

Connections
Membership Meeting
June 16, 2026
Attendance: 65
Zoom: 2
Recorder: Linda Bakian

President: Joan Cooke

Joan thanked everyone for attending the meeting on such a beautiful day. Copies of *The Ridgewood HoHoKus* magazine with the lovely article about Connections are available to look at in the back of the room. The whole church parking lot is available for the June 26 Fellowship luncheon. Today is the last day to sign up. Please give Lee Atieh a check for \$12 if you're planning to attend.

If you gave Connections permission to receive a Jackie Lawson Birthday Card, the email won't say our name.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Atieh

The balance in our account at the end of May 2026 was \$28,931. After dues, the return of monies that had been laid out and expenses, the balance is \$35,666.

Activity Leaders

- Denise Santora Mosher: Luncheons
 - The June luncheon will be on Tuesday, June 21, at Fiona's. The deadline to pay is June 17.
 - The July luncheon will be on Wednesday, July 22, at Due Fratelli. An email will be sent.
- Sue Serpico: Golf
 - This is social golf. The group meets every Wednesday morning, at 9:30, at the Twin Willows Par 3 course, in Lincoln Park.
- Margie Rightmeyer: Sunshine Strollers
 - The Strollers Club meets on Thursdays, at 2:30, at the Ridgewood Duck Pond.
 - Participants can walk at any speed.
- Lauren Mitchell and Blair Kokotek: Hiking Group
 - Hikes are on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, at 9:15, weather permitting. RSVP the Monday before the hike.
 - Let Sue Robinson know if you want to be on the list of members.
- Danielle Manis, co-leader with Janet Daly: Walking Group
 - The group meets at 8:30, on Monday mornings, at the Ridgewood Duck Pond.
- Brenda Brunelle: Opera at the Movies
 - An invite will be sent before the opera. Members buy their own tickets and can invite anyone they want.
 - Let her know if you're coming so you can be in the picture she takes.

- The Zoom book group will meet on June 25. The book is *Summer Island*.
- Diamond Painting is a fun activity where women chat as they work on their projects and connections are made. Brenda will send an email to the entire membership.
- Carol Laford: Classic Book Group and Arts and Culture.
 - The Classic Book Group is reading *An American Tragedy*. The book was made into the movie *A Place in the Sun*, and there'll be a watch party to view the film. Contact her if you'd like to be included
 - The Arts and Culture Group meets at the Hawthorne Library on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at 10AM. Members give a short presentation on their favorite museum or art.
- Debbie Dziubinsky: Pickle Ball
 - There's no game during the summer, but Pickle Ball will resume on September 2. It's a low level game.
- Sue Steele: Membership
 - Be sure to sign the attendance sheet, only 68 women have done so.
 - Two new members were introduced:
 - Lillian Loughlin, sponsored by Mary Connely
 - Patricia Fonder, sponsored by Sue Robinson
 - The final new member will join in September/October.
 - Membership is closed, and there are fifteen women on the wait list.

Speaker: Marilyn Chuebon introduce Jean Marie Herron, a professional organizer.