

Connections General Meeting
September 15, 2026
Attendance: 67
Zoom Attendance: 0
Recorder: Linda Bakian

Marilyn Chuebon, First Vice President, chaired the meeting. She opened it with the following statement:

Ladies, this is just a reminder that we are a non-political organization and with the midterm elections coming up it is important to remind you that political discussions or comments are not appropriate conversation topics at our meetings or activities. Please be mindful that many of us have differing opinions and it is important that we make sure all members feel comfortable and safe in the events we attend.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Atieh

July and August were slow months. The beginning balance was \$32,427 and after August's expenses of \$21, the balance is \$32,406.

Trip Committee: Donna Singer

Donna thanked Carolyn Seibel for the years she ran the Trip Committee. Donna will now chair the committee and Carolyn will act as an advisor. Any member who is interested in serving on the committee should contact Donna. Diane Paoli and Susan Cassel have agreed too continue serving on the committee.

Membership: Sue Steele

New members were introduced:

- Pat Fonder sponsored by Sue Robertson
- Barbara Zuccala sponsored by Carol Parascondola will become a member in October.

In October, Connections will be up to 250 members and 15 women are on the waiting list.

Activity Leaders

- Brenda Brunelle

○ Opera Group

The group meets at the AMC Theater at the Garden State Plaza. There are eight operas this season and you can invite anyone you want. Sometimes, the group has dinner afterwards. The next opera is *Così Fan Tutte* on October 3, at 1pm

○ Zoom Book Group

There are 8 women in the group that meets the fourth Thursday of the month, at 7pm. The next meeting is on September 24. The

book is *The House Maid*. Let Donna Singer know if you would like to join the group.

- Diamond Art Group

The group will meet on Friday, September 25, at 10AM. You need

Luncheons: Denise Santora Mosher

- The next luncheon is on Tuesday, September 29, at Aldo's. Sixty three women have signed up so far and Denise is concerned she may have to limit the number of people if the room cannot accommodate them.
- The October luncheon was to be at Portobello, but there is a problem sitting 50 people. Instead, it will be held on October 28, at Andrea's in Waldwick. .

Strollers: Margie Rightmyer:

The Strollers meet at the Duck Pond Pavillion on Thursdays, at 3:30. Walkers can stay or leave whenever they want and sit on benches if they like.

Donna Singer

- Cooking Group
The Fall Luncheon will be held in three homes.
Donna will try to set up a cooking class.
- Canasta
The group meets on Thursday afternoon, from 1-3, at the Hawthorne Library

Speaker: Susan Breithaupt, Health Educator, Valley Hospital