

Signpost

The Newsletter of the Women's Club of Glen Ridge

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Art Department Monthly Meeting and Luncheon "Seeing America" Tuesday, March 6th

Luncheon: 12:00pm, Program: 1:00pm



Please join us for lunch on March 6th to welcome the Newark Museum Speakers Bureau and their amazing presentation of "Seeing America," one of the finest and most comprehensive American art collections in the the United States. "Seeing America" examines the powerful impact that artists have had on shaping American culture and identity.

The slide presentation is a detailed overview of the collection, which covers the work of artists who interpreted the people, culture, and tenor of their times: from United States Native American art to original colonial portraits and folk art, through the Hudson River landscape period of the 19th century to today's contemporary works.

There will be more than 60 distinct pieces of art examined in the presentation. Legendary artists and works to be surveyed include: *Twilight "Short Arbiter 'Twixt Day and Night"* by Frederick Edwin Church, from the landscape gallery; *Mrs. Charles Thursby*

by John Singer Sargent, a quintessential example of the new woman genre; *The Voice of the City of New York Interpreted* by Joseph Stella; Georgia O'Keeffe's *Purple Petunias*, and Andy Warhol's *Campbell's Soup Can*.

Program and Luncheon: Members/\$15; Non-members/\$30

Program Only: Members/Free; Non-members/\$15

Please RSVP on the Club's website <u>www.womensclubglenridge.com</u>, by email at <u>womensclubgr@juno.com</u>, or by calling the Club office at 973-748-5459.

President's Post



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Greetings & Auld Lang Syne!

Happy New Year! 2018 has certainly started off with a bang. We are shivering in the deep freeze of a major cold snap; we are digging out of the newly-coined "bomb cyclone" that smothered us in half a foot of snow...and an icy wind is still howling outside my windows and mercilessly drifting over my recently-shoveled sidewalk. Yes, the holidays are definitely over...but that just means it's time to make our own wintertime fun!

In that spirit, here are a few fabulous events coming up at the club, designed to tempt you "out and about" even in the frostiest chill:

- Brush up on your trivia and peruse the pocket wine guide you found at the used book sale. Trivia Uncorked! is coming to the club on Saturday, January 27th, serving you up the chance to wow us with your vast knowledge (last year there were extra points awarded for New Jersey know-how but you didn't hear that from me). We will also indulge in a special tasting of four bottles of good wine. You could even be the lucky one who takes home these gourmet bottles as part of the door prize. This evening promises to be the perfect cure for the winter blues. Come "take a cup of kindness yet" and celebrate with friends both old and new!
- Find out about how our Community Service Department endeavors throughout the year to provide invaluable aid and support to those in need. "Fighting Hunger One Person at a Time" is the theme of our February luncheon and monthly meeting, hosted by this dedicated group of women. Join us as we welcome leaders from a number of our community organizations striving to relieve hunger. Celebrate our commitment to the community!
- Dance your cares away! Thankfully, the holiday rush of events is traditionally followed by a welcome calm, an opportunity for our repair specialists to polish floors, touch up the woodwork, and prepare our beautiful Georgian Clubhouse for the busy months of Club events and rentals which lie ahead. Of course, none of this comes free, so we are throwing a dance party to help fill our coffers. Brush up on your steps and signature moves, put on your party dress, and mark you social calendars for Friday, March 9th. This event is guaranteed to be an energetic way to support the club and once again connect with friends. Celebrate our historic clubhouse!

Of course, this is just a very small sampling of all the wonderful events coming to our club in the next few months. "Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?" Of course not...so read through this edition of Signpost with pen in hand. Mark you calendar and make time in your life to....

Connect ~ Share ~ Celebrate!

Warmly,

Jill Simmons

"If you want to eliminate hunger, everybody has to be involved." - Bono
"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." - Mother Teresa

The Community Service Department invites you to a very special February luncheon Tuesday, February 6th. Luncheon: 12:00 Program: 1:00

Our theme is "Fighting Hunger One Person at a Time." We believe even the smallest gesture is a start. We have representatives from various community organizations that all work towards this goal coming to speak. Come find out how you can make an impact!!

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We're honoring the men of the Women's Club
-- our Associate Members -at our Annual
Henry Chapman Night with
The Magic of Mezcal!
Friday, March 2nd, 7:30pm

If you've had a margarita in the past few years, you may have encountered one made with tequila's smoky cousin, mezcal. This Mexican agave liquor has earned a front spot in notable cocktail bars and restaurants nationwide. Many liquor stores now carry it.

Guest speaker Mac McParland will describe the history and production of mezcal, including photos from his visits to Oaxaca ("wa-HA-ka") Mexico, the birthplace of mezcal and mole sauces. You'll get to taste several brands of mezcal, displaying a range of smokiness from mild to intense - not unlike scotch! Mac will describe how to incorporate mezcal into your cocktails and cooking at home - and provide some samples, as well.

(You can become an Associate Member for just \$25/year. This will grant you access to all Club events at the Membership rate. Ask for an application during Henry Chapman Night.)

Associate Members: Free

Non-Associate Members and Guests: \$20

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Jazz Band Coffee House, March 8th at 7pm



The Glen Ridge High School Jazz Band will be performing at the Women's Club the evening of March 8th. This is a very exciting change of venue for this elite group of performers. Until now, the band has performed its biannual Jazz Band Coffee House in the high school cafeteria. For the first time, the performance will be held in our beautiful Williamsburg Ballroom. The next day, the band will leave for a three-day trip to New Orleans, the birthplace of jazz. That makes this year's event even more special. Their performance will feature small combos, soloists, larger group ensembles, and the entire band. Light refreshments and (of course) coffee will be served at this free event. This will be a fun evening and all are welcome!

Favorite Doll Tea Sunday, March 18th, 2018 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Save the Date for the Social Event of the Year for the Under Ten Set!

Returning for the 9th straight year is the much anticipated Annual Doll Tea on March 18th. Children, their parents or grand-parents, and their dolls dress up for a fashionable, traditional High Tea with finger sandwiches, exquisite small desserts, steaming pots of tea, and refreshing lemonade. Dolls can visit the beauty salon for a new doll hair style and a bit of pampering! There will be raffle prizes and vendors selling doll clothes, jewelry, and small toys. Tickets will go on sale soon.

The Ways and Means Committee needs volunteers to help with this popular event. Anticipated volunteer jobs include: Prior to the event -- donating raffle prizes and help organizing the raffle display; During the event -- supervising the Girls Club volunteers, assisting in the kitchen and with food service, registration and check-in, cleanup. The more volunteers we can get, the easier the tasks will be. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Elizabeth in the Club Office at 973-748-5459 or via email at womensclubgr@juno.com.



Since the start of school, the Girls' Club has provided over 3,200 hours of community service and have made donations to a variety of people and organizations in need, including hurricane victims, animal shelters, and children affected by poverty, illness, and abuse. During the months of November and December we are always extremely busy! We kicked off November with the Breakfast Run, where we drive into New York City to provide hot breakfast and lunch to the homeless. We had a big turnout from

freshman members and advisors who braved the freezing temperatures that day. A special thanks to freshman parent Tricia Mansfield, who works for Fresh Direct and donated boxes of fresh fruit, bottled water, and sandwich wraps.

In addition to our work with our regular community service partners, we had girls volunteer at the Montclair Art Museum to assist at all-day art camps during the days off for the teacher convention in November. We were also pleased to further develop our relationship with the Human

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Needs Food Pantry, providing volunteers to distribute food and groceries. The girls really enjoy this type of hands-on work, which gives them a chance to interact directly with those we are helping. We wrapped up the month of November by helping with the Ashenfelter 8K Race, a great town tradition on Thanksgiving!



In the spirit of the holidays, we were delighted to participate in the Wynona's House holiday toy drive. We donated lots of toys for all ages that we hope the kids will enjoy. At our December membership meeting, the girls brought homemade cookies, some to swap amongst themselves, and the rest to donate to Toni's kitchen. Two days before Christmas, our advisors and a group of volunteers took the time to cook and serve dinner for MESH. As a new initiative, we also collected hats and gloves at the general membership meeting to give as gifts for the MESH clientele.

The Girls' Club annual Candy Cane ball took place on December 9th. The theme was Great Gatsby. The decorations were amazing and everyone had so much fun! A huge thank you to Lyn Vaux, who was able to make it all happen, and to all the advisors who helped. As always, we thank the Women's Club for letting us take over the space and transform it into another world for this special evening.

Looking forward to a fun and productive 2018! There is another Breakfast Run coming up in March, our annual Fashion Show in May, and we are hoping to add some new opportunities! Happy New Year to you all!

-Respectfully submitted by Kate Reynolds, Corresponding Secretary



Members of the Girls' Club with just a portion of the donations collected for the Wynona's House holiday toy drive.

Classics Book Group

The Classics Book Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00pm. Books are selected by consensus two months prior to their discussion meeting. From Homer to Hawthorne, Kipling to Conrad, and Melville to Marquez, we are a fun and lively group. For more information, contact Barbara Kalemkerian,

<u>bparker1539@msn.com</u>. Upcoming dates and titles are:

2/21 – *The Iceman Cometh* by Eugene O'Neill and *Turn of the Screw* by Henry James

3/21 - TBD

4/25 - TBD

5/16 - TBD

6/20 - TBD





Novelties Book Group was created as a book group for busy women. Our book choices are collectively chosen and voted on by our attendees. We meet Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm approx. every 6-8 weeks. For more information, contact Ingrid Kozlowski, ingridkozlowski@gmail.com. Upcoming dates and titles are:

2/28 – *The Power* by Naomi Alderman 5/2 – *Murder in Matera* by Helen Stapinsky 6/6 – TBD



SAVE THE DATE Friday, March 9th Dance Party Fundraiser featuring

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Welcoming:



- Laura Bachmann
- Elizabeth Faxon
- Emily Lutz
- Kathryn Sharrock
- Christine Singer
- Kathleen Correll
- Andrea Berner
- Amy Fazekas

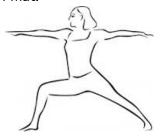
The current yoga session began January 10th.

Classes are every Wednesday from 9:30am - 10:45am. (Unless otherwise noted on the calendar.)

All levels welcome! Please bring your own mat.

Members - \$80 for 8 sessions Non-Members - \$100 for 8 sessions Drop-In Rate - \$16/Class

You may call the office with any questions. 973-748-5459



The Ways & Means Department is Happy to Announce The 30th Spring House Tour Sunday, May 6th, from 1:00 – 4:00pm

The tour will showcase six exceptionally beautiful homes and/or gardens followed by a reception at the clubhouse. The tour is self-guided and open to anyone ages 14 and older. More information will follow on the club website and by email. As a reminder, club members are asked to volunteer at least an hour of time to serve as docents in the homes. We also appreciate any and all help with the reception at the Club House. Please contact Elizabeth in the office with your availability. 973-748-5459 or womensclubgr@juno.com.





for a luncheon and program presented by the Music Department "There's No Place Like Home: A Musical Celebration Of Our Membership."

If you are a singer or a musician, we hope you will consider contributing your talents to this music salon. Solo, duet, or group performers are welcome. Enjoy performing in a casual environment in front of a supportive and appreciative audience -- your Women's Club family! Please e-mail margoegarrison@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

It's never too early to plan your submission for *Signpost*. There is one issue remaining for the 2017-18 year.

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The Community Service Department wishes everyone a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year!! Thank you for all your help and support leading into the holidays! With the community donations towards our Shoprite and/or Target gift card donation program, we were able to provide Thanksgiving meals to eight local families. In December we delivered presents and gift cards for holiday meals to 10 local families through Bloomfield Social Services. Our Giving Tuesday donations were able



to give 4CS of Passaic County much needed funds for their winter coat drive. Also in December, the Women's Club and Girls' Club teamed up to provide partial sponsorship and a car full of toys for <u>Wynona's House Holiday Magic Event</u> for children who are victims of abuse. <u>CASA for Children of Essex County</u> also received a generous donation

towards their Ruby Red annual gala to support their advocacy programs for children. Committee Member Sharon Harms is doing a fantastic job promoting the <u>Virtual Food Drive</u> through social media. For more information please contact her at sharonharms@comcast.net. We were also able to make a matching donation through Partners in Health to the Human Needs Food Pantry right here in Montclair.



We continue to support <u>The Pajama Program</u> which provides new pajamas and books throughout the year for underprivileged children. Debra Roselin is the Essex County Coordinator of this program. If you are interested in learning more, please contact her at <u>pdjroselin3@verizon.net</u>.

We look forward to a productive year in 2018 as we continue to serve our community. Our luncheon on February 6th will be focusing on "Fighting Hunger One Person at a Time." (Please see Page 3 for more complete luncheon information.)

We have made this cold winter and the holiday seasons a little easier for some local families here in our corner of the world. Thank you for your continued support!

Sponsored by the Family Department, Music with Molly is an interactive class that helps children develop a love of music at an early age. It is also a great way to spend time with your little one out of the house.

Classes are held on Mondays and are divided into two sessions:

Mixed Age Drop-In only class: 9:30 - 10:15am

Session 1: 1 - 4 year olds, 10:30 - 11:15am

Session 2: Newborn - 12 months, 11:30am - 12:15pm

The current session began January 8th. The next six-week session will begin March 5th.

Six week sessions cost:

Member: \$65/6 weeks; Sibling Rate: \$30/6 weeks

Non-members: \$90/6 weeks; Sibling Rate: \$36

Drop-In Rate Member: \$15; Drop-In Rate Non-member: \$20

Visit the Club's web site at <u>www.womensclubglenridge.com</u> to register and for more information. Class size is limited.



Trivia Night Uncorked!

An Evening of Tasting and Skill

Saturday, January 27, 2018 7:30pm

Mix and mingle from 7:30 to 8:30 with fellow Club Members and their guests, as you enjoy appetizers and tastings of four specially selected wines.

Then it's time to have more fun with Trivia! Choose your team of 6 or 7, or we will gladly put teams together. Let the games begin!

Cost: \$20 per person, BYOB RSVP:

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Mark Your Calendars!

February 2018	m'	.
Day/Date	Time	Event
Mon/5	7:30pm	Girls' Club Executive Board Meeting
Tues/6	12:00pm	Monthly Meeting & Community Service Dept. Open House – "Fighting Hunger One Person at a Time"
Mon/12	7:30pm	Girls' Club General Mtg.
Tues/13	7:30pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Mon-Fri/19-23	Club Closed	Winter Break
Wed/21	8:00pm	Classics Book Group – The Iceman Cometh by Eugene O'Neill and Turn of the Screw by Henry James
Tues/27	7:30pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wed/28	8:00pm	Novelties Book Group – <i>The Power</i> by Naomi Alderman
Weekly Classes		
Mondays	9:30-10:15am 10:30-11:15am 11:30-12:15pm	Music with Molly
Wednesdays	9:30-10:45am	Yoga
Wednesdays	7:30-8:15pm	Mindfulness Meditation
March 2018		
Thurs/1		Signpost Deadline
Fri/2	7:30pm	Henry Chapman Night
Mon/5	7:30pm	Girls' Club Executive Board Meeting
Tues/6	12:00pm	Monthly Meeting & Art Dept. Open House – Newark Art Museum presents <i>Seeing America</i>
Fri/9	TBD	Dance Party Fundraiser featuring <i>The</i> Counterfeiters
Tues/13	7:30pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Sun/18	3:00-5:00pm	Favorite Doll Tea
Mon/19	7:30pm	Girls' Club General Meeting
Tues/20	7:30pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wed/21	8:00pm	Classics Book Group
Weekly Classes	•	
Mondays	9:30-10:15am	Music with Molly
	10:30-11:15am	
	11:30-12:15pm	
Wednesdays	9:30-10:45am	Yoga

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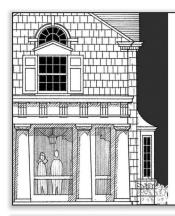
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