

## Montclair Women's Club 82 Union Street Montclair NJ 07042

## Welcome to the Montclair Women's Club!

We invite you to join/rejoin our membership for the 2024-25 year! Join in and help us make it the best year yet!

Our membership year runs from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. Annual dues are \$75 and you can pay either by check with the attached form, or by following the QR code, or accessing the electronic form on our website <a href="https://www.montclairwomensclub.org">www.montclairwomensclub.org</a>. Please complete the form with payment by August 10, 2024.

On May 7, 1915, an intrepid group of women founded this club and fourteen years later erected the beautiful building that is still our Club's home today. Started during a nationwide Women's Club Movement that worked to promote suffrage and greater influence for women in their communities, the Club continues to be a place for women to gather for friendship, support, and service. Obviously, there have been a lot of changes in a hundred years, and the club is committed to harnessing both this fabulous downtown space and the energy and commitment of our members to bring people together in friendship, to learn, to share, and to benefit both women and the broader community. These goals never get old!

In May we concluded the 2023-2024 year with a popular spring tea fundraiser that capped off a great year of programs, events, service and membership growth. We had a fascinating speaker on the Anxiety Epidemic that was covered by the Montclair Local. We heard from local authors, shared an insider look into the Robert Durst murder investigations, learned how dumplings can bring us together, heard beautiful music from MSU piano students and learned about costuming from the Mosaic Theater, and many more! We met in the evening to talk about books and did chair yoga online. We strengthened some of our community partnerships, for example, marching with and supporting S.O.F.I.A. (a local domestic violence intervention organization), hosting technology question days with Montclair Gateway to Aging in Place Smart Seniors/Smart Tech Project, and continuing to provide a home for and partnership with the Montclair Swap. We have also co-sponsored events with other groups, to i.Will (a women's networking organization), Montclair Women Over 50, and As Time Goes By, a local Questers chapter, and more!

We are now starting to plan an exciting slate of programs for the upcoming year, new community partnerships, new service opportunities, and more! We will keep you up to date on all our activities through member newsletters, emails, website and personal communication.

We are proud of our club's historical legacy, and, with our feet planted in the present time, we look forward with enthusiasm to the future. Please Join us! Get involved! Check any of the committees/areas of interest or expertise that are listed in the membership form, and feel free to suggest more! Time commitments can be as small or as large as you want. We are as strong as our membership! We invite back our amazing current members and welcome new voices! Please join or rejoin and invite friends to join too! The club describes its ethos as Among Friends, we look forward to a new year of friendships!

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<sup>\*</sup>The Montclair Women's Club is part of the Liberty District, which is one of many NJ regional divisions under the umbrella of the NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs. There is also a national affiliation.