

Connections
Membership Meeting
May 19, 2026
Attendance: 47 in person
 2 on Zoom
Recorder: Linda Bakian

President: Joan Cooke

Members were welcomed and reminded to park in the church spaces.

Treasurer: Lee Atieh

The April opening balance was \$29,979. After expenses and reimbursements, the end of the month balance was \$28,931.

Activity Leaders

- Carol Maloney: PBS
 - The email evite sent under her name was a scam.
 - The recommendation was for members who received it to change their passwords.
- Denise Santora Mosher: Luncheons
 - Forty-two members have signed up for the Thursday, May 21, Luncheon at Mado's.
 - The June luncheon will be at Fino, on Tuesday, the 23rd.
 - The July luncheon will be at Due Fratelli Ristorante.
 - One may be held at Portobello in the fall.
- Donna Singer: Canasta and Cooking Group
 - Starting June 1, the Canasta Group will meet at the Hawthorne library, on Thursdays, from 1-3P.M..
 - A virtual cooking class will be held on Tuesday, June 3, at noon. An ingredient list will be sent. Payment should be given to Donna who will send it to the chef through Pay Pal so she can be paid in .Euros.
- Blair Kokotek (for Sue Robinson): Hiking Club
 - If anyone has an idea for a July and August hike, please contact Sue.
 - The next hike, on May 26, led by Lauren Mitcheil, will be to the Nyack State Park. It will begin at 9:15. Attendees should RSVP by Monday night.
 - Hikes are on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month..
- Janet Daly: Walkers
 - There's no walk on Memorial Day.
 - The group meets at the Ridgewood Duck Pond Pavillion, on Monday mornings, at 10A.M.. Starting in June, because of the warm weather, the meeting time will be 8:30.

- Janet Daly for Brenda Brunelle: Opera Club and Zoom Book Group
 - Everyone is welcome to come to the opera and can bring anyone she wants
 - The next opera is *The Last Dream of Frida and Diego*, on Saturday, May 30, at 1P.M.at the Garden State Mall.
 - Let Brenda know if you're coming.
 - The Zoom Book Group meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on May 28, and the book is *Educated*.
 - Danielle Manis added that a dinner reservation has been made at the Grand Lux Café. Let Brenda know if you'll be joining the group for dinner.
- Sue Steele: Membership
 - If someone hasn't signed in, please do so.
 - Kathy Noe joined Connections today. Another woman will join in June, bringing us up to 248 members.
 - Let Sue know if you want to join a book group.

Joan Cooke: President

- The Fellowship Luncheon will be at First Presbyterian Church, on Friday, June 26, from 11A.M. to 1:00/1:30P.M.. The entire parking lot will be available.
- Connections is a social nonpolitical organization. Please do not get into political discussions at activities.
- Danielle Manis is putting beads on name tag lanyards.
There will no longer be trips because we don't have a leader.

Marilyn Chuebon: First Vice President

- The speaker at June's General Meeting will be a professional organizer.

Presentation: Marilyn Chuebon introduced Carol Lafond who will speak on Early 20th Century Child Care.