

Connections General Meeting

April 15, 2025

Attendance: 66

Zoom Attendance: 6

Recorder: Linda Bakian

Marianne Siccardi asked anyone who had not filled out the Emergency Form to please do so today. She reminded the group that Sue Cassell is taking checks for the trip to the New York Botanical Gardens.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Atieh

The only deposit in March was for the Bonefish Grill. Expenses included: deposits for the June trip, payment for the bagpiper, and the balance for the April 10 bus. At present, there is \$27,091 in our account.

Membership: Sue Steele

- Sue asked members who hadn't signed in today to please do so.
- Items left at the Oscar party were held up to be claimed.
- There is a new book group, #7, headed by Linda Brophy and Dottie Giglietta, and the fourteen members on the waiting list for a book group have been put into it. The first meeting will be in June, and Linda asked the members to bring books with them.
- Connections' membership is 253 and the wait list is closed.

Fellowship Lunch: Marianne Siccardi

The Fellowship Luncheon will be held on June 27, from 11:00am to 2:30pm, at the First Presbyterian Church. Seating is random so members will have the chance to meet new people. School is out so parking is available. The regular monthly meeting will be held.

Activity Leaders

- Trips: Diane Paoli
 - Today's sign up for the June trip went well. Members should get on the waitlist and leave the day available because cancellations come at the last minute. The trip to the CIA was wonderful and special thanks to Carolyn Seibel and Donna Singer. Carolyn is working on an exciting trip for the fall.
- Canasta: Donna Singer
 - Canasta is played at the Ridgewood Town Hall, on Thursdays, from 1-3pm.
 - It's a simple version and easy to learn.
- Cooking Club: Donna Singer
 - The lunch theme in May is Northern Italian.
 - She's trying to set up a virtual cooking class with a Greek chef.
 - If anyone has ideas for other meetings, please let her know.

- Constant Contact: Donna Singer
 - Donna will try to get a group of trainees together.
 - Activity leaders should reach out to her if they want to learn how to use it.
- Walking: Danielle Manis
 - There are forty women registered for the Monday walks. Recently, twenty showed up. You can walk two-four miles.
 - The walking group meets Monday mornings, at 10am, at the Ridgewood Duck Pond.
 - There will be a walking tour of Historic Radburn on May 5, at 10am. Contact Janet Daly if you wish to join it.
- Sunshine Strollers Group: Danielle Manis
 - Marcy Fearon and Debbie Dunn are the group's co-leaders.
 - An email will be sent on Mondays saying whether the group is meeting on Thursday or Friday.
 - Email Donna Singer if you're interested in joining.
- Luncheons: Denise Santora-Mosher
 - Lunches are open to everyone.
 - The next lunch is at Fiona's, in Midland Park, on Tuesday April 22.
 - Today is the last day to sign up.
- Opera Group: Brenda Brunelle
 - The next opera is *The Marriage of Figaro*, on April 26. Members are encouraged to attend and bring friends.
 - Let Brenda know if you are planning to attend.
- Zoom Book Group: Brenda Brunelle
 - The virtual book group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, at 7pm. The next meeting is on April 24, and the book is *Pineapple Street*. There is room in the group for more members.
- Golf: Sue Serpico
 - This is a social golf group.
 - It begins on May 30.

Presentation: Emergency Preparedness and File of Life
 Bill Wright from New Bridge Medical Center