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**“Our members are Connecticut’s Jewels among Women.”**

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"Our members are Connecticut's Jewels among Women"



As I write this article, it is less than a week since the unspeakable tragedy in Newtown. Many clubs have been asking how they can help the families of the victims and the people of Newtown. All clubs should, by now, have received an email from Christine Grabowski, the President of the Newtown Junior Woman's Club offering suggestions. I will repeat her suggestions here.

### **"To Donate Online:**

Attorney, Rob Accomando at Union Savings Bank on Church Hill Road in Newtown has opened up a 501k fund.

Donations can be made by visiting the website below and click on "donate".

<http://www.MySandyHookFamilyFund.com>.

100% of the donations will go directly to the families.

You can also donate directly to Union Savings Bank on Church Hill Road in Newtown

### **To Mail Donations:**

Sandy Hook School Fund  
c/o Newtown Savings Bank  
39 Main Street  
Newtown, CT 06470

### **Or**

Newtown Social Services  
3 Main Street  
Newtown, Ct 06470

100% of these donations will go to counseling services through Newtown Youth and Family services.

### **Cards:**

You can mail cards to:

Sandy Hook School

12 Dickenson Drive  
Sandy Hook, CT 06482

### **Stuffed Animals & Food**

Call the **Red Cross at 877-287-3327**

Please let me know if you receive any “special requests” and I will do what I can to fulfill them.

Social Services has my number in case they call me to help sort toys, etc. I will call out to the “juniors” if I need ladies to come and help with that.

Thank you for distributing this information to all the clubs and please keep Newtown in your prayers!"

In spite of the horror and sadness of this tragedy, I hope that you all were able to find comfort and joy in your celebrations of Hanukkah, Christmas, or Kwanza, holidays of light and peace and hope.

We are now in a new year, with the promise of new beginnings. I know that the Jewels of CJW will continue to improve the lives of all those around them.

Happy New Year!

Kathy

[Editor’s note: There has also been a call for snowflakes of all shapes, sizes and styles to hang in the Newtown school when it opens in January so the children are greeted with a “winter wonderland.” Snowflakes can be mailed to the Sandy Hook School address, above.]

### **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

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Happy New Year,

As we welcome in 2013 let us look back on 2012 and congratulate ourselves for our accomplishments and learn from our mistakes. Now is the time to reach out to new/future members. Winters are long and being with people who share common bonds is a great way to make it through those long dark days. Instead of the typical Ice Cream social make it a Hot Cocoa social and serve warm drinks and comforting snacks. There are many reasons for members to join at this time of year, of course the lower membership fees are a bonus too.

Going into a new year with a positive outlook and a hopeful future.

Quick club idea: If your members make New Year resolutions –Have the members pay a fee (1.00 or so) when they break their resolution. Just have a jar or coffee can handy to collect the monies (it can be anonymous) and use the collected monies as a donation to LTA or to another project you designate.

Have a safe and Happy New Year,

Debi Puzia

I will be sending out an email to all Advisors regarding the scheduling of a teleconference to be held in January 2013.

Once again, to all clubs and its members....wishing you the happiest of holidays.

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*"Juniors make a difference in the lives of others"*

Hello to all....

Under the circumstances the season has loss it's joyfulness...So instead of the usually greeting, I wish you Peace of body, mind and heart. And keep those affected by the event in your prayers this season....

I know a lot of people are not comfortable speaking in public. It's not easy to overcome but believe it or not from personal experience the more you do it the easier it gets. At a meeting have everyone stand up introduce them self and give a few minutes to talk about themselves. What committees they are interested in, about their families, where they went to school, their hobbies or whatever they feel comfortable sharing. If everyone in the club does it no one would feel singled out.

If you have a lot of new members you may want to put together a new members booklet. Describing your committees, project(s), CJW, Bluebook, LTA (formally State Project), or any other info that a new or nonmember may not know....

Sorry that I missed the last Bulletin. I was not feeling very perky.

### **CJW History**

In January 1967 while serving as Junior Director Janet Knaus was appointed GFWC Membership Chairman. Spring Conference was held at the Park Plaza Hotel in New Haven with Plainville Juniors hosting 500 members attended. Outstanding clubs were Bristol and Wallingford. Membership Award went to Simsbury. The concept of Juniorette clubs was being investigated. Trumbull Juniors hosted Fall Conference at the Hillandale Country Club. Lunch was \$4.60 317 members attended. Stratford, Farmington, Middletown and East Lyme are new clubs. Membership is now 3,700 in 46 clubs.



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No report

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**If you need any pins or other supplies please let me know, and I can mail them out to you.**

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Happy New Year!



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#### CONSERVATION --

I hope everyone had a wonderful and healthy holiday season. This year we were especially mindful of the importance of family and friends as we gathered to celebrate in each of our special ways. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the Newtown Club as their town begins the healing process.

Let us remember our feathered friends as the winter turns colder and food sources become scarcer. When you have taken down your holiday tree, think about putting it outside and decorating it for the birds and/or squirrels! Hanging suet balls, making pine cone peanut butter treats, or "seed" ornaments will give the birds another place to dine. And they can be lots of fun for you and your family to watch. Try to identify the different species you have in your

yard.

If you did not "Go Green" with your holiday wrapping items, please be sure to recycle any materials that you can. ie: boxes, plastic protective packing, peanut packing materials(many UPS stores or mailing places will take these); bottles and paper items.

**CURRENT AFFAIRS** -- Keeping your email safe from Hackers is becoming practically a daily occurrence!! Having your email account hacked can not only be annoying but can be dangerous if the hacker gains access to your personal info. You can protect yourself by doing the following:

1. Set up a second email account for newsletters and the like-mailing lists may give the address to others and the more unwanted email you get, the greater the potential for receiving malicious files.
2. Don't open attachments or click on links from unknown sources. Hover over the addressee name and you will see the source of the email which is often a weird address and one you do not know. Keeping your antivirus and browser software updated will help to keep your computer safe. Do not hit Ignore when those update reminders pop up.
3. Be smart with your password--ideally it shouldn't be a word found in the dictionary. And don't choose an obvious security-question answer, like your mother's maiden name.
4. Don't trust public wi-fi areas. It's fine for general use and Web browsing, but avoid using it for anything that you have to log on to as someone around you(ie: a hacker) will be happy to take that information and "log in" to your site.

**Significant Veterans Events in January--**

January 17th - Operation Desert Storm began in 1991

21st -Martin Luther King Day

27th - Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord in 1973

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*"Grow with Connecticut Junior Women in Friendship, Leadership and Service"*



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No Report. Happy New Year!

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**The next newsletter deadline is January 20, 2013**

## JUNIORETTES

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Happy New Year,

Wishing all you and your families a wonderful new year. The end of 2012 wasn't one that will go quietly from our memories. The tragedy in Newtown affected all of us in some way. As the CJW Juniorette Coordinator I would like to have a project for us to do as a group that will either help Newtown directly or can be done in their honor.

As we go into 2013 lets look ahead with positive hearts as we continue our community service. Every thing you wonderful girls/young women do make a difference in the lives of so many. A big thank you from the bottom of my heart to each of you.

I would like to have a teleconference in January with the Advisors and Presidents. Please let me know if a Sunday evening works for everyone. I am also looking for suggestions to a venue for the Mother/Daughter Spring Banquet. If your club would like to host please let me know soon.

In Juniorette Spirit and Friendship

Debi Puzia

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*"Juniors are great leaders like shining stars guiding the way"*

### **Long Term Affiliation – Female Soldiers: Forgotten Heroes (FSFH)**

Happy, happy New Year!!! Well, how is everyone after the holidays? We hope you all had fun with your families, enjoyed the festivities and tried your best not to eat too much good food. Your generosity has been overwhelming every club that donated Christmas gifts, food and cleaning supplies were very, very generous. There were two couriers that were dispatched from FS:FH who picked up donations and Evelyn made two trips with her car filled with goodies, gifts and miscellaneous items. We would like to especially thank the following clubs & members for sponsoring a resident for the holidays: Shoreline, Litchfield, Stratford, Tolland, Wolcott, Trumbull, Orange & Lynn Sellers. Also thank you to Donna Wesolowski, CJW Dogwood Advisor and all the members of the Dogwood district for the beautiful wreaths they made to adorn the bedroom doors at the facility.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** You all should have received an email message from Amy Neves, CJW Corresponding Secretary, regarding the lack of storage space at the house. It has been requested that we redirect any used clothing donations to Dress for Success for the Community Closet in Bridgeport. The women have the opportunity to go in and pick out exactly what they need in their size for free.

**REMINDER: during February/March** we will be requesting non-perishable food pantry items to be brought to the Presidents dinner meeting in March or to your district advisor. Some of the foods they run out of regularly are cereal, coffee, tea, soup, coffee creamers, tuna, peanut butter & jelly, etc.

We are still looking for members who would like to be mentored as coordinators for the next term of our LTA project. Please contact either Teena or Evelyn with any interest you might have. We would really like to have confidence with knowing our female soldiers will be in good hands during Debi Puzia's term as director.

The next scheduled open house is January 12 with a snow date of February 9<sup>th</sup>. All districts are invited to attend. Please mark your calendars for this upcoming event & watch your email boxes for more information.

In Junior Friendship and Spirit,

**Teena Bruneau & Evelyn Magera**  
CJW Long Term Affiliation Co-Chairs

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No report.

## CHARTER OAK



We're looking for a District Advisor for this district. If you would like to consider this position please contact Kathy Znosko.

Clubs, until you get a District Advisor please send your news directly to Diane Neri.

## DOGWOOD



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**CJW for Jan. Newsletter: Dogwood District**



Center, located in Bridgeport. This organization provides a much-needed

The Dogwood District is made up of the ladies from the Junior Women's Club of Fairfield, the Junior Woman's Club of Milford, the Monroe Women's Club, the Newtown Junior Women's Club, the Orange Community Women, the Stamford Junior Woman's Club, the Stratford Junior Woman's Club, the Trumbull Community Women, Inc., the West Haven Junior Woman's Club and the Trumbull Young Woman's Club.

The clubs of Dogwood were quick to send notes of encouragement to our fellow Juniors in Newtown. Knowing how much this affected each of us, we cannot even imagine what it must be like for those who live in their community. Christine of the Newtown Junior Women's Club has responded and assures us that she will call on us to help if and when the need arises.

On a much happier note, the wreaths were all delivered to our LTA at the end of November and they looked so nice. (See below for pictures) Thank you to Marlene of Fairfield and Sue of Stratford for helping with the gathering and delivering of wreaths. Each of our clubs has been busy with other holiday activities as well, see below for a few highlights.

### **Club highlights for this month:**

**Stratford Junior Woman's Club** is coordinating the Sterling House Community Toy Drive and Adopt-a-family program for the 5th consecutive year. They will be servicing over 100 families with a total of 175 children and 6 agencies with approximately 600-700 children. Donations for the program are received from community members, businesses, church or business giving trees as well as schools and teacher organizations.

**Orange Community Women** held their annual Holiday Craft and Sing-a-Long with the residents of Silverbrook Senior Living. They chatted and visited with the residents while everyone made mice with candy cane tails and decorated battery votive candles. After enjoying some holiday treats, all adjointed to the lounge to sing some holiday favorites. Each resident then received a grab bag gift and a bag of cookies before heading back to their apartments.

For the last several months, members of **JWC Fairfield** had been planning and preparing for our largest fundraiser, **A Visit to Santa's House!** This year marked the 27th year of this weekend long children's holiday event which is held every year at the Historic Burr Homestead on Old Post Rd in Fairfield. Months of planning goes into this event and it wouldn't be possible without the generosity of our very supportive community sponsors. Again this year, Newman's Own was our event sponsor and GE our House sponsor. Also, each of the 11 rooms of the house are sponsored by other local businesses and other sponsors to which we are so grateful for their support in helping to bring this event to life!! Despite the hardship our town experienced back in November with Hurricane Sandy, we managed to pull together and put on another great event for our close to 2,000 visitors of all ages! Once stepping into Santa's House, each guest enjoyed one free photo with Santa, a chat and a cookie from Mrs. Claus, and photo opportunities with Rudolph, Frosty and the Gingerbread Man. Also children were able to visit 2 craft rooms, a model train display, 2 entertainment rooms which consisted of various entertainers including our special guest reader Meteorologist, Paul Piorek of News12 who read some children's classics to the group. Also in the house, children could find a candy guess, our ever popular raffle room which included bikes, Power Wheels for a boy and girl, American Girl Doll, restaurant and spa gift certificates, special birthday party experiences and much much more, a silhouette artist, and a bakeshop complete with gingerbread houses and

other sweet treats for visitors of all ages!

For the second consecutive year, proceeds will benefit our 2011-2012 Club's Charitable Partner, The Thomas Merton Family preschool and childcare program, along with parenting support and healthy meals for families in need. A Visit to Santa's House allows us to donate funds to help run the facility as well as purchase essential school and home supplies for its visitors. This year we made a decision to also give a portion of the proceeds to The Fairfield Storm Sandy Relief Fund to help those affected by the recent hurricane. Although we are still finalizing our numbers, we are happy to report that this event brought in upwards of \$20,000 which makes us all very proud to be a part of this special community tradition. Final figures of what each organization will be receiving can be found in the next Newsletter after we make our BIG check presentations to each group at our post Santa House celebration.

During the event weekend we had several different media outlets cover the event, below is a link to one of the articles with a few pictures. More pictures from the event should be up on our website in the next week or so, please visit [www.jwcfairfield.com](http://www.jwcfairfield.com) to have a look.

<http://www.fairfieldcitizenonline.com/news/article/Home-for-the-holidays-Santa-welcomes-crowds-to-4103180.php#photo-3866027>



## Happy Holiday Wreaths from Dogwood District



## REGAL MONARCHS



Open position.

Clubs, until you get a District Advisor please send your news directly to Diane Neri or Debi Puzia.

## S.H.O.R.E.

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Durham Women's Club: no report

Haddam Junior Women's Club: no report

Lyme / Old Lyme Junior Women's Club <http://loljwc.com/>

The LOLJWC is proud to host its 26th annual art show and benefit sale. An opening reception will be on Friday, April 26, 2013 from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM. The sale continue on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Middlefield Women's Club: no report

Shoreline: These Juniors continue to be very busy, They celebrated their Holiday Party on Dec 19, Adopted a family for Christmas, had a nice donation from the VFW to help with mailing costs of the boxes for soldiers, A holiday door decoration contest... To check out all their other activities like them on Facebook.

Wallingford Community Women had a community donation drive for FS/FH and donate 35+ boxes of personal hygiene items & cleaning supplies along with a monetary donation ... It filled 2 mini vans. They holiday party was hosting by President Kathy at her new house, reading of the Grinch who stole Christmas and grab bag gift moving person to person on every "who". After all the Christmas goodies join them for Zumba on Sunday January 13, 2013 1-3 pm at Park & Rec \$15.00. go to Facebook/Wallingford Community Women for more info.

We've all had that moment during Christmas when you open a present & think " what were they thinking! this is so not me" well help is on the way .. Join us for a re-gift social Sunday January 20, 2013, 1-4 pm at Gouveia Winery.

Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> is the Open House in Bridgeport for FS/FH. At the Nicholas A. Madaras Home 10a.m. – 12:p.m. 66 Elmwood Ave., Bridgeport . I've heard from Shoreline & Wallingford Community Women .. If any other SHORE club will be attending please let me know.

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No report

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## THIS AND THAT

Here's your chance to share something with everyone. Send in your recipes, interesting articles, photos, quotes, book or movie reviews, restaurant reviews...