Connections Membership Meeting April 19, 2022

Recorder: Linda Bakian

Attendance: 34
Zoom Attendance: 16

Janet Daly opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy Easter and Passover. She thanked Donna Singer, Brenda Brunelle, and Susan Steele for helping while she was away. Janet also thanked Donna Singer, Denise Santora Mosher, and Lois Stalp for providing today's refreshments.

Activity Locations

All activities are now being held in public spaces.

- -Northwest Senior Center
- -First Presbyterian Church
- -Ridgewood Senior Lounge
- -Hawthorne Library
- -Barn Midland Park

Announcements

- Donna Singer will be teaching a class for activity leaders on how to use Constant Contact.
- Brenda Brunelle has arranged for a line dancing instructor for the May general meeting. The June meeting will be a party.
- Deb Reale has resigned, and Susan Steele will be the new Membership Secretary

Treasurers Report

• Lee Atieh informed the group as of March 31, there is \$7,346 in the Connections' bank account. Deposits were made for the upcoming trips to Buck's County, the Hudson Valley Adventure, and the Pizza Tour.

Membership Report

Sue Steele announced there are now170 members.

Activity Leaders' Announcements

- Sandy Kovarsky spoke about insuring Linked Up is as inclusive as possible.
- Carolyn Seibel spoke about upcoming trips:
 - -The postponed January 28th tea at the Harmony Tea Room will take place on April 29. Attendees cannot enter before 11am.
 - -On Wednesday, May 25, there will be a trip to a Gilded Age mansion with lunch at a restaurant in Hyde Park, and a walk across the bridge spanning the Hudson River

- -The July 14 trip to the Buck's County Playhouse to see Kinky Boots with lunch at the Lambertville Inn is sold out.
- -The announcement for the December $3^{\rm rd}$ visit to hear the Philadelphia Pops will be sent in July
- Sue Steele reported on the Movie Club:
 - -The group held an Oscar party.
 - -The movie for May is <u>Now Voyager</u>. It can be rented for \$3.99 on Amazon Prime or seen for free on HBO Max.
- Denise Santora Mosher informed the group:
 - -The next luncheon is on May 3, at Mado, in River Edge, NJ.
 - -The June luncheon will be at Fino's, in Allendale, NJ.
- Donna Singer told the group the Cooking Club:
 - -Will hold a virtual cooking class on healthy cooking on Thursday, April 21.
 - Has planned another luncheon to be held at members' homes in the first week of May. The theme will be Mexican or Spanish food.

Speaker: Carrie Johnson, the owner of Smooth Transitions, spoke about decluttering.