

Connections
Membership Meeting-Zoom
February 15, 2022
Attendance: 52
Recorder: Linda Bakian

Membership Report

Deb Reale announced there are 160 members.

Activity Leaders' Announcements: All activities are on the website, njconnections.com

Hiking

- Sue Robertson told the group there will be a hike on Tuesday, February 22, at the Saddle River Park.

Writing Group

- Deb Reale said the group is deciding whether to meet in person.

Bridge Group

- Linda Bakian stated the Bridge Group continues to play online at Bridge Base Online, on Thursdays, from 9:30-11:30 but is planning to meet in person soon. She asked anyone who was interested in joining to please email her.

Stitch and Chat

- Linda Bakian informed the members that the group will return to meeting in person on Tuesday, March 8, at 1:30, in the library at First Presbyterian.

Unattached Women

- Donna Singer said the Zoom problem at the first meeting has been resolved and the next one will be on February 24, at 11am. Everyone, unattached or not, is invited to attend.

Golf

- Sue Serpico reported that lessons for beginners or those who want to improve their skills will begin in April at Twin Willows Par 3. The link is on the website.

Canasta

- Donna Singer said there was a search for space to accommodate the group.

Cooking

- Donna Singer announced that a second virtual cooking class with the chef Puglia is going to be held.
- A committee is meeting to plan the next round of in person activities.

Movie Group

- The Tender Bar will be discussed at the Friday, February 18, Zoom meeting. It will be held at 3:30pm. The hope is to meet on March 18th at First Presbyterian. The film is Don't Look Up. An annual Oscar party is in the works.

Trips

- While planning trips is difficult at this time, Carolyn Seidel announced the following plans:
 - The postponed January 28th tea at the Harmony Tea Room will take place on April 29. Currently there are 12 people on the waiting list.
 - On Wednesday, May 25, the trip will be Experience the Gilded Age in the Hudson Valley. There will also be lunch and a walk over the bridge crossing the Hudson River.
 - A Slice of Brooklyn Pizza tour is planned for June 23. There will also be a walk in Coney Island.
 - A trip to the Buck's County Playhouse to see Kinky Boots and lunch at the Lambertville Inn is pending.
 - Trips will resume in October.

Book Group 1

- Jacquie Hinrichs wasn't sure where the group would meet but will contact the members soon.

Luncheons

- Denise Santora Mosher will reschedule the postponed lunch at Justin's

Mah Jongg

- Brenda Brunelle informed us there would be two Mah Jongg groups meeting on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00pm
 - Group 1 hosted by Brenda meets at the River Edge Library. Participants must wear masks.
 - Group 2 hosted by Marianne Siccardi meets at her home in Ridgewood. Masks are not required.

An email will be sent to all interested members asking them to sign up for one of the two.

Walking Group

- Janet Daly explained the Monday walk was cancelled because of weather and has been rescheduled for Wednesday, at 10am. The group will meet at the Ridgewood Duck Pond.

Pickle Ball

- Is taking place on Thursdays, at 10am, in The Barn, in Midland Park

Trivia

- One possibility is to have lunch at a restaurant followed by a game of trivia. This would require hiring a leader, and the minimum cost would be \$200. Another possibility would be for one of our members to lead the game. Ideas of how to proceed were requested.

Treasurers Report

- Lee Atieh reported there hadn't been much activity in the past month. A \$200 payment was made to Adobe. At present, there is \$12,811.02 in the treasury

Speaker: Mario Medici took the group on a walking tour of Governors Island, NYC