

Welcome to Connections, a Retired Woman's Group.

We hope you enjoy the activities our group provides. There are a few items important for a new member to know.

- We are a volunteer run organization. Our activities are led by member volunteers. Without them we could not be the vibrant organization we have become.
- A current Connections member must be your sponsor. Your sponsor will
 - o review your application and communicate with the Membership Chair.
 - o Send your application and application/dues check to the Membership Chair.
 - o Notify you when you will be introduced at the required membership meeting.
 - o Introduce you at the scheduled meeting and to the activity chairs.
 - o Assist you with any questions you may have.
- We are accepting 5 new members each month. Your application will be placed in a queue and processed in chronological order of receipt. The Membership Chair will contact your sponsor to notify her when you will be introduced at a Membership meeting. At that point, you will be invited to activity meetings and other Connections events.
- On your application you identified the groups you are interested in joining.
 - The activity leaders will receive an email notifying them you were added to their group. They will reach out to you with additional information.
 - Please do not just show up at an activity without contacting the activity leader. We have space and other supplies we must plan for (Mah Jong sets, Rummikub sets, cards, other supplies required for activity).
 - o There may be groups that are at capacity and cannot take anymore members into their group. If that is the case, you will be notified you are on a waiting list.
 - If you are interested in an activity which you did not indicate on your application, please reach out to activity leaders before you attend an activity session where you were not already registered.
- **Please note**: You will not be eligible to attend Connections activities (including trips and/or luncheons) until you have been introduced at a meeting and entered into our system. Once in the system, you will receive the next round of emails with information about those activities.
- You will be given a name tag identifying you as a member of Connections. This name tag is required when you attend our activities. This will allow us to get to know you better and ensure only paid members attend our activities.

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Important information about our club is listed on our website https://njconnections.com/ A monthly calendar of events is located on our website. For calendar, please visit our website (https://njconnections.com/schedule-2/).

Our activities are held at different venues:

- 1) First Presbyterian Church, 722 E Ridgewood Ave with Parking lot on Van Dien Avenue across the street from the church. Park only in spots marked CH. The numbered spots are used by the students of Ridgewood High School and are paid for by their families. Please use the Connections sign located on our website. If parking on the street, please follow the signs stating when parking is available. There is a map identifying adjacent streets located on our website. Important parking details are located on our website here: https://njconnections.com/resources/
- 2) Northwest Senior Center, 50 Center Street, Midland Park, NJ. There is a parking lot across the street and adjacent to the center. There is also street parking available. Please follow the posted signs indicating when parking is allowed.
- 3) River Edge Library, 685 Elm Ave, River Edge, NJ. Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the library.
- 4) Hawthorne Library (Louis Bay 2nd Public Library and Community Center), 345 Lafayette Ave, Hawthorne, NJ 07506. Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the library.
- 5) At various local venues for walking and hiking.
- 6) Twin Willows, 167 Ryerson Rd, Lincoln Park, NJ (golf).
- 7) The Barn, The DePhillip Center, 50 Davey St, Midland Park, NJ (pickleball).
- 8) And from time to time in members' homes. Those addresses vary based on the activity.

We currently have a significant number of members; the current executive board and activity leaders will do their best to include you in the activities in a timely manner.

We look forward to meeting you and seeing you at our activities and meetings.

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