

Connections Membership Meeting

December 17, 2024

Attendance: 69

Zoom Attendance: 0

Recorder: Linda Bakian

Jacquie Hinrichs announced this would be her last one presiding as president of Connections, and Marianne Siccardi would be the next president.

She reminded Activity Leaders' their reports are due by December 27. Jacquie asked members not to write on the other side of their name tags since the ink seeps and smudges the front. She thanked Janet Daly for today's slide show. Members are invited to the Hobbyist's Music Appreciation activity on Thursday, December 10. There is a room available on Fridays for a new book group, and anyone interested in leading it should contact Marianne Siccardi.

Jacquie said it had been a pleasure to be the President of Connections, a wonderful group of women and how happy she was to help organize the group of 250 members.

Membership: Sue Steele

With the addition today of two new members, there are now 250 in total and fourteen women on the waiting list. The number of additional new members depends on how many spots become available.

The two new members and their sponsors are:

Sherry Hoogland sponsored by Linda Brophy

Nancy Dal Cortivo sponsored by Donn Kahn

Activity Leaders

- Denise Santora Mosher
 - The next luncheon will be at Fino's, on Thursday, January 14.
- Sue Cassell
 - The Movie Group will be discussing *Conclave*. It's streaming on Peacock.
- Janet Daly
 - The Walking Group meets at the Duck Pond on Monday mornings, at 9:15. In January, the time will be changed to 10.
- Marilyn Chuebon
 - Starting in January, Bridget Cena will be serving as the Connections Cares representative.
- Carolyn Seibel
 - The trip to see *What a Wonderful World* is sold out. Tomorrow's trip to Caramoor will leave from Graydon Pool.
- Donna Singer
 - The cookie exchange was nice. There'll be a virtual cooking class with the Italian chef in January. Anyone interested in Canasta should reach out to her.

- Brenda Brunelle
 - The Zoom Book Group meets, at seven, on the fourth Thursday of the month. The Opera Group meets on Saturday afternoons, at the AMC movie theater, in The Shops at Riverside Mall. Members can invite as many people as they want. The next opera, *Aida*, is on January 25, at 12:30.
- Sue Robinson
 - The Hiking Group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The first hike of the month at Ramapo Reservation involves a climb. The second hike is at the Saddle River Park in Saddle Brook.
- Marianne Siccardi
 - After today's business meeting, members can sample the goodies. Then working together in small groups, solve rebus puzzles. There's a time limit for each and prizes.
- Danielle Manis
 - Connections Celebrates you wants to "Celebrate You." December birthdays were recognized.

Jacquie Hinrichs thanked the Executive Board for their help making sure things ran smoothly.

Passing of the Gavel

- Donna Singer told the history of Connections and asked Activity Leaders to stand. She listed the members of the Executive Board: Marianne Saccardi, First Vice President, Joan Cooke, Second Vice President, Lee Atieh, Treasurer, Susan J. Steele, Membership Secretary, Linda Bakian, Recording Secretary.
- The gavel was passed from past Presidents Donna Singer to Janet Daly to Brenda Brunelle to Jacquie Hinrichs to Marieanne Siccardi, the new President.