



WOMAN'S CLUB OF ALLWOOD

Meeting Date: Monday, December 1st, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Hostess: Pat Siems

Program: The Theatre League of Clifton Sing-along

Food Collection for St. Peter's Haven:

Christmas Feast & Treats: Share a meal with a family in need this holiday. Boxed, Canned and Dry Items are always needed to fill the cupboard. Also, please note that St. Peter's will gladly accept gift cards to local supermarkets as well so they can purchase fresh turkeys, hams and so on.

Santa Vera Greco will be delivering our December collection to St. Peter's on her sleigh – HO HO HO!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT (Barbara A. Lemley): At Thanksgiving this president has found herself thankful for the example set by so many giving and caring women whom she has come to know and admire. They are all listed, alphabetically, in the 2014-2015 Woman's Club of Allwood Yearbook.

After this December General Meeting, we will not get back to business until February 2015. Not so – you will each receive a shopping bag to take home. Over the next two months you can fill that bag with Comfort Food. You should bring your filled tote bag to our February meeting. Holiday celebrations are well underway. In spite of all the hustle & bustle, we can't help feeling joy. A smile, a hug, a few nice words – all free. Add some mistletoe & a candy kiss, and your shopping list is complete! Oh, and don't forget to sing Happy Birthday on December 25th. To each of you and your families – MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

FEDERATION SECRETARY (Dorothy Gondola): The NJSFWC Building is about to celebrate 50 years! And to think it all started 125 years ago with the formation of the GFWC! Read more about our roots by visiting gwfc.org and njsfwc.org. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ALL!

Excerpt from the GWFC About Page: "Founded in 1890, GFWC's roots can be traced back to 1868 when Jane Cunningham Croly, a professional journalist, attempted to attend a dinner at an all-male press club honoring British novelist Charles Dickens. Croly was denied admittance based upon her gender, and in response, formed a woman's club—Sorosio. In celebration of Sorosio's 21st anniversary in 1889, Jane Croly invited women's clubs throughout the United States to pursue the cause of federation by attending a convention in New York City. On April 24, 1890, 63 clubs officially formed the General Federation of Women's Club by ratifying the GFWC constitution.

ARTS/PERFORMING (Anita McGowan): A group of 17 including Club members, their friends and family members attended the Sunday, Nov. 23rd. performance of **"Moon over Buffalo" presented by The Theater League of Clifton**. Afterwards Dorothy and Joe Gondola hosted a delightful cocktail party. A good time was had by all!

COMMUNICATIONS (Barbara S. Lemley): In 2015, we'll be kicking off a monthly Clubwoman Spotlight on the WCA website. You'll hear more details at the meeting, but start to think about what

CONSERVATION & GARDEN (Barbara Bisaccio): Just a reminder, this coming April, on Arbor Day, we will be planting the Shirley Bird Memorial at the Allwood Public Library. If you would like to make a contribution toward the memorial please give to Barbara.

FUNDRAISING (Doris Monteith): "While visions of BUNCO PRIZES danced in our heads." If you have any prizes that you would like to hand over to Doris you are welcome to bring to our meeting. Remember some simple rules: no brand logos, must be new, at least \$10 value.

HOME LIFE (Vera Greco): **The HOME LIFE/ART CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON PARTY at Dalto's Restaurant is THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11th at NOON. Cost \$22.00 to be paid NO LATER THAN this Monday's General Meeting.** Bring along a \$10 SECRET SANTA gift. See VERA to make your reservation.

Join us at Vera's home on Wednesday, December 17th at 1pm for the Nursing Home Gift Bags Workshop. A sign-up sheet will be available.

Lastly, it's not too soon to think about making something to enter for ACHIEVEMENT DAY. Outlines will be available on Monday evening.

LITERATURE (Barbara Dougherty): Word on the literary circuit is that "Barbara's Book Club" is inspiring! Join us at Barbara's home on Thursday, December 4th at 1pm. A sign-up sheet will be available at Monday's meeting.

SUNSHINE (Toni Salerno): If you would like to make a Sunshine Donation in the memory of one of our past members please bring to meeting. Please let Toni know of anyone who should be sent a greeting.

