Connections General Meeting
October 20 2026
Attendance: 73
Zoom Attendance: 3
Recorder: Linda Bakian

President: Joan Cooke

- Dues of $60 are due by December 1.
- Nominations
    - Second Vice President: Carol Lafond
    - Recording Secretary: Barbaralee Berte
- Elections will take place at the November General Meeting.
- Vote on Constitution
    - The changes to the Constitution were unanimously approved
- Activity leaders should contact Pat McDonagh each month about the calendar

Treasurer: Lee Atieh

The balance brought forward was $32,406.30. Deposits were $2,785.00 and expenses were $3,577.29.

President: Joan Cooke

The Stroller's Group will have to be disbanded because there's no leader. If someone volunteers, it can continue.

Activity Leaders

Luncheons: Denise Santora Mosher

- The next luncheon is at Andrea's, in Waldwick, on October 28. Forty-two women have signed up and there's room for nine more.
- The November luncheon will be at Fino's, on the 19th of the month.

Cooking Committee: Donna Singer

- The November 6 cooking event had to be cancelled because of work on the church's roof. She is waiting to hear from Dana Feeney about another date.

Trip Committee: Donna Singer

- A newly formed Trip Committee is trying to set up a trip.

Canasta: Donna Singer

- Canasta meets on Thursdays, at the Hawthorne Library, from 1-3.

Birthday Greetings: Carol Maloney

- Last year, 152 email birthday cards were sent to members. The cards are sent out at the beginning of each month. The email will say Connections has sent you a card. Open it; it's not a scam.

Hiking Committee: Lauren Mitchell, Blair Kokotek
Hikes are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The next hike is at the Laurelwood Arboretum in Wayne, on October 23, at 9:15. RSVP to Lauren if you plan to come.

Walking Group: Janet Daly
The group meets on Monday Mornings, at 9:15, at the pavilion, in the Ridgewood Duck Pond. Participants can walk the distance at the pace they want. Just come if you'd like to walk.

Brenda Brunelle: Opera Committee
The group meets at the AMC Theater at the Garden State Plaza. An email about the upcoming opera is sent to all Connections members. Attendees purchase their own tickets and can invite anyone they want. The group meets in the lobby of the movie theater and sometimes goes to dinner afterwards. The next opera is Samson and Dalila, on December 5.

Brenda Brunelle: Zoom Book Group
The group meets the fourth Thursday of the month, at 7pm. This month's book is *Heartwood.* Let Brenda or Donna know if you would like to attend.

Brenda Brunelle: Diamond Painting
This month's meeting is on October 30th, at 10AM, at the church. Let Brenda know if you would like to attend.

Strollers: Debbie Dunn and Margie Rightmeyer
The group meets at the Duck Pond, on Thursdays, at 2:30, If no one is interested in taking on the leadership of the group, it is defunct as of today.

Membership: Sue Steele
Donna Singer introduced Barbara Zuccola, the newest member of the year.
There are fourteen women on the waiting list to join. New members will be taken in depending on the number of members who do not pay dues for next year.

Marilyn Chuebon: First Vice-President
The Syncopated Tap Dancers will perform at the November 17th general meeting.

Program: What's in a Name?
Roberta Panjwani
Lorri Steinbacher