud to walk with a creative and gorgeous banner made by Cyndie Schirm. The banner holders were Cyndie

Schirm, Alyssa Schirm, Lisa Sibrel, Rachael Sibrel, Christine Jablonski, Jeff Jablonski, Nate Jablonski, Eli Jablonski, Elizabeth Bluntschly, Bernadette Oberndorf, Madison Oberndorf, Jackie Santos, Jillian Santos and Jillian's friend. "JWCA Purple Power" walked with the Junior Clubs from Cedar Grove, Hasbrouck Heights, and Verona. Jane Mackesy could not attend but was generous to donate to the worthy cause. The Arlington Juniors raised \$305.32 for the Valerie Fund.

The day was filled with many wonderful and fun-filled events for the whole family. No one went without food, drinks and entertainment. The children had a great time at the play area filled with blow up obstacle courses and slides. They were also invited to partake in the snow cones, cotton candy and popcorn. The entertainment continued throughout the day with face painting, live music and media coverage by CB 2's John Elliott. There was many tents set up with many

different types of food, hot dogs, Burger King's apple fries, snacks, and vendors. Christine Jablonski and her family worked the bagel tent serving bagels, drinks and other snacks for the hungry walkers and runners. Because of the enormous amount of food and entertainment many of the Juniors were still around after lunch.



## "Girls' Career Institute"



The Arlington Juniors is proud to announce that both Alexis Truskolawski and Emily Ann Rodrigues attended the Girls' Career Institute.

Both girls had the chance to have a "mini college

experience" for 4 days on the campus of the University of Rutgers. They experienced a sample of college life by living in a dorm, eating in a cafeteria, attending lectures and workshops. We can't wait to hear of all the adventures during their stay, June 13 through June 16, 2011.

Girls' Career Institute is an annual program sponsored by the NJFWC for high school

Junior girls to explore women's issues and encourage awareness to contemporary problems. Delegates are sponsored and the cost is underwritten by a local NJFWC club.



## DAYS TO REMEMBER

- July 23 JWCA Garage Sale/ Time: 8am-1pm
- September 9 Club Meeting
- September 16 New Member's Rally /Time: 8pm
- October 15 Jr. Fall Conference 9:15am - 12:15pm
- October 21 Club Meeting
- October 22 Federation Day of Service
- October 23 Scrapbooking Fund Raiser
- November 18 Club Meeting
- November 19 Turkey Drive – Girl Scout Building
- December 2 International Holiday Dinner (Sandra Riveria's House)
- December 10 Toy Drive Wrapping – Girl Scout Building



## Annual Dues

At our June 2011 meeting we had 17 paid members and 12 members who still owe the annual dues for 2011.

Our club year began April 1, 2011 and ends on December 31, 2011.

All members are required to pay annual dues. Please contact Bernadette to remit your annual dues.

## Please remember to start collecting for the NJSFWC Day of Service

Recipient: The Veterans Homes of New Jersey (Menlo Park, Paramus, and Vineland)  
When: Saturday, October 22, 2011 Please bring all collected items to the September and October meetings.

### Wish List from The Veterans Home of New Jersey

- Clothing
- Sweatshirts (L to 3XL)
- Sweatpants (L to 3XL)
- Tee Shirts (M to 3XL)
- Hats; Baseball caps with adjustable band and knit winter hats
- Socks; Non-skid bottoms and crew socks without elastic top
- Personal Care
- Deodorant or Body Sprays (No trial size or economy sizes)
- Hair Brushes & wide tooth Combs
- Tooth paste & Tooth brushes
- Denture care products; adhesives and cleansers
- Nail Products; polish, remover and emery boards
- Miscellaneous items
- Batteries; all sizes "AA" to "D", even hearing aid sizes
- Sunglasses with dark lenses
- Electric Razors
- Also, please begin saving paper shopping bags with handles, shoe boxes with lids and plastic bags with drawstrings. These items will used to deliver the collected items.
- More details will be made available at the September and October meetings. Your support is greatly anticipated and appreciated with Day of Service on Saturday, October 22,2011.



GFWC Junior Woman's Club of  
Arlington, New Jersey, Inc  
P. O Box 61  
Kearny, New Jersey 07032

**Our monthly meetings are held at:**

Henretta Benstead Senior Center  
60 Columbia Avenue  
Kearny, NJ 07032

**Executive Meeting:**

is held @ 7:30pm and the  
business meeting follows @ 8:00pm



**NOMINATION COMMITTEES**

**And our nomination committee is:**

**Jackie Santos: Chairperson**  
**Jenny King**  
**Melanie Pasquarelli**  
**Sandra Riveria**  
**Holly Capobianco**

**Thank you for all volunteering!! The JWCA looks forward to your list of nominees at the September meeting.**

**Anyone interested in any position, please contact a committee member.**

**Audit Committee: Anyone interested in volunteering for the Audit Committee please contact Holly Capobianco or Lisa Sibrel.**

