

## **Connections**

Membership Meeting - Zoom

June 16, 2020

Attendance: 47

Recorder: Margie Battaglia

**New Members** were introduced and welcomed: Catherine Sloan (Ridgewood); Beth Collins (Franklin Lakes); Carolyn Sloan (Ho-Ho-Kus); Gordana Kokotovich (Ridgewood).

Donna and Janet reviewed and demonstrated a variety of resources available on the **Connections website**. They highlighted the roster, the book club reading lists, and the Zoom Calendar of events.

Lee Atieh gave the **treasurer's report**. Bank balance at the end of May 2020 was \$8,051. There are currently 197 dues paying members.

Based on the success of the first round of **Zoom social events**, additional socials have been scheduled. Donna detailed the upcoming social events. June 26, Coffee Klatch; July 8, afternoon tea. An additional happy hour is scheduled for July 1. Contact Linda Bakian [lindaireneb@gmail.com](mailto:lindaireneb@gmail.com) to register for one of the events. If you do not hear from Linda that means you are registered for the event. Please make sure you use your name in the email to Linda because some email addresses are hard to match with a person.

Two outdoor activities have restarted with social distancing: **golf and hiking**. Contact Sue Serpico at [sueserp@yahoo.com](mailto:sueserp@yahoo.com) for golf and Sue Robertson at [slarsrob@gmail.com](mailto:slarsrob@gmail.com) for hiking. All are welcome.

**Zoom general membership** meetings have been scheduled to the end of the calendar year: July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 15. If circumstances change and we can meet in person, we will cease Zoom meetings.

**Mary Jo Sichak**, a master gardener, was the featured speaker at the meeting. Her presentation, **Garden Gems of the Garden State**, included a video tour and commentary describing 10 gardens open to the public in New Jersey. The list of gardens she highlighted are on the Connections website under the heading Resources.