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“The road to success is always under construction.” ~ Lily Tomlin



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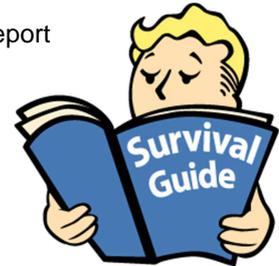
We'd like to extend a warm welcome to the new Club Presidents taking hold of the reins this year. We would also like to thank Deb Heim (Trumbull) who has stepped up to be this year's CJW Conservation Chair.

Please know that the CJW Board is here to assist with any questions, provide guidance and are committed to providing all members the resources, tools, development and networking opportunities to aid in successfully managing your mission.

As a reminder, there are a number of valuable resources available to all:

CJW President's Report – mandatory report completed by each club; due in March. The report includes a listing of various projects than can help with ideas for the coming year.

CJW Conferences – held three times a year (October, March and in May). Past conferences have includes guest speakers, workshops, fundraising raffles and sharing of ideas between clubs. CJW Handbook – www.cjw.org. Everything you need to know and more. CJW Projects – www.cjw.org. You can find a comprehensive listing of all the exciting projects that clubs have worked over the past year, as reported in the CJW President's Report. Feel free to reach out directly to clubs for details on projects of interest.



CJW Monthly Newsletter- Sent out to all club Presidents at the beginning of the month. The newsletter has articles from CJW Board, updates on upcoming events and district news. If you are a club President and not receiving it please have Michelle Cook, michellecook.cjw@outlook.com , add you to the distribution list. We ask Presidents forward to ALL club members.

Please add these key dates to your club calendar:

- September 22, 2017 -- Mane Event Fundraiser* for the LTA Manes & Motion
- October 21, 2017 -- Fall Conference: 10-21-17

We heard you and are taking action based on your input! We are excited to pilot a new conference 'style' this year. Potluck, contests and workshops – what can be more fun?!

- March 2018 – March Madness meeting ~ TBD
- May 4, 2018 -- Outgoing Co-Director party
- May 5, 2018 -- Spring Conference



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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Hi ladies,

Hope you all had a great summer. We are gearing up for another great club year? Fall conference is just around the corner, Oct 21st. I have secured a speaker from Miranda Creative and they will speak to us about using social media to promote our clubs. We hope you all can make it!

Best,
Lourdes

P.S. Club presidents, please send me pics of your members for the yearbook.

IMMEDIATE PAST DIRECTOR/LEADERSHIP/PARLIAMENTARIAN

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

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Please be sure to let CJW know of any changes in your club officers or other e-mail changes.

Especially as your club years end and likely install new officers!

(Sample format below)

Club Name	First Name	Last Name	Office	e-mail Address	Street Address	City	Zip	Phone
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TREASURER

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Welcome back for another club year Juniors!



Dues and Insurance bills have all gone out. If you didn't receive a bill, please check with me.

One of two things may have happened – one, I sent the invoice to an old e-mail address (several clubs did not complete this question by providing an e-mail address in the Presidents Report!) or two, your club has not filed the Presidents Report that was due in March. If your club is the latter, your club is out of compliance! Please check with myself or the Co-Directors on next steps.

Just a few reminders to clubs related to scholarships. We encourage all clubs to contribute to our three CJW scholarships. Details these scholarships can be found in the Handbook on the CJW website – cjw.org. The annual amount of the scholarships awarded is directed by the CJW bylaw which states that up to one half of the total amount in each scholarship is eligible to be distributed each year. It is the clubs donations that build that account balance! The clubs also must sponsor the applicants. Each club is permitted to sponsor one applicant per scholarship. If your club has two (or more) worthy applicants we suggest you connect with another club who may be willing to sponsor your applicant if they are not already sponsoring someone. But, most importantly, in order for the applicant to be considered, the sponsoring club must have contributed to the scholarship in the year of the sponsorship. Upon receipt of applicants, the first thing that is verified is the sponsoring clubs eligibility. Please donate!!

In disseminating the dues and insurance bills again this year, I noticed that many of the clubs have long term treasurers. I was the treasurer of my club for almost ten years, so I can relate! The treasurer position is often one of the hardest positions to fill. Members generally think that a financial background is a prerequisite. It doesn't have to be with the right preparation! Unless you want to be Treasurer forever (which also is not a good idea!) you need to prepare someone else to take over the duties. Keep your records in good order and provide adequate detail of the activity in the treasury to the club members. It might take a while to recruit a replacement, but by showing the membership what is involved by keeping them informed is the best way to encourage someone else to step forward.

And, in case you haven't already been told...Thank you for taking on the responsibility of Treasurer. It is often a thankless job and one that is hard to transition out of. At times it can feel overwhelming or like herding cats. If this is the case and you need further guidance, please reach out and let me know. I am here to help and no question is too small.

RECORDING SECRETARY

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As we head into the new CJW year, I find myself thinking about how things appear from different perspectives.

I had a once-in-my-lifetime experience of viewing the August 21st total solar eclipse in the center of the swath of totality, in Perryville, Missouri, with a long time friend and some new friends. The obvious effect of perspective is how the smaller, but much closer, moon appears to be as large as the much farther away sun, but I was also amazed by how much faster the two and a half minutes of totality sped by than, say, that long on hold with anyone's Customer Service department.

When our scheduled flight home from St. Louis on the 22nd was cancelled and the earliest available flight wasn't until the next day, we appreciated that this was after the eclipse and did not cause us to miss the event. In fact, a former colleague I hadn't seen in several years was also on another cancelled flight back to Connecticut, and we just happened to be in the airport coffee shop at the same time after making our new arrangements. It turned out we were going to be on the same rescheduled flight.

So from a different perspective, a cancelled flight that could have ruined a holiday turned out to be an opportunity to catch up and to introduce two of my friends to one another. Sometimes, a simple change in perspective can have a positive effect.

My goal for the coming CJW year is to remain open to new ideas and new ways to approach our challenges. I am looking forward to the 2017-2018 CJW year.

ARTS

Sharon Schoenberger – ssharonas@icloud.com

We will have a make and take Halloween card and Thanksgiving card for fall rally. We will supply all materials compliments of Shoreline Community Women ARTS program.

SCW ARTS fundraiser in September – we will be taking orders from Pampered Chef catalog. We need to raise funds for our children's Sunny Train LaLa program- 150 attendees last year.

Upcoming events

Bushnell 166 capital Ave., Hartford, CT 860 987 5900 : Momma's Boy Sept. 21; Russian Grand Ballet Swan Lake Friday Sept.29 Bridal Showcase Oct.1; Les Miserables Oct. 3-Oct 8th; Jay Leno Oct. 13;

Goodspeed 860 873 8668 6 main street, East Haddam 06423

Darling Grenadine 8-18 to 9-17; Rags 10-6 to ?; Ct Christmas Carol 11-17 to 12-24



EDUCATION

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"The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one." ~ Malcolm Forbes~

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There are four divisions within home life. Below are some ideas on how to incorporate them in each of your club's schedules over the course of the next year:

- **Fall 2017**

- Community Living - activities or assistance directed to families through homeless shelters, soup kitchens, food, clothing and fuel banks, family support groups, community family events, and the town Social Services Department.
- Begin collecting coats for the annual coat drive in December
- Schedule a day for your club to help out at your local soup kitchen
- Contact local shelters to obtain list of items needed
- Attend a local fund raiser

- **Winter 2017**

- Gerontology - activities or assistance directed to senior citizens through Senior Centers, nursing/rest homes, local transportation & meals programs, and the town's Commission on Aging.
- Host a dance at a local nursing home
- Knit/crochet lap blankets for nursing home patients
- Make bed jackets for patients in convalescent homes
- Visit nursing home patients without local families
- Volunteer at the local senior center

- **Spring 2018**

- Youth - activities or assistance directed to children of all ages: infants, youths, and teens, through local youth groups, community child oriented events, homes for troubled teens, local child care programs, and the local Department of Children & Families.
- Partner with local Girl/Boy Scouts for opportunities to participate in a joint activity

- **As Needed**

- In-Club - activities directed to all club members' families, (not just the members themselves) and/or assistance given for members' families in financial need.

Please let me know if you are responsible for Home Life in your organization. I was thinking it would be fun to have a meeting conference call or in person to brainstorm ideas.

JUNIOR BULLETIN, MEDIA COORDINATOR

Michelle Cook – michellecook.cjw@outlook.com

Ladies – If you don't have a district advisor, please send your photos and information about what your club is doing so I can include it in the newsletter, and maybe even a website shout out! I love to see all of the fun we're having while doing good work in all corners of our state. ☺

As beginning the CJW club year, kindly let me know if you are not the correct person to receive the Junior Bulletin e-mail (and let me know who *should* be receiving it from your club).

As I work to update the website, I'd like to include links to as many clubs "on-line" homes as I can. Please drop me a line with your club website and/or Facebook page and I'd be happy to include them.

Passwords for all internal documents posted on CJW.org will be (shhhh, don't tell anyone) 'cjw'. All lower case.



JUNIORETTES



OPEN – Please contact Maryellen or Alison if you'd like to volunteer for this position

LONG TERM AFFILIATION (LTA)

Lynn Soucy - lsoucy@cox.net , Diane Neri - dianeatcjw@gmail.com

September 22nd is the Mane Event Fundraiser; their largest event of the year. Let's show them what CJW is all about and how we can support them!

Please contact Diane Neri (dianeatcjw@gmail.com) if your club can donate a raffle basket item or an "experience" type of item, such as; tickets to a sporting event, concerts tickets, perhaps a week at a time share? They are looking for all types of donations for this auction. This is Manes and Motions largest fundraiser of the year. Diane is also looking for volunteers to help with raffles, running games, set-up and clean-up too.

For more information, please access this link: <http://hfsc.org/manes-motions/the-mane-event>

As a reminder...There is a very handy In-kind Donor gift PDF on the CJW.org website (at the bottom of the LTA page) that you can use to put a value on your donation for your club, and CJW records. All cash donations have to be made through CJW so we can track support of the LTA project, but individual clubs can choose to earmark their donations for a particular need. If you have any questions about donations please contact Wendy Gamba wgamba@yahoo.com.

MEETING PLANNER

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Welcome back everyone! I am so excited to be back at this all again. I can't believe summer is ALMOST over! (Let's not rush it!) I hope everyone had a nice and enjoyable summer and got to spend quality time doing the things they love, and taking a break from "reality." With that said I hope everyone is ready to get back into the swing of things because we have some new stuff planned for you this year!

First up on the agenda is FALL CONFERENCE! We are going a completely different route with this, probably for the first time ever. This year we have lowered the price of conference, but also made it a different concept. It is going to be held at The First Church of Christ Congregational in Clinton, CT and it is a potluck concept. NOW....before everyone let's their minds start wondering, I promise it will be fun, exciting, and of course competitive.

Since we learned at Spring Conference with the Kentucky Derby theme that Juniors are quite competitive, we thought "what the heck can we do now?" Well we have decided to make Fall Conference into a potluck with each dish being the competition!!! (For more information please see the Fall Conference Call **attached** to newsletter) We are going to have interactive workshops on CJW, social media, and hands on projects. I feel this is the start to a great new beginning! The registration deadline is October 5th!

If there are any other questions please do not hesitate ever to contact me!

Second up on the agenda is our MARCH MEETING! We need a hosting club/clubs/district! Please contact me if there are any questions that need to be answered. Spring Conference is (tentatively) already being hosted by a club!

Hope to see you all in October, until then get a few more weeks of relaxation and enjoy your time!

WAYS AND MEANS

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As always, I have membership and number pins available. It is extremely helpful if Clubs who know they need items could e-mail me their orders prior to Fall Conference. This way, I can have the order and an invoice prepared in advance.

Any ideas for new items are greatly appreciated!

CHARTER OAK



District Advisor - Betty-Lou Griffin – gbgriffin@yahoo.com

Barkhamsted Women's Club, Enfield Junior Women's Club, South Windsor Junior Women's Club, Tolland Community Women, Windsor Junior Woman's Club, Tolland Juniorettes

" Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises."

If it's fall, it must be time for Juniors...so welcome back everyone! I am looking forward to working with Enfield JWC to set a date for our Fall District get-together. We plan to have a certified Zentangle teacher guide us in trying out this popular, new art form. Watch for details!



To make communication within our group easier, I am asking EACH club to send me the following information ASAP:

- new President and contact info (email and phone, please).
- days and times of your meetings (ex. Board first Tuesdays, club third Tuesdays).

I'd love to see all clubs share their activities in the Bulletin, so please send me info/photos...by the 20th of each month. Please remember that I am here if you have any questions. Wishing you all a great year full of opportunities!

DOGWOOD

District Advisor – Deborah Heim – debpothier@aol.com



Junior Women's Club of Fairfield, the Junior Woman's Club of Milford, the Monroe Women's Club, the Orange Community Women, the Stratford Junior Woman's Club, the Trumbull Community Women, Inc., the West Haven Junior Woman's Club, and the Orange Community Juniorettes.

Please send updates to Deb on what your club has been doing.

REGAL MONARCHS

District Advisor – **OPEN** – Please contact Maryellen or Alison if you'd like to volunteer for this position



Central Connecticut Community Woman's Club, Inc., Glastonbury Junior Women's Club, Hebron Women's Club, Marlborough Junior Woman's Club, Simsbury Junior Woman's Club, Hebron Juniores

Clubs, until you get a District Advisor please send your news directly to Michelle. Please indicate in the subject that you are a Regal Monarchs District club.

S.H.O.R.E.

District Advisor - **OPEN** – Please contact Maryellen or Alison if you'd like to volunteer for this position



Durham Woman's Club, Haddam Junior Woman's Club, Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women's Club, Shoreline Community Women, Inc., Wallingford Community Women

Clubs, until you get a District Advisor please send your news directly to Michelle. Please indicate in the subject that you are SH.O.R.E. District club.

WILDBURY

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Beacon Falls Junior Woman's Club, Bethlehem Junior Women's Club, Junior Woman's Club of Bristol, Cheshire Junior Women's Club, Junior Women's Club of Litchfield Hills, Junior Woman's Club of Watertown, Junior Women's Club of Wolcott, Woodbury Junior Women's Club, Wolcott Juniores

Please send updates to Jessica on what your club has been doing.

Wildbury Facebook Page is up!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/193709227784980/>



Please join our Facebook page to keep updated with Wildbury District news!

Looking for District Day ideas! Let's get together ladies and have some fun!