



The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.

~ DeAnn Hollis ~



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JWCA Junior Jots

JANUARY 2011 - MARCH 2011

Whodunnit!



On January 22, 2011, the Arlington Junior organized and successfully hosted their first major fundraiser for the year, Murder Mystery Dinner Show. Cyndie Schrim, JWCA Vice-President, was amazing in her selection of caterer (Custodi Caterers in Nutley), show crew (The Riddlesbrood Touring Theatre & Murder Mystery Company out of Burlington), all paper-goods and decorations. The Arlington Juniors stepped up when asked and provided many needed working hands, desserts, and drinks.

One-hundred and twenty-three attendees paid \$35 to enjoy a scrumptious buffet dinner and murder mystery show. JWCA was honored to have Carol Jean Doyle, Kearny Council Member, and Alberto G. Santos, Kearny Mayor, in attendance. The Arlington Juniors were wonderful hostesses serving the guests and making sure everyone's needs and wants was satisfied. Everyone spoke highly of the food choices

and enjoyed the wonderful food and company.

The Arlington Juniors were available to make sure that everyone was aware of the 50/50 raffle and basket raffle that would be concluded later in the evening. Both raffles were a success. The 50/50 raised \$450 and the basket raffle raised \$695 for the club's expenses and designated charities.

After dinner, the show began! The 1 1/2 hour show, "Crime Scene Idiots," brought laughs to all watching and participating. Unexpectedly, many of the attendees were included into the dialogue and action of the production. This led to an adlibbed exchange and encouraged everyone to get involved and have fun.

Of course, no dinner show would be complete without desserts, coffee and tea. Again, the Juniors showed their hospitality. The dessert table was a sight to be seen with an array of sweets to accommodate everyone's palate.



Installation of New Members!

Congratulations to our club's newest members who was installed and welcomed officially at our monthly meetings.

On November 19, 2010 Rachel McFadden, Membership Co-Secretary, presented Melanie Pasquarelli and Kristy Centi with a bouquet of flower. On January 14, 2011, Membership Co-Secretary, Bernadette Oberndorf presented Linda Miterko with a bouquet of flowers. All members were installed by a unanimous "AYE".

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





UP COMING EVENTS

February 26, 2011
Central Regional

Spelling Bee

Franklin School Auditorium. Please call Bernadette Oberndorf

201-997-0314) to volunteer for this suspenseful and dynamic event.



April 16, 2011
The Town Clean UP

The Town Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2011. This year the Town Clean-Up and River Clean Up are scheduled for the same day.



May 13 - 15, 2011
NJFWC- JM
Convention!
" JUNIOR ROCK "



Gobble, Gobble !!!



Another successfully ran club event. On November 20, the Club provided Thanksgiving dinners to families in need from the local community. Kim Ribeiro, JWCA's Federation Secretary, contacted all six public grammar schools in Kearny and worked with each school's nurse to



identify the families in need.

Club members then donated turkeys, side dishes, desserts and all the fixin's. On the Saturday before Thanksgiving, club members, their children and some Daisy, Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts gathered at the Girl Scout Headquarters and worked together to sort the food and wrap baskets for each family. Marybeth Kennedy, a JWCA member, coordinated a craft for the children – turkey centerpieces – each



with colorful feathers and adorable faces –that was included with each of the food baskets. The club members then set out and personally delivered all of the Thanksgiving baskets! It was a great success due to the tremendous team effort!

Santa's Coming to Town



When Kim Ribeiro, initially contacted the school nurses, it was decided to use the same families for both the Turkey and the Toy Drives. All the families were personally contacted by members of JWCA to explain the Toy Drive and get their approval and suggestions for donations. Thank you to Sandra Riveria for contacting all of the Spanish speaking families in order to make sure the parents and children's requests were understood .

In addition, Kim distributed over 100 letters to businesses asking for donations and successfully received \$950. There were also several club members who adopted families – 4 families in total.

Once we had the families identified, club members purchased toys and clothes for the children. On December 4th the Juniors along with some of their children gathered at the Girl Scout House to sort, organize and wrap all of

the gifts purchased and donated by the Juniors. The club provided toys and food gift cards to 25 families with a total of 80 children. What a wonderful gift we were able to provide to these families and their children!



Annual Reports Anyone

Annual Club Reports were due on February 1, 2011. JWCA is proud to report that all reports were submitted accurately and on time. These reports were based on the activities occurring in the calendar year, January - December 2010. JWCA proved to have their hands in many accomplishments for the 2010 Calendar Year. We were honored to be able to present reports in the following categories: Arts/Creative, Communications, Conservation, Domestic Violence Awareness, Education, Fundraising, Home Life, International Outreach, Juniors' Special Project, Leadership, Membership, Public Issues, JM State Project, Woman's History. We also submitted the report and narrative to be reviewed for the "Unity Award".

So what happens to these reports from all the NJ Junior clubs? Christine Jablonski, Dean of Report Writing,

reviews them with the assistance of the Department Chairman on the State Board. They judge the projects, fundraisers, and events that the various NJ Juniors clubs held throughout the past year and read all of the submitted narratives. At the NJSFWC-JM Convention in mid-May, the State Board presents certificates to the top winners in each of the Departments. Our JWCA organization has been successful in the past and we look forward to continuing the trend – earning several "Diamond Dozen" and "Unity Awards" over the last 80+ years. While it is affirming to be acknowledged for the successes that we have achieved, it is not why we volunteer. However, the recognition our club receives for our efforts at the Junior Convention in May will help us promote the first-class charity events and programs that we do, further our dedication and commitment to our sister clubs, and confirm our

leadership in our community.

Thank you to Christine Jablonski for her passion and support as Dean of Report Writing (NJSFWC-JM) and for bringing the NJSFWC into a new era (webinars!) .Also, a special thanks to Kim Ribeiro, Bernadette Oberndorf, Holly Capobianco and all the fellow members that assisted in helping Lisa with the report writing!

Don't forget save the date: May 13 - 15, 2011 - NJSFWC-JM Convention! "JUNIORS ROCK"



"Diamond Dozen and Unity Awards" over the last 80+ years.

Club Spelling Bee



"Spelling Rocks" and so did Kearny's 4th & 5th graders who participated in The Junior Woman's Club of Arlington (JWCA) 18th annual Spelling Bee held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at Franklin School. We're proud to announce our first place winner is Jonathan Bergold, 5th Grade at Mater Dei Academy; in second place is Natasha Magee, 5th Grade at Roosevelt School; and Caitlin Mead, also 5th Grade at Roosevelt School and daughter of prospective member, Jennifer Mead, placed third. These three winners will compete in a Spelling Bee for the Central NJ Region to be held at Franklin School in Kearny on Saturday, February 26, 2011. In March, six representatives from each Region will attend the State Bee in New Brunswick.

Thanks to funds generously donated by local banks, our first, second and third place winners will receive U.S. Savings Bonds in the

amounts of \$150 (Kearny Federal Savings Bank and Hudson City Savings Bank), \$100 (Schuyler Savings Bank), and \$50 (Hudson City Savings Bank), respectively. The three finalists also earned a boxed set of a Merriam-Webster dictionary, thesaurus, and vocabulary builder, donated by the Junior Woman's Club and delivered in the nick of time by Dawn Da Silva.

Though traffic slowed down the arrival of the Spelling Bee Box, our participants were there and waiting. Once our materials were unpacked, Melanie Pasquarelli, Helen Selami, Yue Yu, Jackie Santos, and Kim Ribeiro kept the registration moving and got all our entrants ready to start right on time. In all, fifty-seven Kearny students participated with contestants representing almost every elementary school in town. Each contestant received a Certificate of Participation and a "Spelling Rocks!" bookmark. "Spelling Rocks!" t-shirts, printed

by M.C. Impressions in Kearny, were also available for purchase. And they were treated to theme-based snacks and drinks donated by our members and distributed by Adriana Anders and Rachel McFadden. Our guests responded by contributing \$XX in donations towards our State Project, The Valerie Fund.

We were once again graced with a distinguished volunteer panel: Judges, Joanne Friedman, Senior Children's Librarian at the Kearny Free Public Library; Jane Mackesy, School Counselor at Roosevelt School, EMD Junior Representative, and JWCA Past President; and Cyndie Schirm, Vice Principal at Bloomfield High School, President of Alpha Delta Kappa, and JWCA Vice President; and Pronouncer, Patricia Sherwen, founding member of the Friends of the Kearny Library, Retired Reading Specialist from the Bloomfield School system, and Past President of the JWCA.

And thanks to this auspicious and composed group, along with our videographer, Sandra Uhler, assisted by husband Rick, we were prepared to address a contested ruling with confidence. Our congratulations go out to all who participated, and good luck wishes to our contestants moving on to the next level. Be sure to check your next Junior Jots for news of their progress!



Valentine's Day Cookies



Bakers are needed! Every year the club arranges home baked goodies for seniors. Kim will make packages, so don't bag or individually wrap your cookies. The cookies will be delivered on Monday, February 14th. All cookies can be delivered to Kim Ribeiro's house before Monday, February 14th. To arrange a time for cookies to be dropped off please call Kim @ 201-240-5201.



Keep love in your heart.

A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead. The consciousness of loving and being loved brings a warmth and a richness to life that nothing else can bring.

~Oscar Wilde ~

ANNUAL DUES



At our January 2011 meeting we had 21 paid members and 9 members who still owe the annual dues for 2010-2011. Our next club year begins April 2011 and all members are required to pay annual dues. Please remit your club dues before March 31st in order to be included on the "Pink Sheets". Please see Bernadette to remit your annual dues..

International Dinner

Helen Selami was our gracious hostess of the annual International Dinner, welcoming us to her home on Friday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. There was a bounty of international and interesting food to taste, great drinks – including Holly's special margaritas and Lisa's holiday punch – and lots of laughs. And, of course, our Yankee Swap which is always guaranteed a good time. Everyone had a enjoyable, and wonderful night filled with friendship, camaraderie and well wishes for the holiday.





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**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**

**JWCA STANDING COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSONS**

Nominations / Election OPEN
 Auditing.....Denise Ganzer/ Rachel Mc Fadden
 Investigation of Charities.....Kim Ribeiro
 Budget..... Holly Capobianco / Cyndie Schrim / Lisa Sibrel
 Bylaws..... Lisa Sibrel / Helen Selami / Rickie
 Telesquad / E-mail.....Rachel McFadden
 Junior Jots/Newsletter.....Helen Selami
 Scholarship.....Bernadette Oberndorf
 Hostess Chair.....Jackie Santos
 Yearbook.....Kim Ribeiro
 ScrapbookOPEN
If you would like to help please see Lisa Sibrel

**JWCA COMMUNITY SERVICE
PROGRAM CHAIRPERSONS**

Education.....Dawn da Silva/Bernadette Oberndorf
 Home Life / Health.....Sandra Rivera
 Public Issue.....Marybeth Kennedy
 Webmaster.....Helen Selami



We are on the web
www.jwcarlington.com

BROTHERHOOD LUNCHEON

The EMD of Arlington is hosting the Brotherhood Luncheon. This event is held at the Salvation Army on February 9, 2011 @ 12pm. The price of the luncheon will be \$15 / person. Lisa Sibrel and Christine Jablonski are scheduled to attend this event. The annual event organized all of the volunteer organizations servicing Kearny and the groups are encouraged to network and share highlights of their best fundraising and community events

WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARLINGTON

The Arlington Woman's Club will be holding their major fundraiser on February 13, 2011 at Arlington Players Club from 2pm to 5pm. Jennifer Cullen is organizing this event. If you wish to support or attend this event tickets are on sale for \$25. It will feature Mary Ann McFadden who has written 2 books, one coming out in time for the event. Ms. McFadden will be available for book reading and signing. Tea time sandwiches and desserts will be organized by Tea Expert, Irene Greenhalgh. The JWCA will be supporting the event by running their nightly raffles for this event. If you wish to volunteer to help with the raffles or purchase a ticket or two please call Christine Jablonski (201-246-0534)

WOMAN'S CLUB EVENING MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT (EMD)

The EMD of Arlington is hosting a Tricky Tray fundraiser at the San Carlo on March 4, 2011. The Tricky Tray will be their largest fundraiser for the year. If you wish to support or purchase tickets to the event please e-mail Jane Mackesy @ jmackesy@kearnyschools.com.