



If you look at what you have in life, You'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, You'll never have enough.

~ Oprah Winfrey



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JWCA Junior Jots

SEPTEMBER 2010 - DECEMBER 2010

Margarita Anyone!

This year the New Member's Rally was held on Friday, September 24th at Dawn da Silva's house. She graciously opened her home to the Junior Woman's Club's Members and friends. The New Member's Rally Committee ran a "Mexican Fiesta Social". The party sure lived up to it's name and there was much socializing hap-

pening. The food and drink were plentiful. The Mexican buffet had something for everyone and the margaritas were heavenly.



More than just a meeting.... (September)

Our September 17th meeting was our first general meeting since our break in May. The agenda was packed with much information about the past four months. We ran two successful fund raisers, The Lincoln Theater Show and JWCA's huge Garage Sale. Both events proved to be a success, both in the funds that they raised and the friendships that were bonded.

We were also informed of two upcoming fundraisers, the October Scrapbooking Event and the January Murder Mystery. We look forward to their success.

Christine Jablonski, Marybeth Kennedy, and Lisa Sibrel are working hard at obtaining the needed resources for the event. Marybeth informed us that the Spanish Pavilion is donating food for the event. Maybe this will entice even more scrappers to come out and support the event! With all of the vendors that have already signed up for the day. There will be something for everyone.

Cyndie Schrim gave us the scoop on the January fundraiser. She has also been quite busy preparing for the night. SAVE THE DATE January 22, 2011. For anyone who hasn't been to a murder mystery, there are actors who play the role of

various suspects in the aftermath of a murder. The actors give clues to the Dinner guests who try to solve the mystery. Tickets will be \$35 per person and will include dinner and the show. This is a BYOB event. If you're looking for a unique gift to give someone special, why not give them tickets to the show. Cyndie will make up a nice certificate to give as a gift.

We also had a special guest at the meeting, Julie Padinha, JWCA's delegate to the Girls' Career Institute (GCI). Career Institute is an annual program held at Douglass College and sponsored by the NJSFWC for high school junior girls to explore women's issues and encourage awareness to contemporary problems.

Delegates are selected on the basis of interest, community service and participation in school activities. GCI offers a "mini college experience" at Douglass College on the campus of the University of Rutgers. Delegates experience a sample of college life by living in a dorm, eating in a cafeteria, attending lectures and workshops. They learn about career choices from volunteer professional



club and presented us with a photo album. She shared stories of her experience.

After the general meeting was complete and business was put away. We all had some fun. Cyndie presented the program for the evening, "Souvenir Auction". Around 10 of the ladies brought souvenirs from their summer vacations along with a short story or poem related to the item or area they visited. We had many cute, decorated bags that Cyndie auctioned off after reading the enclosed story or poem. Everyone had a great time with a lot of laughter and the bidding even got a little competitive at times.





UP COMING EVENTS

November 20, 2010

Turkey Drive - Girl Scout Building



December 10, 2010

International Holiday Dinner



December 11, 2010

Breakfast with Santa



January 2011

6 and 7 - Spelling Bee registration
20 - JWCA Spelling Bee



22 - Murder Mystery Dinner Show Time



Scrap for a Cause

“If every American donated five hours a week, it would equal the labor of twenty million full-time Volunteers”

~ Whoopi Goldberg ~

The Arlington Juniors hosted the 3rd Scrap for a Cause on Saturday, October 16, 2010. Forty-four scrapbookers and crafters made full use of 14 hours of uninterrupted time and plenty of table space to work on their handicrafts (i.e., scrapbooks, card-making, sewing). The bi-annual event brings together crafters from many towns throughout New Jersey to the Club's Town of Kearny and raises awareness and funds for the NJSFWC-JM State Project. This time, Arlington Juniors raised \$572 for the Club and donated \$884 to The Valerie Fund / Camp Happy Times.

Attendees paid \$40 to participate in the all-day crop which included all meals, drinks, and snacks. The crop committee secured dona-

tions from JWCA members and local businesses to supply all the refreshments. The banners and scrapbooks from both the JWCA and The Valerie Fund's Camp Happy Times were on display throughout the event and were referenced when a photo-journalist from the Kearny Journal visited the crop.

At the crop, the crop committee supplied various machines for guests to learn and use (including the popular but expensive Cricut machine and Sizzix die cutter and various other scrapbooking supply staples). Vendors sold scrapbook supplies from Creative Memories, StampinUp!, and other scrapbook

lines. Local chiropractors provided massage therapy and former estate sales women paid cash in exchange for unwanted gold and silver. Additionally, a trained bra-



fitting expert helped the women with customized bra fittings in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Each attendee received a set of 8 cards and envelopes as a favor which they could use for their own card-making or for the make-and-take session offered by one of the attendees. The crop committee donated items for the basket raffle and give-away trash-to-treasure event with additional baskets donated by the vendors. Several officers and members of our sister clubs (Arlington Woman's Club and EMD) stopped by to support our efforts.

The first foursome that registered received VIP treatment, including sparking tiaras and a decorated table space fit for the "Queens of the Crop." These ladies were invited to eat first at each meal and were provided with special Mary Engelbreit "Queen for the Day" placettings. All the atten-

dees and vendors expressed their gratitude for a well-run and fun event that had one requirement: everyone had to be productive and get some crafting completed.



NJSFWC— JM Conference - Abundant Information



On October 9, 2010, Christine Jablonski, Lisa Sibrel and Cyndie Schrim headed south to New Brunswick for the annual State Federation of Women's Clubs - Junior Membership (NJSFWC-JM) Fall Conference. The conference was held at the NJSFWC's Headquarters. After everyone enjoyed the wonderful morning buffet and socialized with the other State Junior Clubs we were in for an informative morning.

Alex Ann Borkowski, NJSFWC-JM Director of Junior Clubs, introduced us to the State Federation Board officers, and told us about her Special Project, Childhood Obesity and Nutrition. Patricia Whitehouse, GFWC President, then was introduced and spoke about the amazing history of the NJSFWC. What remarkable people were involved with the beginning of the NJSFWC and still are!

Arlene Minkiewicz, NJSWC-JM Communication Chairperson, informed us of the updated and improved website, www.JerseyJuniors.com. NJSWC-JM is trying to "Go Green". Therefore, the State Federation will try to go paperless and use their website for all important information and to begin with the 2010 reports will be on line and not mailed to the Clubs.



Then we were introduced to Valerie Fund / Camp

Happy Times representative, Laurie Abrams. After giving us background information and speaking of all the wonderful work the Valerie Fund does day-to-day we learned about their 365 Days of Hope and Healing. The State Federation is "selling" 365 days of hope and healing for each of the families helped by the Valerie Fund. For \$600.00 our Club can purchase a day for a family and we can pick

the day.

Then Stephanie Schmidt, whose son, Jake, is currently being treated by the Valerie Fund told first-hand generosity and experience she encountered through the Valerie Fund. What an incredible story and family. Her son has been going through 18 months of treatment for a rare cancer. But fortunately, Jake is in remission and even back at school.

We then broke off into two groups. Cyndie and Lisa attended Christine's workshop on "Report Writing." We were delighted to learn how other Clubs deal with the annual report writing and learned about the new reports due on February 1, 2011.

When we all came back we were in for some excellent news. Kirsten Damiani told us about the State Convention held on May 13-15, 2011. Everyone will be surprised to hear of the new location - The Ocean Beach Resort & Spa in Long Branch, NJ. It was a very informative, constructive, productive, fun-filled morning.

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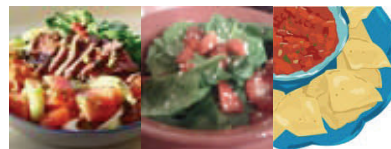
Help wanted: Hostesses

Please inform Jackie Santos

Phone:(201)991-9199

Email: janjl@verizon.net of your desire to host a future meeting.

Dates of future meetings: January 14th, February 11th, March 11, and March 25th



What's for Dinner (October meeting)

Sandra Riveria has been busy with the programs for our monthly meetings. At the October 15th meeting, Sandy introduced us to our chef for the evening, James Cena. James presented a hands-on demonstration on how to make bruschetta.

He also gave us pointers on how to cut tomatoes safely and other kitchen pointers.

Everyone enjoyed the presentation and the wonderful toast and bruschetta snacks. Could this recipe make it into the Friends of the Library's Farmer's Market Cookbook?





**GFWC Junior Woman's Club of
Arlington, New Jersey, Inc
P. O Box 61
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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.....OPEN
Investigation of Charities.....Kim Ribeiro
Budget..... Holly Capobianco / Cyndie Schrim / Lisa Sibrel
Bylaws..... Lisa Sibrel / Holly Capobianco / Kim Ribeiro
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
International.....Helen Selami
Public Issue.....Marybeth Kennedy



WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARLINGTON

The Woman's Club of Arlington is having a Woman's Club's Book and Author Tea. The tentative date is February 13, 2011. Pencil the date into your calendar and we'll keep you posted.

On November 9th the Woman's Club is planning their annual Baby Shower.

The Woman's Club is changing venues for their annual Christmas luncheon. This year they are planning to have it at the Park & Orchard in East Rutherford on December 14th.

Woman's Club Evening Membership Department (EMD)

The EMD is planning a fundraiser on March 4, 2011. We will keep you posted on the details.

The EMD Book Club is back! The new book is Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society.

The EMD has their delegate for the Girls' Career Institute and the winner is... Isabella Mota.