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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Members and Associate Members,

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, let us reflect on the incredible journey we have shared as a community of empowered and inspiring women. Together we have forged connections, broken barriers in the diversity not only of our members but also of our programs, and created positive change.

Our Club is thriving, and I could not be more proud of what we are doing to enhance the membership experience. I would like to thank you, our members, for your continued support. With the introduction of Telework and Leisurely Hours every second Wednesday of the month, members are coming together to socialize, collaborate on new ideas and initiatives, to knit, drink coffee, relax, and get to know each other. It is wonderful to see the engagement that this is generating. If you have not been able to take advantage of this membership perk, kindly do so.

As the holiday season approaches, and we get prepared to spend time with our loved ones, let us take some time and think about ways we can help those less fortunate than us. We have much to be thankful for: our health, our families, and friends.

In the tapestry of our achievements, each thread represents the dedication and passion each and every one of you have brought to our Club. Your commitment to service and supporting

one another has been the driving force behind our collective success.

As we bid farewell to the challenges of the past two years, let us welcome the opportunities that the future holds for us and our Club. May 2024 bring new adventures, deeper connections, and a continued sense of purpose. Remember, our strength lies not only in our individual abilities but in our collaboration and the unbreakable bond that unites us.

Let us march into the new year with confidence, resilience, hope, and a shared commitment to make a lasting impact on not only our members but our community, too. Together, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

I wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season and a new year filled with growth, fulfillment, hope, compassion, gratitude, and endless possibilities.

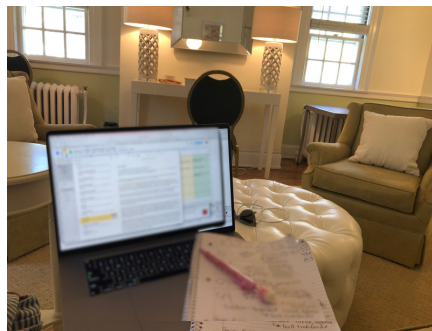
With much gratitude, appreciation, and anticipation,

Sandra Lefkovits

President



In October the Women's Club partnered with the Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad to offer CPR training classes to the community. The three sessions were free of charge, but the participants were asked to make a donation with the understanding that all donations would be given to the ambulance squad. We received \$714! At the November Monthly Meeting, Sandra Lefkovits, Club President, presented the check to Tom O'Neill, representing the ambulance squad.



"I love coming here for a few hours to work! This is such a nice change of scenery."

- Anna, Member

Telework and Leisurely Hours have proven to be a smashing success. Many members have dropped in for a cup of coffee and a small bite while they read, work or socialize. The Literature Department chairwomen got together one day and the Membership chairwoman has brought a couple of projects to work on.

The next event is scheduled for December 13th. We'd love to see you there.

The Glen Ridge AAPI hosted a colorful dinner/dance in the club house in October to celebrate the holiday of Navaratri. They graciously allowed the Membership Committee to sit with them at their registration table. Pictured left to right are Diane Schaming, Membership Chair, and Anu Negi, volunteer on the Membership Committee.





The fall session of our Writing Workshop is wrapping up in December. It was a productive session with our seven participants who continue to write, learn, and support one another. We'll hold a winter and spring session starting on January 16th. We are incredibly lucky to welcome back our wonderful instructors Judith Lindbergh and Laurie Lico-Albanese. Please check the Club's website for more detailed information.

New Year, New Book Club! January 4th will be the inaugural meeting of our new Book Club. We will be discussing *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. Join us for either a daytime (10:00 am) or evening (8:00 pm) group. Future books will be selected by consensus. More dates to come based on interest. Please check the club's website for more detailed information.

We hope to bring two author events featuring two talented local authors to the club this spring. Details to come.

If events like our author visits, the writing workshop, or book club interest you or you would like to join the Literature Department's committee, feel free to contact us at Literature@womensclubglenridge.com.

Sashy Bogdanovich & Pam Colledge
Co-chairs, Literature Department

The Literature Department is happy to announce the return of the . . .

BOOK CLUB

Day and evening meetings of the same book to accommodate everyone's schedule.

OUR FIRST BOOK WILL BE

Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

January 4th, 2024, 10:00 am OR 8:00 pm
Watch your emails and the Club's website for more information as the date nears.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The holiday spirit is in the air and the Music Department is excited to host Light Up the Night: A Holiday Sing-Along for All on Sunday, December 17th, from 4:00-6:00 pm. Let's come together as a community to celebrate through the magic of music, laughter, and festive cheer. Under the guidance of Dr. Darren Gage, we will light up the night in song. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just enjoy a good hum, there's a place for everyone. Bring your friends and family; wear your ugly sweater, holiday attire, or your comfy PJ's. Anything goes! Festive bites and beverages provided. BYOB is welcomed. This inclusive event is open to all ages and backgrounds fostering a sense of community connections during the holiday season. Reserve your spot now at womensclubglenridge.com/events.

If you would like to be a part of planning future Music Department events, please contact us at Music@womensclubglenridge.com.

Trisha Turiano
Chair, Music Department

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Telework and Leisurely Hours

The 2nd Wednesday of each month.
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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On October 29th the Family Department hosted its inaugural Tricks and Treats event. The Williamsburg Ballroom was transformed into a fun space for families to enjoy balloon animals, face painting, arts and crafts, a bounce house, and a magic show. Whew! Children went trick-or-treating with Jack O'Lantern buckets donated by European Wax Center in Bloomfield. A big thank you to the Girls' Club and member volunteers who made this first-time event a huge success! You can see photos of this event below and on page 9.

December 2nd saw the return of the popular Winter Wonderland event. The Georgian Ballroom was filled with cookie decorating and craft stations and a bouncy house. Santa was available in the Mary Raymond Room for any child wanting a special photograph with the jolly guy. You can see photos of this fun event on the front page and on page 5.

If you would like to volunteer with the Family Department, please email us at Family@womensclubglenridge.com.

Tina Payne

Chair, Family Department

It wouldn't be a 2023 Halloween without Barbie representation.



Mario in the house!



The Girls' Club of Glen Ridge has had an amazing and productive first few months of this school year.

On October 20th, we hosted our annual Scare for the Cure event. This is a Halloween themed night filled with games and crafts. All the proceeds are donated to the Connie Dwyer Breast Cancer Foundation.

Each of our monthly General Membership Meetings is focused on a service task. In October we made and customized 15 blankets for a local homeless shelter. For November, we put together approximately 50 sanitary kits for women in need. The kits included deodorant, tampons, and sanitary pads.

We are currently working with the Community Service Department of the Women's Club to organize a blood drive in January. More information will be coming soon.

On December 9th, we will hold our annual Candy Cane dance, an event cherished by all our members. This year's theme is Candy Land.

We are proud of what we have accomplished so far and are excited for what the rest of the year holds for us.

Lauren Bracken

Corresponding Secretary



Girls' Club members and young attendees at the Scare for the Cure event.



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THE WOMEN'S CLUB.



- Edith Brennan
- Ayanna Bryan
- Yin Chang-D'Arcy
- Kristy Graves
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- Melissa Keswin
- Natasha Mathias
- Ruchi & Nirmal Mehta
- Elena Moldovan
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Additional photos from Winter Wonderland



Girls' Club volunteers at one of the cookie decorating stations.



Santa chatting with one of his elves.



Just some of the many families that had a wonderful time at Winter Wonderland.



Some colorfully decorated cookies.



✦ CLUB CALENDAR ✦

The Women's Club of Glen Ridge is currently a mask optional venue. We respectfully ask that if you are not feeling well, please do not attend an event. Thank you.

December 2023*

Saturday, 12/2	9:00 am	Winter Wonderland Holiday Event
Monday, 12/4	7:00 pm	Girls' Club Executive Board Mtg.
Monday, 12/4	7:30 pm	Girls' Club Candy Cane Information Mtg.
Saturday, 12/9	8:00 pm	Girls' Club Candy Cane Ball
Tuesday, 12/12	7:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 12/13	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Telework & Leisurely Hours
Wednesday, 12/13	6:30 pm	Monthly Mtg. and Home & Garden Dept. Open House - <i>Holiday Greens Event</i>
Sunday, 12/17	4:00 pm	Holiday Sing Along
Tuesday, 12/19	7:30 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, 12/20	7:00 pm	Ways & Means Committee Meeting
Monday, 12/25 - Friday, 12/29	Club Closed	Holiday Break

January 2024*

Thursday, 1/4	10:00 am & 8:00 pm	Literature Department Book Club
Monday, 1/8	7:30 pm	Girls' Club Executive Board Mtg.
Monday, 1/8	7:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 1/9	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Monthly Meeting and Drama Department Open House featuring Kristy Graves

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(January 2024 continued)

January 2024*

Wednesday, 1/10	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Telework & Leisurely Hours
Monday, 1/15	Club Closed	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday, 1/16	7:30 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, 1/17	7:00 pm	Ways & Means Committee Mtg.
Sunday, 1/21	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Community Blood Drive
Monday, 1/22	7:30 pm	Girls' Club General Meeting

February 2024*

Friday, 2/2	6:30 pm	Sweetheart Dance
Monday, 2/5	7:30 pm	Girls' Club Executive Meeting
Tuesday, 2/6	7:00 pm	Monthly Mtg. and Community Service Open House
Monday, 2/12	7:30 pm	Girls Club General Meeting
Tuesday, 2/13	7:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 2/14	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Telework & Leisurely Hours
Monday, 2/19	Club Closed	President's Day
Wednesday, 2/21	7:00 pm	Ways & Means Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 2/27	7:30 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting

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