

Connections Membership Meeting

May 21, 2024

Attendance: 62

Zoom Attendance: 0

Recorder: Linda Bakian

Jackie Hinrichs announced the next general meeting will be a Fellowship Brunch on June 25, in St. Elizabeth's Church, at 10am. The cost is \$10 per person, and checks can be sent to Lee Atieh. Because of the change in the meeting's format, new member's sponsors were asked to send Jacquie a blurb about their mentees. New members must pay for the brunch.

Treasurer's Report

Lee Atieh informed the membership the April beginning balance was \$17,300, and the ending balance was \$25,275.

Membership

Sue Steele stated there are 236 members in Connections and 16 women on the waitlist. She asked anyone who is interested in being a sponsor to please contact her. The new members and their sponsors are:

- Jane Jones (Adriane Reilly, sponsor)
- Holly Johnson (Mary Ann Koluch, sponsor)
- Debra Dunn (Dolores LaRonca, sponsor)
- Anita Lee (Lauren Salvani, sponsor)
- Debbie Gero (Andrea Gallucio)
- Chris Barbieri (Mary Kamber, sponsor)
- Margaret Martensen (Brenda Brunelle, sponsor)

Activity Leaders

- Canasta : Donna Singer invited new members to join the Canasta Group.
- Cooking : Donna Singer reminded members the Cooking Group will meet on June 24, at St. Elizabeth's Church. There will be a nominal fee for paper products. Donna reminded the women they should not hit unsubscribe on an email. Doing so will unsubscribe a member from everything.
- Luncheon : Denise Santora Mosher informed us the next luncheon will be at Fino Ristorante, on June 20. The cost is \$35.50. The deadline for her to receive a check is June 13.

This will be the last luncheon for the season.

- Zoom Book Group: Brenda Brunelle invited everyone to join the Zoom Book Group. The next meeting is on June 27, at 7pm. The book is "The Secret Life of Flowers."
- Opera Group : Brenda Brunelle announced everyone is invited to attend the opera performances at the AMC theater and can bring an outsider. She will send out information at the end of the summer.
- Trips : Carolyn Seidel spoke about the success of the trip to see The Notebook, and another play will be planned for 2025. The Best of Brooklyn Tour will be October 23 and a trip to Caramoor will take place in December. Carolyn suggested those who want to attend should do so

early. For 2025, she's planning trips to the Culinary Institute, the Museum of Natural History, and the Paper Mill Playhouse.

- Walking Group : Janet Daly welcomed new member who are interested in joining the Walking Group. It meets Mondays, at 9:15, at the Ridgewood Duck Pond. The group walks four miles, but a member can turn back at any time.

Jacquie Hinrichs informed the meeting there will be no activities at the First Presbyterian Church during the summer and no pickle ball. However, Senior Center activities can go on all summer.

Marianne Siccardi introduced the speaker, Anthony Cavo, who presented on Yesterday's Bride 1850 to 1930.

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