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MWC December '23/January '24 Newsletter (for Friends of MWC)

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# Newsletter

December 2023/January 2024



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## Bring Light to Others

In this season of darkness, let us remember how we can bring to light to others through shared community and connection, values at the core of our club. We are grateful for your contributions to our MWC community and the great community in which we live. With our fall season underway, we'd like to extend a special thanks to Barb Eveleth for once again producing and mailing out our Annual Yearbook where you can find a listing of dates and member contact info

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better each year! This month, we look forward to celebrating the season with TWO wonderful musical programs--the James Caldwell High School Ensembles and WomenSONG, led by MWC Board Member Fran DePalma-lozzi. Finally, we encourage members to join us as we support our three local partner agencies this year--see information below on how to do participate. We wish you and yours a very happy holiday season!

Carol Schein and Melissa Feinberg  
MWC Co-Presidents

## Mark Your Calendars and JOIN US

As a reminder, **please RSVP at the included links for our MWC programs.** All programs are free for MWC members, unless indicated otherwise. For non-members, we recommend a \$10 donation.



**Friday, December 8, 1:30pm**

### **An Afternoon of Music with James Caldwell High School Ensembles**

Join us for a musical afternoon as the James Caldwell High School Ensemble, both vocal and instrumental, perform for our club!

These are the school select groups that rehearse in the evening, led by Choir Director Else Timpson. Stay for holiday refreshments afterwards!

RSVP [HERE](#)



**Thursday, December 14, 8pm**

### **WomenSONG Concert:**

**"...and the Greatest of These is Love"**

Join us for WomenSONG's first concert since Covid. Led by MWC Board Member Fran DePalma-lozzi, the women are back with a program focused on children's

lives. Included are works by Paul McCartney, Leonard Bernstein, Thad Jones, Nick Page, John Lennon...and a sing-along with the audience.

\$7 at the door. MWC members are free.

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▾](#)**Friday, January 19, 1:30pm****Tech Question Day!**

Bring your tech problems, questions and frustrations to this interactive afternoon cosponsored by the Montclair Women's Club and **Montclair Gateway to Aging in Place**. If you aren't comfortable in the world of devices, aren't a "digital native," please don't be shy, this day is for you!!

RSVP [HERE](#)

## Serving Our Communities

Our community service project this year-end is to support three local organizations:

- [S.O.F.I.A.](#) (Start Out Fresh Intervention Advocates), providing advocacy, supportive services and referrals for temporary housing to "at risk" women and children of domestic violence
- [Nancy's Place](#), providing shelter and improving the mental health of Covenant's House's homeless youth)
- [MESH](#) (Montclair Emergency Service for Hope), providing meals to those in need.

Our Community Service Chair, Jeanne Scott, is collecting donations for these organizations, and we encourage all MWC members to participate in one of two ways:

- 1) **Get a check to Jeanne Scott (payable to Montclair Women's Club)** at 81 Edgemont Road, Upper Montclair NJ 07043.
- 2) **Contribute online [here](#)**, using the drop down menu to indicate the group you would like to target funds to.

Questions? Contact **Jeanne Scott** at [scottjeanne8@gmail.com](mailto:scottjeanne8@gmail.com) or (973)746-7895.

## Community Connections

### S.O.F.I.A. Crochet Fundraiser

**Saturday December 9th 10AM-1PM**

Community Service Building

11 Pine Street, Montclair

Here is another way to support our community partner: Come to the Community Services Building at 11 Pine Street on Dec. 9th (look for awning over door). Make a donation to S.O.F.I.A. and choose a beautiful and warm winter scarf or cozy hat to keep or give as a thoughtful gift! This fundraiser is organized and hosted by longtime supporter Maggie Rabelo. Donations by cash, venmo, or checks made out to S.O.F.I.A. are accepted.

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## Chair Yoga in December

There are two more weeks of this current virtual Chair Yoga session. hosted by MWC with MWC member and master yogi Maggie Joralemon assisted by "Zoommaster" Karen Sands. It is not too later to join in--All are welcome; no experience required. Free to MWC members and offered to guests as a community service.

**Mondays 12pm-1pm  
through December 11th**

Classes meets virtually, via Zoom

**Register [HERE](#)** to attend any or all of the sessions. Note that the JOIN link, which will be sent to you after registering, remains the same each week until Dec. 11th. Registering once enables you to join any of the sessions using that same link each Monday,

## Membership Corner

We've had many new members joining this past fall, so if you see a new face, please introduce yourself to them at our events and help all our new members feel welcome! Contact info for all members is included in the Annual Yearbooks recently mailed out.

Happy birthday to December and January birthdays! **Lois Tigay** (Dec. 11), **John Zinn** (Dec. 12), **Sherri Neuwirth** (Dec. 25), and **Jeanne Scott** (Dec. 28), **Geri Helou** (Jan. 2), **Ann Forstenzer** (Jan. 4), **Rose King** (Jan. 8), **Christy Burke** (Jan. 8), **Lisanne Renner** (Jan. 10), and **Carylmead Eggleston** (Jan. 15).

**Know someone who could use some MWC cheer?** Drop a note to our new corresponding secretary Susan Helman at [sghelman@verizon.net](mailto:sghelman@verizon.net).

**Know someone who would benefit from the supportive community that MWC offers?** Please forward this email and invite them to an upcoming program as your guest! All are welcome (and yes that means guys too)!

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## News from the NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs

For a full listing of the Federation dates for the year, so you can mark them on your calendar, click [here](#).

**All district and state activities are open to any MWC member who wishes to attend** and consist of several district meetings across the year as well as participation in the MLK Day of Service, Fall and Spring State Conventions, and the various Arts Achievement Days. A great way to network and explore what other clubs in the state are doing!

For more info on what the Federation is up to across the state and how you can get involved, access the Almanac and other materials at the links below:

[NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs Monthly Almanac and Newsletters](#)

[General Federation of Women's Clubs](#)

### Montclair Women's Club

82 Union Street, Montclair NJ 07042

MWC is a dedicated to helping members achieve their full potential through active engagement and service in the community. For info on membership, programs, and club house rentals, visit [www.montclairwomensclub.org](http://www.montclairwomensclub.org).



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