



Newsletter

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Let's Gather

With long nights and cold days, winter can be isolating. **Be kind to yourself.** Stay connected by joining our community for some **really wonderful programs coming up.** Check out the listings below and RSVP with the links below. We also want to thank MWC volunteers **Jeanne Scott, Carylmead Eggleston, Janet Oscar, and Pat Piermatti** who helped prepare more than 338 food kits (over 3000 pounds of food!), donated by 10 Liberty District women's clubs to local food pantries as part of the **NJ State Federation of Women's Club (NJSFWC) MLK Day of Service.** What an impact! We are also excited to host the impactful and environmentally-friendly **Montclair Swap** again this month--see below for details. We are also eager to showcase our wonderfully talented members at the upcoming Liberty District **Arts Performing Day** and **Arts Achievement Days** this spring. The Arts Performing Day, on Thursday March 9th, will be hosted at our Club and lets you showcase your performing talents ranging from playing music, singing, dancing or poetry reading. Arts Achievement incorporates everything from art to baking, photography, knitting and crocheting. So see below for more information and who to contact if you are interested in participating. **Creativity is core to aging well** so let's **show off our talent while having some fun.**

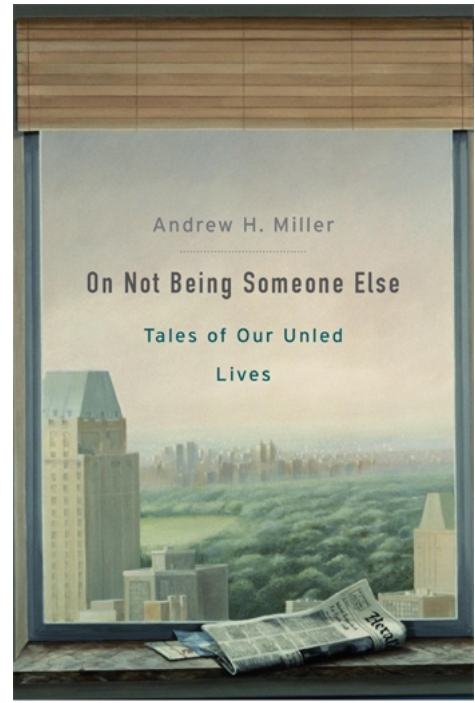
--Co-Presidents Carol Schlein and Lois Whipple and the entire MWC Board

Upcoming "Among Friends" programs

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

A Virtual Book Talk with Andrew Miller, Author of *On Not Being Someone Else: Tales of Our Unled Lives*

Friday, February 3, 1:30pm---TODAY!!!!



Andrew H. Miller, a professor of English at Johns Hopkins University, will join us for this VIRTUAL event to talk about his widely praised new book. This is the talk for you if you have ever wondered about what might have been (Isn't that everyone?). Professor Miller's book asks "What, exactly, is the relationship between the lives we haven't led and the stories we read?" The Wall Street Journal wrote, "An expertly curated tour of regret and envy in literature... Miller's insightful and moving book--both in his own discussion and in the tales he recounts--gently nudges us toward consolation." [This New Yorker article](#) discusses the fascination of this book, "What if you Could do it all Over? The Uncanny Allure of our Unled Lives." Please join us for this thoughtful and fascinating talk.

Pre-register [here](#) to receive Zoom link and consider purchasing his book before the talk.

Come Celebrate Mardi Gras!

with **Marisa Marrigan**

Friday, February 24, 1:30pm



Please join us **in person at the MWC club house** as Marisa takes us far away with a colorful presentation on **all things New Orleans.** Leave the winter blues behind with this festive afternoon and maybe you will find the baby in the king cake and win a prize!!

Register [Here.](#)

Tech Question Day!

Friday, March 10, 1:30pm



Bring your tech problems, questions and frustrations to this interactive, in-person 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!!

Register [Here.](#)

All Things Coffee

with **Paper Plane Coffee's Jonathan Echeverry**

Friday, March 24, 1:30pm



Jonathan is the founder and owner of **Paper Plane Coffee** and a Montclair neighbor. His roots in coffee go deep as he is the fifth generation of coffee growers in his family, going back 150 years in Santuario, Columbia. Join us for this engaging program of tales of a life in coffee. Like a good cup of coffee, it will leave you invigorated, clear-headed, and satisfied.

Register [Here.](#)

Like to sing, dance, write, or act for fun? Join our MWC group at Performing Arts Achievement Day on March 9th!

The NJ State Federation of Women's Club (NJSFWC) **Liberty District Performing Achievement Day is BACK.** This event will be held on **March 9th, 2023** with registration at 9:45am and a 10:15 am start. This much-loved event is being held at our own Montclair Women's Club, and all are welcomed to participate and attend. Specifically, we are looking for amateur performers to share their talents and **HAVE SOME FUN!** Interested? Questions? **Contact Fran DePalma-Iozzi before Feb. 10th** at depio@comcast.net or (973)954-0650.

Montclair Swap at MWC--Feb. 10th/11th!

Montclair Women's Club will once again host the much-loved **Montclair Community Swap** organized by Jane Marcus and fellow volunteers. Your women's, men's and children's clothing as well as household good can find new life and perhaps you can find some new treasures as well. **Drop-off time for donations is Feb 10th from 4-6:30pm only; Anyone can come to take items on Saturday Feb. 11th 9-11am.** Volunteers are also needed--contact montclairswap@gmail.com to help or with questions.

Do you love to paint, draw, photograph, knit, crochet or bake for fun? Call for entries for Creative Arts Achievement Day.

The NJ State Federation of Women's Club (NJSFWC) Liberty District is once again hosting the annual **Creative Arts Achievement Day** in conjunction with its spring conference on **April 24th and 25th** to be held at the **Upper Montclair Women's Club.**

You can enter in any of the 70 categories, and you might even win a ribbon or have your entry go onto the state competition like several of our member did last year! Pre-registration of items is required (plus you'll want to let our liaison Janet Oscar know you are entering). **Pre-registration forms are due by April 3rd** (so start your planning now), items will need to be brought to Women's Club of Upper Montclair 200 Cooper Ave Upper Montclair on Monday April 24th between 9:00 am-11:00 am for entrance and display. Look for additional information and forms coming soon! For questions or to let her know you hope to enter, please contact Janet Oscar at (973)403-3438 or joscar@benefitsnavigator.com.

Membership Corner

We want to mark the passing of beloved MWC member **Ann Micou** who was instrumental in organizing and documenting our historic archives. A donation was made to the Petey Green Program in honor of her long time service. For more information on Ann, see [here.](#)

We extend a very **Happy Birthday** to **Eliza Michalopoulou (2/1), Amelia Diaz (2/21), Carol Callahan (2/23), Stacy Killkenny (2/27), and Alice Ruggieri (2/27).** Did we miss your birthday? If so, we likely don't have your info--tell us at info@montclairwomensclub.org.

Know someone who could use some MWC cheer? Drop a note to our new corresponding secretary Susan Helman at shelman@verizon.net.

Know someone who would benefit from the supportive community that MWC offers? please feel free to forward club information and/or invite them to our events! All are welcome (and yes that means guys too!)



News from the NJ State Federation of Women's Club

See above information on the return of the Liberty District Performing Arts Achievement Day and entries for the Creative Arts Day.

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](#)

Rent our Beautiful Club for Your Next Event!

Looking for a venue for a future gathering? Consider renting our historic club house and encouraging others to do so! MWC depends on rental income to care for our historic building and property. Feeling the impact of COVID-era low rentals combined with expensive roof repairs, we welcome your rental referrals. For more information, see [here](#) or contact Cathy Goodman at rentals@montclairwomensclub.org.

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