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Newsletter info:

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Please try to send it the week of the board meeting each month to ensure it gets included in the newsletter.

Service Calendar:

To Be Announced

Upcoming Dates:

Next General Meeting:

Tuesday January 28 @
Bayshore Towne Center

Letter From the President by Karen Mathu

Happy New Year!! I'm so excited for the so many great things in store for 2014. You'll want to come to our meeting on Tuesday, January 28 at Bayshore Town Center... we'll do some fun brainstorming for our major fundraiser (**save that date – MAY 3**) and catch up on club activities. In addition to our major fundraiser, what else do we have to look forward to this year? We are talking about a virtual valentine, a winter brunch, collecting new or gently used housewares for veterans, how one member saved over \$1000 at Kohls for a great service collection, a possible new shopping night fundraiser for girls and more!!

Looking way into next year, we'll also convene a nominating committee for next year's executive board. The committee includes "a chairwoman, one member elected from the Board, two members elected from the membership at large and the Advisor." Consider volunteering for this ad hoc committee that will help set the future of our club. We vote on our executive board at our March meeting.

Thanks to Jennifer Dawson for hosting our recent gourmet, to Liz and Melissa for organizing a membership meeting, to Nancy Kelley for spreading sunshine and scoring a great deal on backpacks for a future school supply drive, to Jill and Liz for hosting/co-hosting our board meeting, to Nicole R for these newsletters, to Mary Kay for our next service collection, to Karen L for our invocation at our January meeting, to Marilee for our upcoming brunch, to Steph for taking on club reporting even while recovering from surgery, and everybody for your positive spirit. I so understand why we love our club!



Major Fundraiser Update by Jill Behringer

Name needed - we decided to go with the "heroes" theme so we are looking for help in naming the event. A few suggestions from the board meeting were "Heroes Among Us" and "Be A Hero" - this may be more of our tagline

If you have any ideas please share them with Jill ASAP.

Also please start thinking about the CORK PULL - perhaps you have a few bottles of wine that were given to you as a gift that you don't plan on drinking. While you're looking around please don't forget we could always use other items for silent auction gifts. We'll take whatever you can give.

We will have Superbowl Squares at the January meeting - \$3 each square, \$1 of which goes toward buying wine for the cork pull

Sunshine Thank You from Joy Svoboda

Dear Nancy, it was so kind of you to take the time to visit yesterday. It is comforting to have a little tea any sympathy. The beautiful flowers from the NSJWC and the adorable vase from you are much appreciated by me and my family.

Thank you, Joy Richey Svoboda



Board Meeting Minutes by Karen Larson

NSJWC Board Meeting - January 14, 2014

In attendance: Jill, Karen M., Karen L., Kate, Liz, Melissa

President ~ Thank you to Jill for hosting our meeting. Discussion of new board coming in March. Will have a call for a nominating committee at next meeting.

Treasurer ~ Checking: \$3,699.44
Savings: \$7,491.11
M.F.R.: \$869.25

We still have Kohl's cards available.

Major Fundraiser ~ Checking on our 501C3 status. Hoping to stuff envelopes to send out letters at our upcoming meeting. Will have dates available to view the site for our upcoming event.

Membership ~ Our first membership meeting is coming up on Thursday, Jan. 23rd at 7:30pm at Melissa's.

Winter Brunch coming up. Look for an email from Marilee. Sunday, Feb. 9th at 11am. Instead of doing Secret Snowflake this year, we may have a "Virtual Valentine" in February.

Service ~ Housewares collection coming in March, details to follow.

Ways & Means ~ We still have 9 City Tin Bar Version left for purchase. Talking about a Charming Charlie mother/daughter event. Will be selling Super Bowl squares with proceeds going to the cork pull. Flower sale in spring.

Thank You from Meta House

Hello,

I just wanted to again express our sincerest thanks for your generous donation of holiday gifts for the clients and children here at Meta House. Everyone here had a great holiday season and it wouldn't have been possible without you! I have attached our thank you, but if you could please provide me with a mailing address I would be happy to get you a hard copy as well.

Thanks again and have a great day!

Nicole Kelly, Volunteer & In-Kind Gifts Coordinator



Thank you from Meta House!