



The Club

January 2026

President's Message



"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one."
— Brad Paisley

For our Club January is a time to look forward to starting new projects and get ready to make a difference in our communities. But first we must wrap up 2025 and access our accomplishments by

submitting annual reports to the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs. The federation reviews all the projects from clubs across the state to determine overall success of the federation and its statewide impact. We are part of that!

In January we ask our members to think about what they like about our club, working on service projects, meeting new friends, fundraising, volunteering in the community. Then we ask our members to make a commitment to our Club again by re-joining for the year 2025.

Our 3rd Vice Presidents, Member Chairs, Susan Richardson and Cathy Zollo, will be introducing the 2026 Membership Campaign at the January meetings. Our goal is to have all members rejoin and pay their dues by the end of March. The dues this year will remain the same at \$40. We are very conservative with our funds and feel confident we can manage the budget and cover operating costs without an increase. Fundraising events will be planned to raise monies for scholarships and allocations for non-profit organizations throughout the year.

It is helpful for the club to complete the membership drive in March so the Executive Board can move forward with budget planning for the new fiscal year. Membership renewal time is also a good time to remind members that our club is a member of the state organization, the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs which is a member of the national organization, General Federation of Women Clubs. Twenty five dollars of each member's dues goes to these organizations to maintain our state and national membership. You will see this denoted on the annual budget as federation dues.

We welcome new members to join at this time of year. Reach out to your neighbors and friends and invite them to attend a meeting to see for themselves the work that we do in our communities.

I wish you and your family a happy healthy new year.

Yours in federation friendship
Janet Walker

Calendar of Events

- January 7th – Wednesday – 11 AM – 1PM
NourishNJ 347 S. Salem Street.
Dover, New Jersey
- January 12th – Monday – 7PM
Woman's Club Eve Meeting
Denville Community Church
- January 13th – Tuesday – 1PM
Woman's Club Day Meeting
Denville Town Hall, Community Rm.
- January 14th – Wednesday – 10 AM
District Highland Council Meeting
Madison Community House, Madison
- January 14th – Wednesday – 8PM
Barn Theatre – Dress Rehearsal of "Misery"
32 Skyline Dr., Montville, NJ
contact Geraldine Baillod if interested.
- January 19th – Monday – 7PM
Eve Book Discussion
Ann Weissenburger's Home
"Searching for Sylvie Lee" by Jean Kwok
- February 9th - Monday- 7:00 PM
Woman's Club Evening Meeting
Denville Community Church
190 Diamond Spring Road
- February 10th – Tuesday - 1:00 PM
Woman's Club Day Meeting
Denville Town Hall - Community Room
- February 18th – Wednesday - 1:00 PM
Clubs Spelling Bee
Thomas Jefferson Middle School.
- March 9th – Monday – 7PM
Woman's Club Eve Meeting
Denville Community Church
- March 10th – Tuesday – 1PM
Woman's Club Day Meeting
Denville Town Hall, Community Room



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December Events

December 1st – Monday- Dining to Donate – Teriyaki Madness- 395 Mt Hope, Rockaway



Thank you to Florence Lucchesi who organized this benefit. In January 2026 Meetings the amount our club earned from this benefit will be announced. Accommodations comfortable and food satisfying at Teriyaki Madness

December 5th – Friday – 11:30 AM -Trip #8 - Skyland Manor in Ringwood, NJ



Sixteen of us, plus one husband, visited Skylands Manor, which is located within the New Jersey Botanical Gardens. Each room was beautifully decorated by different garden clubs. There was a very informative docent in each room to explain what the room was originally used for. The Dining Room was decorated into a Winter Wonderland, the Great Hall into the Holiday Season in New York City, the Living Room into a global Holiday, and the Study into a Holiday Hat Shop along with a real miller, hand crafting elegant hats. Afterwards, we had lunch at Portobello's in Oakland. *Michele Cestaro*

(L-R) 1st row- Susan Jancerak, Sheela McGlone, Pat

Bonus, Mary McAleer, Janet Ball, Ann Weissenburger, Joann Tonzola and Nancy Fitch

(L-R) 2nd row Kathy Holland, Margaret Fourounjian, (can't tell), Michele Cestaro, Risa Pisano, Karen Lazur (behind Ann) & Jenn Ireton.

December 6th – Saturday –11:30 am-1PM-Winter Wonderland



Our club was represented on Saturday, December 6 at the Thomas Jefferson School Winter Wonder Land by Carolina Contreras, her mother Vivian, Carol Johnson and me, Lorraine Bollmann. We donned our elf hats as we assisted children and their families in decorating colored paper bags with festive holiday stickers. The children enjoyed the activity and proudly displayed their bags throughout the day, which they had filled with treasures accumulated in their journey through the Winter Wonderland. Rockaway Boro Mayor Mulligan stopped by to chat and to welcome us to the event. He and Carol enjoyed a nostalgic conversation about their shared memories of

Rockaway Boro and some of its residents they both know. Overall, the event was great fun for all, us included, and the event organizer personally asked us to return next year with the same activity since the children and their parents loved it so much. *Lorraine Bollmann*



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December Events Continued

December 8th – Monday – 6:00 PM - Holiday Party at Caffé NaVona

Our annual holiday party was held at Caffé NaVona on December 8th. We had 43 members in attendance, and everyone had a good time. The food was excellent, and the service was outstanding.

Michele brought along a Christmas Song Picture Quiz. This was a group activity for the tables, and we all had a lot of fun with it. It was more difficult than you would think, and the clues were very clever.

Karen led the group in the 'Right and Left Frosty Passing Game' where she read a version of the lyrics to Frosty the Snowman while everyone at the tables passed a snowball around. A small prize was given to the person at each table who got stuck with the snowball when the song was over. *Karen Lazur*



(L-R) Janet Walker, Nancy Fitch, Mary McAleer, Arline Scholder, Janice Kostyszyn and Kathy Elko.



(L-R) Roseann Tonzola, Lorraine Bollmann, Joan Henry & Adeline Terwilliger - Standing – Vivien Contreras & daughter Carolina



(L-R) sitting Maureen Hartman, Gloria O'Connor, Jenn Ireton, Barbara McCloskey, Ellen Duffin & Michele Cestaro
(L-R) standing Lois Sieklik and Kathy Holland



(L-R) sitting - Cathy Zollo, Susan Richardson, Susan Jancerak, Sheela McGlone and Susan Wiedaseck
(L-R) Standing – Karen Lazur, Pat Bomus & Florence Lucchesi



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(L-R) sitting – Louise Sassano, Joan Bowling, Risa Pisano, Lynda Gronemann, Joan Chiaravalloti and Randy Shapiro. Standing – Ann Weissenburger.



(L-R) sitting - Joey Tuscano, Arlene Zimmerman, Paula Bass, Alice Birney & Janet Ball (L-R). Standing -Gloria O'Connor, Marge Dobbins and Geraldine Baillo



The club supplied a colorful plate of cookies, biscotti and white chocolate covered pretzels for each table. The peppermint bags contained the chocolate bar prizes that were given out for the Frosty passing gamer.



Karen Lazur



Michele Cestaro

Karen, Thank you for all your photos and article



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December Events Continued

December 13th – Saturday – 12 noon - Wreaths Across America



(L-R) Vivien Contreras, Ellen Duffin, Alice Birney, Ann Weissenburger, Ruth Gimbel, Susan Jancerak and Lynda Gronemann (Sheela McGlone is not shown in this group photo.) Photo from Alice Birney's iPhone taken by kind guy at ceremony.

Wreaths Across America takes place the second Saturday of December in cemeteries across our nation, at promptly 12 noon to remember and honor our US Veterans buried in those cemeteries as well as to educate our younger generations of the sacrifices of our US Armed forces thru out the generations. The beautiful Wreaths Across America ceremony took place in Denville on the brisk Saturday, December 13th, at 12 noon (as the rest of our nation) at the Gazebo in Gardner field. Ann Marie Osvold (founder of Denville Wreaths Across America) and Ella Zelensky (Denville American Legion) led the ceremony.



Sheela McGlone with her 2 granddaughters. Emilia & Felicity laying wreaths



Vivien Contreras laying a wreath.

Veterans from different branches of the US Armed forces were called up to place a wreath on a stand. There was a wreath placed, as well, for POWs and MIAs. Beautifully the Denville Girl Scouts were called up to place a wreath on a stand for the United States Space Force (the last of the eight wreaths placed on a stand) representing our future.

A group of our members attended Denville Wreaths Across America. Our Club donated money for a wreath to be laid at a veteran's grave in Denville Cemetery. The wreath laying in the Denville Cemetery took place after the ceremony, the Denville Boy scouts helping with handing out wreaths there. The participants were asked to place the wreaths at the Veterans graves designated by flags placed by the Denville Boy scouts, days prior before the freezing weather arrived (and the ground froze). Some of our members placed wreaths at our US veterans resting in our Denville Cemetery. All participants were requested by Mary Ann Oswald to recite the Veterans name, remembering his/her life as they placed the wreath on the grave, with a moment of silence.

Ruth Gimbel



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December 18th – Thursday – 4PM-6PM - Joey Tuscano's Holiday Party



(L-R) Front Row -Marge Dobbins, Paula Bass, Janet Ball, Cathy Elko, Adeline Terwilliger, Alice Birney and Lois Seiklik

(L-R) Second Row – Maureen Hartman, Joey Tuscano (hostess) Susan Wiedaseck, Margaret Fourounjian, Roseann Tonzola, Michele Cestaro, Ellen Duffin & Debbie Harrington (new member)

Thank you to Susan Wiedaseck's husband, Mark, for taking this wonderful group photo.

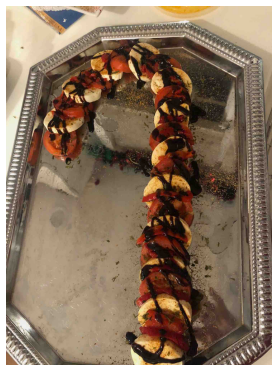
On December 18th we all attended a Holiday get together at Joey Tuscano's house, 15 Woman's Club members in attendance. Some were so kind to bring small appetizers and some great bottles of wine.

We had a wonderful time which included a tricky tray and most of us won great prizes. We also had a Xmas trivia which also included some cash and great prizes for correct answers.

We had lots of great food, sandwiches, some shaped like a xmas tree, eggplant rollatini, salad, sausage & peppers, tomato & mozzarella shaped like a candy cane great deserts such as cookies, cake and more.

We topped it all off with a gift exchange. There were so many great gifts. Everyone had an awesome time and it was such a great way to kick off the holiday season.

Thank you everyone to helping to share a memorable time to kick off the holiday! *Joey Tuscano*
Thank you for your photos, Joey, as well.



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Wish Tree Collection

Thank you to all the members who assisted Sheela McGlone and Janet Ball with the Wish Tree Holiday Collections including Gloria O'Connor, Ann Weissenburger, Alice Birney, Connie Pojanowski, Marge Dobbins, Lisa Farrell, Vivian Contreras, Michele Cestaro and Ruth Gimbel. Wish trees were placed in all the town libraries, Beignets, Invictus Family Chiropractic, Mutts on Main in Denville, and Hibernia Diner, Red Hutt Diner, Milo's Café and Applebees in Rockaway. The community was very generous this year making the project very successful. All the gift requests from Rockaway Holiday Wishes and Denville Social Services were met. The Morris Knolls Varsity Club and coworkers from Zurich Insurance Company also made generous donations to enable us to provide additional holiday gift cards to Roots & Wings and

Rockaway Food Pantry. *Janet Walker*



Birthday Cards for Age 90 and Above

By **NJSFWC** | December 17, 2025

Did you know that any member celebrating a birthday, 90 years or more may receive a Birthday card from the Federation? Email the member's name, birthday date, age, and address to the NJSFWC Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Levy at levy@njsfwc.org. You may include the age that

the member is celebrating.

NJSFWC ECONNECTION

December 17, 2025. Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President. Together in Service, United in Friendship

NJSFWC Special State Project

The NJSFWC clubs can show its generous spirit in support of the Special State Project, the New Jersey Children's Alliance, by participating in **Operation Duffle Bag** by donating an overnight duffle bag for children who leave their homes in emergency situations. We ask that clubs donate no more than 2 bags due to limited storage space.

Your club can choose the gender and age for the contents of the duffle bag and create a tag for the bag with that information. The bags can be filled with the following items depending on the gender and age group of the recipients you choose:

- PJ's and or sweat suits for infants through adult XL
- Underwear -- 2 year olds to adult XL
- Socks
- Towel
- Flip flops or slippers (sizes for 2 year olds to adult XL)
- Toiletries (Travel size: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, hair ties,
- brush/comb, deodorant)
- Blanket
- Diapers and wipes for infants to 2 year olds children
- Activity books, reading books, pencils, crayons, pens.

The time period for the collection will be from January 1 through March 10.
No bags will be taken after March 10.

The Child Advocacy Centers that can receive the bags directly from clubs are:

- Wynona's House - 185 Washington St., Newark, NJ 973-753-1110
- Deldre's House - 8 Court Street, Morristown, NJ 07960 973-631-5000
- Ginnie's House - 4 High Street, Newton, NJ 07860 Tel. 973-579-0770

Prosecutor-based CAC's that can receive the donations are:

- Gloucester Child Advocacy Center, 45 Cooper Street, Woodbury, Tel: 856-384-5557
- Cape May Child Advocacy Center 372 Court House- S. Dennis Road, Cape May Court
- House, Tel: 609 465-1135 x3440
- Monmouth Child Advocacy Center, 500 Kozloski Road, Freehold, Tel: 732- 683-866

Please call these centers for information.

Clubs who utilize these programs for drop off should send the total number of duffle bags to the SSP Chairman, Apri Shoemaker by March 10. You may also drop off your duffle bag at Headquarters no later than March 10. The bags at Headquarters will be picked up by NJCA, who will distribute them to CAC centers throughout the state.

Through these efforts, the NJSFWC and NJCA are making a significant impact, helping to create a brighter, more supportive environment for young individuals in need.

Apri Shoemaker
shoemaker@njsfwc.org
SSP Chair



The Citizen

New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs donates 2,638 holiday stockings to deployed military

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GFWC FEDERATION NEWS CORNER

NJSFWC 132 years (created 1894)

HIGHLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 14TH – WEDNESDAY – 10AM
MADISON COMMUNITY HOUSE, MADISON

Happy New Year



NJSFWC ECONNECTION

December 31, 2025

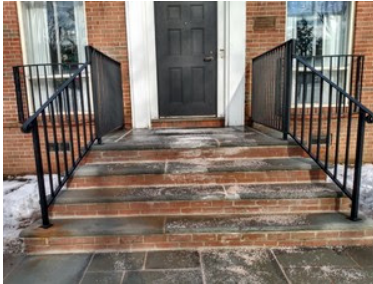
Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President

Together in Service, United in Friendship

Happy New Year to all the incredible volunteers in our Federation!

Thank you for your commitment to serving your communities and supporting NJSFWC. Your dedication and passion are truly inspiring and deeply appreciated. I can't wait to see the impact we will make together in 2026! *Barbara McCloskey*

As 2025 comes to a close, we can celebrate the new railings and long-awaited brick memorial



Check out the new railings by the entrance to our Headquarters building! The back railings were replaced as well. In addition, the steps were also repointed.



The Bricks have finally been laid for our Honors and Memorial Garden. There is still more to do to finalize the garden, and it will take place in the spring.

ONLINE NOW: New design for the January [ALMANAC](#). Check out the [FLYERS](#) for Workshops and other info



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The Woman's Club of Denville Rockaway On-line Cookbook Benefit



Our Denville Rockaway On- line Cookbook Committee (Geraldine Baillod, Louise Sassano, Florence Lucchesi and Ruth Gimbel) would like to start acquiring your favorite recipes for our Online Cookbook 2026 Woman's Club Benefit.

We would like you to include with your recipe one or more of the following:

1. The family member or friend who gave you this recipe and what wonderful memories you have of your loved one
2. The wonderful memories you conjure from this recipe
3. For what occasion was this recipe prepared for.
4. What is this recipe's cultural background.

This recipe could be in memory or tribute of someone

This recipe could be:

an appetizer, tapas or any other starter

entre (meat, seafood, pasta, casseroles and more)

desserts, breads, muffins, breakfast foods like pancakes or waffles, omelets, quiches and more

And all that I did not think of. You can add vegetarian or gluten free recipes

You may email your recipe(s) to Ruth Gimbel [-rgbutterfly777@gmail.com](mailto:rgbutterfly777@gmail.com) or

If you have desserts you may email your recipe(s) to Louise Sassano. louisesassano419@gmail.com

Or you may bring one of your recipes to our January 2026 Woman's Club Eve or Day Meeting.

We are planning to include wonderful extra info, for you, in this recipe book.



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January is:

Martin Luther King Day- January 19th 2026 Excerpts from

Mission Possible

<https://thekingcenter.org/king-holiday-2026/>

Each year, the King Holiday Observance calls us to reflect, rejoice, and recommit, to honor the enduring legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the transformative power of his vision. As the living memorial to Dr. King, The King Center leads this global charge, offering education and training in Nonviolence365™ and creating space for people everywhere to engage, learn, and unite.



In 2026, we gather under the strategic theme: Mission Possible II: Building Community, Uniting a Nation the Nonviolent Way. This theme is more than a banner; it's a blueprint for action. It guides our programming, fuels our outreach, and anchors our commitment to building the Beloved Community; a world where injustice ends, violence is replaced by compassion, and love becomes the prevailing force.

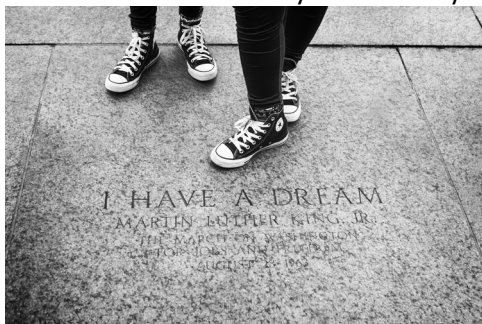


<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/martin-luther-king-day>

What Is Martin Luther King Jr. Day? MLK Day commemorates Dr. King's leadership in the American civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Through peaceful protests and powerful speeches, he challenged racial segregation and inspired a nation to pursue social justice.

The holiday is designated as a National Day of Service, encouraging Americans to volunteer and give back to their communities.

When Is It Celebrated? The holiday is observed on the **third Monday of January**, close to Dr. King's birthday, January 19th in 2026, the date follows the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, passed by Congress in 1968, which schedules certain holidays on Mondays to create uniform annual observances.....



A Brief History of the Holiday - Following Dr. King's assassination in 1968, calls to honor his legacy began almost immediately. Years of public advocacy followed—including a **nationwide campaign** led by his daughter, Coretta Scott King, and musician Stevie Wonder, whose 1980 song "Happy Birthday" became an anthem for the cause. In **1983**, the US Congress passed legislation establishing the holiday, and President Ronald Reagan signed the King Holiday Bill into law. Over a decade later, in **1994**, President Bill Clinton signed the King Holiday and Service Act, which established MLK Day as a day of

service, and encouraged people to volunteer in their communities as a way to honor the life of Dr. King.

1963: King delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Though the first official observance took place in 1986, it **wasn't adopted by all 50 states until 2000.**

<https://youtu.be/vP4iY1TtS3s?si=5j9Di5bTyq84wFI0://youtu.be/vP4iY1TtS3s?si=5j9Di5bTyq84wFI0>



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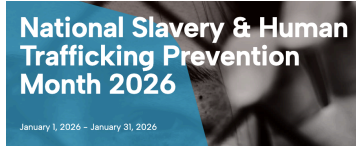


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January is: Continued

National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Excerpts from



<https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/national-slavery-human-trafficking-prevention-month/>

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, observed in January, is a dedicated time to raise awareness about the global issue of modern slavery and human trafficking. This month serves as a reminder of the

ongoing fight against these grave violations of human rights and emphasizes the importance of prevention, intervention, and support for survivors.

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month 2026 is the latest installment of this crucial awareness campaign. It aims to shine a spotlight on the issue of modern slavery and human trafficking, encouraging individuals, organizations, and governments to take action to prevent and combat these crimes. The month provides an opportunity to educate the public about the signs of trafficking, support victims, and work towards eradicating these forms of exploitation.

History of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month was established in the United States through a presidential proclamation in 2010. It aims to honor the legacy of those who have fought against slavery and human trafficking throughout history and to reaffirm the commitment to ending these atrocities.

Glaucoma Awareness Month. Excerpts from



<https://www.nei.nih.gov/about/education-and-outreach/glaucoma-resources/glaucoma-awareness-month>



January is Glaucoma Awareness Month

Glaucoma is a leading cause of vision loss and blindness in the United States. But as many as half of people with glaucoma don't know they have it.

Glaucoma has no early symptoms. The only way to check for it is to get a comprehensive dilated eye exam. There's no cure for glaucoma but starting treatment as early as possible can help stop vision loss (slowing the damage Glaucoma causes to the optic nerve often due to increase fluid pressure)

Anyone can get glaucoma, but some people are at higher risk.....



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Upcoming Events and Activities

NOURISHNJ -JANUARY 7TH – WEDNESDAY- 11AM-1PM – 347 S. SALEM STREET, DOVER, NEW JERSEY

WOMAN'S CLUB EVE MEETING – JANUARY 12TH – MONDAY – 7PM - DENVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

WOMAN'S CLUB DAY MEETING – JANUARY 13TH –TUESDAY – 1PM - DENVILLE TOWN HALL- COMMUNITY ROOM

DISTRCT HIGHLAND COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 14TH –WEDNESDAY – 10 AM- MADISON COMMUNITY HOUSE, MADISON

BARN THEATRE- DRESS REHEARSAL OF "MISERY" – JANUARY 14TH –WEDNESDAY – 8 PM- 32 SKYLINE DRIVE, MONTVILLE- CONTACT GERALDINE BAILLOD- MUST BE AT THEATER BY 7:45 PM

EVE BOOK DISCUSSION – JANUARY 19TH – MONDAY – 7 PM – ANN WEISENBURGER'S HOME "SEARCHING FOR SYLVIE LEE" BY JEAN KWOK

FRIDAY WALKING CLUB- WALKING OUTDOORS OR INDOORS- IF INTERESTED CONTACT BARBARA MCCLOSKEY.



DEC. 12TH 2025
Rockaway Mall
(L-R) Barbara McCloskey
& Kathy Holland



DEC 19TH 2025
Rockaway Mall
(L-R) Mary McAleer and Barbara McCloskey. Taking a break from Holiday Preparations



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Sunshine Corner



Wishing you a Happy Healthy New Year filled with lots of joyful moments shared with your loved ones

Congratulations to Elizabeth Weigand on the birth of her grandchild.



Adeline Terwilliger – January 1st

Margaret Fourounjian – January 1st

Louise Sassano – January 3rd

Cheryl Knudsen – January 3rd

Joan Day DeRamos – January 5th

Joan Chiaravalloti – January 7th

Janet Walker – January 12th

Mary McAleer – January 19th

Arline Scholder – January 25th

~~~ Birthday Month Get Togethers ~~~

Feel free to share your birthday with other members that have their Birthdays the same month as yours with a get together, a walk in the park, lunch or afternoon tea.



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Welcome to our new members

Alice Kazin, Janet Doyle, Cheryl Knudsen, Adeline Terwilliger, Patricia Fairman and Deborah Harrington.

Thank you to all our new members who have already contributed so much to our Woman's Club of Denville/ Rockaway



EVE BOOK DISCUSSION

January 19th – Monday- 7PM

“Searching for Sylvie Lee”.

by Jean Kwok

Location –Ann Weissenburger’s Home

Contact: Ann Weissenburger at 973-627-2509 or aweissenburger@yahoo.com



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**** Ongoing Club Collections ****

Updated 2/2024

All items can be brought to our meetings and given to the person collecting

**We are still collecting cell phones, ink cartridges and eyeglasses – [Joan Bowling](#).*

- It takes a very long time to accumulate enough cell phones to redeem and we don't know the redemption value until they are sent back. The company does provide prepaid labels, so it doesn't cost us anything to recycle them.
- We no longer have contact with a company who will pay us for the ink cartridges, but we are recycling them so instead of tossing them in the trash give them to Joan Bowling.
- The eyeglasses are given to the Lion's Club who work with groups that send eyeglasses to third world countries. In our mission to reduce, reuse and recycle we are trying hard. Please bring these items to a meeting and give them to Joan Bowling.

***Greeting Cards - [Nancy Levy](#).** Collecting the fronts of any type of greeting card.

***Birthday Bags – [Joanne Chiaravalloti](#).** The Birthday Bag items consist of cake mixes, frosting, small birthday design plates and napkins, candles and a birthday gift bag. Joanne puts them together and gives them to Social Services for children.

***Small Toiletries – [Nancy Levy](#).** These items, small and trial size, are needed for the care bags that are given to social services and other local organizations. They include: shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant and lotion.

FOOD COLLECTION.... For ROCKAWAY FOOD CLOSET Presbyterian Church, 35 Church St., Rockaway

This small pantry serves approximately 300 families a year.

Non-Perishables (Breakfast cereal, tuna, peanut butter, canned veggies, ramen, soup, crackers, drinks, desserts, cookies, canned fruit, canned meals, pasta, mac and cheese, beans, rice, snacks, etc.)

Health & Beauty Products (soap, bath gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, laundry detergent etc.)

Paper goods are a constant need too- paper towels and toilet paper.

Also shampoo, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergents.

Donations can be dropped off:

**the Food Closet- Presbyterian Church,
35 Church St.,
Rockaway, NJ. 07866**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30-12:30. And

Tuesday 4-6 pm. Go around back door by cemetery.

If you make a donation, estimate the cost and

send to Pat Bomus at bomusp@msn.com who will put together a report for this project

If someone prefers to make a monetary donation, they can make check payable to:

Rockaway Food Closet. Janet Walker and Pat Bomus

Just a heads up! The Rockaway Food Closet at the Presbyterian Church, 35 Church Street, Rockaway Borough is continuously in need of food donations but they know their hours of operation are limited. Now you can drop food off at the main branches of the Rockaway Township and Rockaway Borough Libraries when they are open.



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Rockaway & Denville Township Public Libraries Update - January 2026

Check the websites to see what the library policies are and what are the latest updates

Rockaway Township Library: <http://www.rtlibrary.org> Tel: 973-627-2344

Rockaway Borough Library Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Library/Rockaway-Borough-Public-Library-117410801674019/>

Tel: 973-627-5709

Denville Library <http://www.denvillelibrary.org> Tel: 973-627-6555

Denville Library Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/denvillelibrary/>

Both Denville and Rockaway Township continue to have virtual programs. Check out their websites for what these wonderful libraries continue to offer. Register for these virtual programs on their websites.

Check out this new complementary digital media service offered by Denville and Rockaway Libraries. Requires your library card. Download the App. "Hoopla"

DENVILLE LIBRARY EVENT DETAILS – CHECK ON WEBSITE.



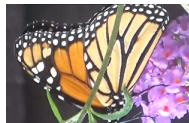
The Denville Library has passes to the following Museums.

Please check the museum's website to plan your visit.

- Brooklyn Botanical Garden (Brooklyn, NY)
- Children's Museum of Manhattan (New York, NY)
- Fosterfields Living History Farm (Morris Township, NJ)
- The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum (New York, NY)
- Montclair Art Museum (Montclair, NJ)
- Morris Museum (Morristown, NJ)
- The Museum of the American Revolution (Philadelphia, PA)
- The New York Transit Museum (Brooklyn, NY)
- Newark Museum of Art (Newark, NJ)
- Storm King Art Center (New Windsor, NY)
- USS Constitution (Charlestown, MA).



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