

Connections
Membership Meeting – Zoom
February 16, 2021
Attendees: 58

Donna Singer reported that there are now 143 members of *Connections*. There were 199 members over the summer, but the pandemic has resulted in a loss of membership, although we continue to attract new members. This month three new women joined. The activity leaders will be receiving lists of current members to update their email distribution lists.

The painting party was a success, 16 members participated. Donna showed her painting to the group.

Donna asked for suggestions for volunteer activities for *Connections* members. Contact her with ideas.

There are four social opportunities for members soon: February 17, happy hour with Linda; February 18, tea with Lee; March 2, PBS chat with Margie; March 4, happy hour with Margie. Contact Linda Bakian to join any of the socials.

A new activity has been added to *Connections*. Chris Kozar, a new member, has volunteered to lead a gardening group. Donna previously sent an announcement out about the new group and 10 women have signed up. Contact Chris Kozar if you are interested chriskozar@gmail.com
Ongoing activities: pinocle needs a new facilitator, Susan Cassell volunteered her outside deck for canasta and Rummikub when the weather warms up.

Lee Atieh gave the Treasurer's report. *Connections* has \$10,335 in its treasury. The only expense in January was the monthly charge for the Adobe software used by *Connections*.

Margie Battaglia introduced three new members: Nancy MacPhee, Chris Kozar and Evelyn Stokvis.

The topic for this month's meeting was *Women in Science*. Bernadette Cusack was guest speaker. Ms. Cusack related her academic background and reviewed her career beginning in 1970 at Harvard University and ending at the Mayo Clinic (FL) in 2020 where she established the patent office. Her research interests focused on neuropsychopharmacology. She also initiated and chaired seven symposia focused on Women in Science at the Clinic.