



WOMAN'S CLUB OF ALLWOOD

Meeting Date: Monday, February 3, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Hostess: Barbara A. Lemley

Program: Eva Dunai of the Salt Cavern, Clifton

Food Collection for St. Peter's Haven: One of the best things to combat this winter chill is some good ole comfort food! This month, we're collecting canned soup, stew, baked beans and boxed mac'n'cheese for the fine folks at St. Peter's Haven. Thank you in advance for your "comfort" contribution! Pat Siems has been kind enough to offer to take our February collection to St. Peter's. Thank you Pat!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT (Dorothy Gondola): WELCOME BACK CLUBWOMEN! 2014 has gotten off to a snowy start and our new *neighbor*, Polar Vortex, seems to be sticking around for a bit - but I do hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season! Although Monday's meeting is our first of 2014, the WCA members have been busy knitting & crocheting lap blankets for **Project Cozy**. Plus, our initiative to collect books for the NJSFWC/USO project **UNITED THROUGH READING** has met with much success! And, a sure sign that warmer weather is not "too" far away is our annual Spring BUNCO fundraiser – and this year it is certain to be a "Yankee Doodle Dandy"! Yes, *2014 is going to be a wonderful year for service!*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE-PRESIDENT (Barbara A. Lemley): We are so pleased to be participating in the NJSFWC/USO Project – **UNITED THROUGH READING** - collecting new children's books to be sent to our troops on the front line. UTR arranges for them to read the books to their children, while being videotaped. The children then get a DVD of Mom or Dad reading to them, along with the book. You can DONATE by purchasing a NEW book (see the attached approved list) or DONATE the cost of a book(s). Please bring books to Monday's meeting.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION SECRETARY (Vera Greco):

FEDERATION NEWS:

- **Special State Project Fundraiser on Thursday, March 13th for FAMILY PROMISE at the Woman's Club of Upper Montclair.** \$30 per person for Luncheon plus Basket & Silent Auctions. **Must respond by the March General Meeting if you are interested in attending.**
- **Clubs will VOTE for one of three proposed upcoming Special Projects:** an overview will be presented on the three:
 - Make-A-Wish New Jersey
 - National Alliance on Mental Illness
 - Safe Kids, New Jersey

- It's not too late to think about **STATE CONVENTION. Dates are May 5th-7th**. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Dorothy Gondola.

ARTS/PERFORMING (Anita McGowan): The Theater League of Clifton is presenting ***MURD-ARR!!! Pirates of the Salty Dog***, for its 6th Annual Murder-Mystery Dinner at Mario's Restaurant, 710 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton on March 7,8,9 and 14,15,16. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, and Sundays at 4pm. If interested in going with our group on **Sunday, March 9th at 4pm**, add your name to the sign-up sheet at the General Meeting or contact Anita McGowan. *Tickets for dinner and the show are \$40. Payment must be in to Anita by February 15th*. There is limited seating. For other performances, call 973-928-7668.

COMMUNICATIONS (Barbara S. Lemley): Your response to the request for photos and stories for our newly added "Adventures in Giving" on the WCA website (womansclubofallwood.org) has been overwhelming. Thank you! Please note that this is an open invitation to contribute your stories and pics...no deadline...no limit...anytime. You can hand over to Barbara at any General Meeting or send via email to womansclubofallwood@gmail.com.

CONSERVATION & GARDEN (Shirley Bird): *Below freezing temperatures mean frozen pipes!* Avoid this cold weather catastrophe by keeping cabinets open a wee bit and faucets on a slight drip (especially those located on outside walls).

EDUCATION (Michele Gerke): **The Anne B. Rate Memorial Scholarship** is open to any relative of a WCA Clubwoman heading off to college. If you need an application please ask at Monday's meeting so that there is enough time to complete the it properly. **Applications are due by the March General Meeting without exception.**

Michele will also be in touch with high school counselors for **candidates for G.C.I.**, and upcoming scholarships to be awarded in June.

FUNDRAISING (Doris Monteith): **Tickets will be on sale at Monday's meeting for our YANKEE DOODLE DANDY BUNCO.** Please bring any **BUNCO prizes you have collected to Monday's meeting.** Prizes must be NEW (no LOGOs please). **There will be a sign-up sheet at Monday's meeting for Gift Baskets donations.** Gift Baskets MUST BE \$25 or more in value. Even if you are unsure about theme of your basket, but know you are committed to making one, please sign-up. Gift Cards make wonderful prizes too! *Everyone's Support Is Greatly Appreciated!*

HOME LIFE (Barbara Bisaccio): There's still time to whip up a quick lap blanket for ***Project Cozy***. A 36" square is perfect to keep our seniors warm and COZY. We'll be delivering the lap blankets to an area assisted living center for Valentine's Day. The next Home Life meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 19th at 1:00pm** at Barbara's home. There will be a sign-up sheet at Monday's meeting.

LITERATURE (Rosemarie Coombs): There will be a Literary Meeting on **Wednesday, February 12th at 12:30pm** at Rosemarie's home. Join us as we discuss the latest "good reads".

SUNSHINE (Toni Salerno): Sympathy cards were sent to the Mullane Family and to Marcia Kost. Get Well and Thinking of You cards to Marie Benfante. As always, please let Toni know of anyone who should be sent a greeting. (*This month is our Miss Sunshine's BIRTHDAY. Happy Birthday Toni!*)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Since 1944, ***Heifer International*** has helped 15 million families in more than 125 countries through training in livestock, development and livestock gifts that multiply.