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# Fortnightly Flash

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## Chairman's Report - Kim Otto

As sunlight dapples the stately halls of The Haddon Fortnightly and the doors swing open with the gentle promise of autumn, we stand on the threshold of another club year—one filled with anticipation, possibility, and the enduring spirit that has motivated our organization for generations. Whether you have been part of The Fortnightly family for decades or are among our newest members, welcome! We are delighted to embark together on a journey that weaves legacy, learning, and friendship into the vibrant tapestry of our community.

Our EMD September Business Meeting and 1 Pound Auction is Tuesday, September 9th and I look forward to hearing from our Girls' Career Institute Delegate. Many members enjoyed a delightful Day at the Beach, hosted by Margery Balter. Thanks to Margery for her warm hospitality and to Brandi Norris for organizing the event. Of the many projects and activities planned for this club year, some are familiar favorites, and some are new and exciting. Please plan to attend our opening meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> to learn how to get involved this club year!

## Financial Secretary - Ann Gallagher

Notes from your Financial Secretary:

### Charlotte Severino:

Thank you to the several members who have made donations to The Haddon Fortnightly in Charlotte Severino's memory. To date, we have received over \$300. If anyone else would like to make a donation, please send to Ann Gallagher payable to EMD of Haddon Fortnightly.

### New E-mail address:

I have a new e-mail address of [agallagher8287@outlook.com](mailto:agallagher8287@outlook.com) which I am monitoring diligently. I do still check my old e-mail address but not as often. If you need me to address something timely, please update my e-mail address in your stored contacts.

### **First Vice-Chairman - Marianne Fisher**

The Garden District September Council Meeting is on Thursday, September 18th with registration starting at 6PM and the meeting starting at 6:30PM. Cost to attend is \$5.00 per person. The West Deptford Women's Club is hosting the meeting at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 74 Church Street, West Deptford, NJ 08086. RSVP to Marianne Fisher no later than September 10th .

#### **State Fall Conference Information**

Save the Date: Monday, October 20, 2025 for Fall Conference at the Lobster Shanty.  
Deadline to register is September 26, 2025.

I am pleased to announce the 2025-2026 yearbook is completed. You may come to my home to pick it up now or wait for our first meeting. Please call if you plan on stopping by. You may encounter grandchildren, dogs, a cat and a puppy. My number is 856-428-4438. I want to let you know of some additions and changes:

1. The By Laws have been added.
  2. The website address, e-mail and WIFI Network have been added.
  3. July and August are now on one page due to a printing issue.
  4. If you didn't provide me with a schedule, the event wasn't included in the calendar.
  5. Labels were not ordered since we only mail the yearbook to a few members who live out of state.
- To receive your yearbook, please come to my home, attend a meeting or event or ask another member to pick it up for you.

I hope you all approve of the changes for the years 2025-2026. As always, double check your information to make sure it's correct.

### **Community Affairs and Legislation - Tina Novak**

Environmental tip: Don't Wish Cycle! Pay attention to your town's recycling rules. When in doubt – throw it out! If a load of items arrives at the recycling facility and it has too high a percentage of non-recyclable items – the entire load will go to a landfill or incinerator. We don't want that!

Please take a look at the GFWC Legislative Action Center. There's a good chance you will learn something interesting! You may find a cause that you would like to support. Pay attention to the local, national and international news! Take action! You can make a difference.



### Hospitality - Lois Edmund and Mary Ann Zaleski

Welcome back to the new year of activities! We are kicking off the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with cake and ice cream, coffee, tea and lemonade starting at 7:15 pm. After the meeting will be the One Pound Auction. Please bring anything you want to contribute and your dollar bills! Fun times! See you soon, Mary Ann and Lois

### Bridge and Games - Carol McConville

Our women's bridge program has been totally revamped and so excited that several of our general club members will be joining us! We play September through November and resume March through May. Women's Bridge will now be held at the **clubhouse** at 1 o'clock and we will play till 3 PM. No hostesses are needed at this time. But I will need to know who will be attending each bridge date. **Women's bridge** is scheduled for Thursday, 9/18 & **Couples Bridge** is scheduled for Sat., 9/20 at Mary Louise Lavery's at 7:30pm. Looking forward to seeing you all! Any questions please feel free to call me at 856-858-5383 or 609-505-2318.

### Ways and Means - Mary Ann McMahon

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.  
Our Ways and Means has some great events planned for this year. Our wish is that you join in and enjoy them as well.  
September brings our 1 lbs. Auction at our Regular meeting September 9th.  
Our Annual Flea Market returns on October 18th. There will be a committee meeting Friday, September 5th, 7Pm at the clubhouse. Volunteer signup sheets will be going around then. If you've saved up items for us, drop off will be Tuesday, Oct. 14( 6-9Pm), Wednesday, Oct. 15(1-4Pm) and Thursday, October 16 (1-8Pm). Friday will be setup and pricing.  
November 19th is our Dine and Donate evening, location to be announced.  
The Snowflake Run is in December so please help with that committee if you can.  
Looking forward to seeing you all real soon.



## Arts/Cinema/Creative/Literature/Performing - Debbe Mervine

### Literature - Debbe Mervine

Just a reminder that the book group will be meeting at my home, 458 Elm Ave, on September 16, at 7:30pm. The book to be discussed is "The Covenant of Water." It's a big one, so get started now.

For those of you who like mystery novels, here is a brief list of some new ones:

1. "A Case of Mice & Murder" by Sally Smith
2. "A Novel Murder" by E.C. Kevin
3. "The Game is Afoot" by Elise Bryant
4. "The World's Greatest Detective & Her Just Okay Assistant" by Lisa Tully
5. "Just Another Dead Author" by Katarina Bivald

Lots of fun!



AND Ladies, there is a word for when you can't find the word - LETHOLOGICA. Now if we can only remember this word.

### Arts Performing - Susan Dewey

As part of the ARTS committee I have been asked to continue giving you a local theatre update.

#### UPCOMING:

South Camden Theatre opens A GOOD FARMER Sept. 5th .

Ritz Theatre is performing GUYS AND DOLLS opening Sept. 12th. They also have a one act play festival Aug. 23rd and 24th .

HP&P (Haddonfield Plays & Players) is opening RENT the musical Sept. 19th.

BCF (Burlington County Footlighters) is playing BAT BOY: THE MUSICAL opening Sept. 12th.

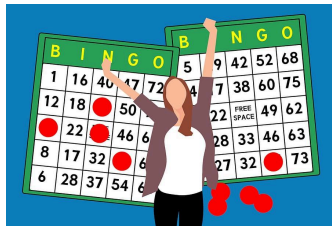
BToP (Broadway Theatre of Pitman) is opening PARADE the musical Sept. 5th.

The Walnut Street Theatre opens MILLION DOLLAR QUARTER Sept. 30th.

The Village Playbox is doing one acts on Sept. 10th .

## Joint Ventures - Susan Dewey

As part of Joint Ventures, I would like to remind you of our BINGOevent coming in 2026. Just a tickler for the future.



## Social Services - Marianne Fisher

### Holiday Family - Tina Novak and Kim Otto

In keeping with our tradition, the EMD is adopting a family for the holidays. As soon as we get the details, we will share them with you. We will have the sign-up sheet at the October and November business meetings. Or please contact Tina if you would like to donate an item. Please bring wrapped and labeled gifts to a meeting or to Kim's home before December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Kim to arrange your drop-off date and time. Any questions? Please contact Tina (gwd3333@aol.com).

Please don't forget to bring fuzzy socks, lipsticks, eye shadows or nail polish to our business meetings. We are collecting these items for **Mothers Matter**. Please contact Tina if you want additional information.

### Special State Project and Community Improvement Project(CIP) - Tina Novak

The New Jersey Children's Alliance is NJSFWC's Special State Project for 2024-2026. The Alliance promotes hope, healing and justice for victims of child abuse throughout New Jersey by supporting 21 Child Advocacy Centers – one in every county. The goal of the New Jersey Children's Alliance is for every child abuse victim (under 18 years of age) to have access to the hope and healing provided by each center in order to create a world without child abuse. We are collecting UBER gift cards in \$25.00 denominations. The cards will be used for bringing families to various appointments. Please purchase cards in any way that you like and bring them to our September or October business meetings.

On Wednesday, September 17th, from 9 to 9:30 AM, we will be collecting sandwiches at the clubhouse for **Cathedral Kitchen**. If you wish to participate, please email Tina (gwd3333@aol.com).

Joanne Morris will be bringing our **food donations** to a foodbank in Haddon Township. Please bring your items to our business meetings or contact Joanne to make alternate arrangements.

### GFWC 2025 International Day of Service

The 2025 General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) International Day of Service will focus on domestic and sexual violence. Within the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control, more than 16 million people are affected every year. GFWC members work together to prevent domestic and sexual violence, to advocate for victims and survivors, and to educate the public on the prevalence of domestic and sexual violence.

The EMD will be collecting donations of new ladies pajamas and new ladies underclothes – specifically bras and underpants. Please keep these items in their original packaging with tags. These donations will be given to the Anna Sample House Complex in Camden. Each client is provided with emergency housing and individualized support including financial planning, access to healthcare services, employment and educational resources and life and parenting skills workshops.

Items will be collected at our clubhouse on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5 PM to 6:30 PM. Please contact Tina Novak, gwd3333@aol.com, with any questions or to arrange your drop-off at a different date or time. Thank you.



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Wednesday, September 3 - General Club Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 am**  
**Thursday, September 4 - EMD Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Clubhouse**  
**Friday, September 5 - Flea Market Meeting, 7:00 pm, Clubhouse**  
**Monday, September 8 - Trustees Meeting, 3:30 pm, Clubhouse**  
**Tuesday, September 9 - EMD Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, Clubhouse**  
**Wednesday, September 10 - Forecaster Submissions due**  
**Monday, September 15 - EMD Flash Submissions due**  
**Tuesday, September 16 - Literature Meeting, 7:30 pm, Debbie Mervine's home**  
**Wednesday, September 17 - Cathedral Kitchen Sandwich Drop-off, 9-9:30 am**  
**Thursday, September 18 - EMD Bridge Club, 1:00-3:00 pm, clubhouse**  
**Thursday, September 18 - NJSFWC Garden District Council Meeting**  
**Friday, September 19 - General Club Business meeting, 11:30 am**  
**Saturday, September 20 - Couple's Bridge, 7:30 pm, Mary Louise Lavery's home**  
**Tuesday, September 23 - Collection for Day of Service, 5-6:30 pm, clubhouse**  
**Friday - Sunday, September 26-28 - Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference**

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