



The arched bridge alongside Mountain Avenue in Mendham.

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# News

## November 2013

MONTHLY NEWS FOR THE WEST MORRIS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

IMPORTANT DATES

## WMJWC Kicks Off Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive



Rates of hunger and food insecurity in Morris County have increased significantly in recent years. Help alleviate hunger during the most critical periods, the fall months, when food supplies are low. Please consider donating one or more Thanksgiving meals to local families in need. Gift cards to Shop Rite, Acme, A&P etc. are also always welcome. The average cost of a Thanksgiving meal (not including the turkey) is under \$20. See our website for a list of items that should be included if you choose to donate a complete meal. Donations for the food drive can also be made directly via the PayPal donation button on the front page of [wmjwc.org](http://wmjwc.org).

Juniors will be collecting all non-perishable food by the morning of Nov. 21st. Items can be dropped off on Tania Cosmi's front porch anytime - 7 Talmage Rd. in Mendham. Turkeys should be dropped off before 10 a.m. at Hilltop School in Mendham on November 22. If you have questions or would like to volunteer for this important cause, please contact Tania Cosmi or Corrie Viola.

Thank you for your support!



### November 6

Board/General Meeting  
Kelly Rice's House  
56 Mountain Avenue  
11:00 a.m. (kids are welcome!)

### December 4

Annual Yankee Gift Exchange Party  
Chris Dellarata's House  
28 Phoenix Avenue  
7:30 p.m.

### December 7

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees  
Chester, The Barn At Highlands Ridge Park

### January 22

Annual Banquet & Transition Meeting  
Dante's Ristorante, Mendham  
7:30 p.m.

### January

WMJWC Annual Spelling Bee  
TBD

### February

Taste of the Season Wine Night  
TBD

### February 25

WMJWC Blood Drive

### March

Annual Senior Luncheon

# Executive and Chair Positions Still Available

Following elections earlier this fall for both executive board and chair position, the WMJWC is still seeking the following:

## Board Secretary

The secretary is responsible for taking minutes at all meetings and emailing out to members within a week of the meeting date. Absences allowed, just need to find a replacement. The secretary also handles the organization and management of the Junior's gmail account to make sure communications between Juniors is received in a timely fashion as well as updates and maintains contact information for member database.

## Annual Spelling Bee Chair

The annual WMJWC Spelling Bee takes place at the end of January on a Sunday morning. The chair organizes volunteers for that morning and make sure event runs smoothly. This is a great one-day event for someone who wants to assist in bettering education in town. Schools who participate are Mendham Borough, Mendham Township and St. Joseph's Schools.

## 2013 Officers & Committee Chairs

Co-Presidents: Kelly Rice & Francesca Mullany  
 First VP: Meredith Arena  
 Second VP (TOTS Fundraiser): Kate Rizzo & Jenna Rosselli  
 Treasurer: Nicole Geary  
 Secretary: OPEN  
 Membership: Kate Rizzo/Jenna Rosselli  
 Festival of Trees: Cynthia Dreeman & Laura Wilson  
 Blood Drive: Meredith Arena  
 Annual Banquet: Allyson Daly & Nicole Shaw  
 Communications Officers: Allyson Daly & Linda Chang  
 Senior Luncheon: Cynthia Dreeman  
 Spelling Bee: OPEN  
 Food Drive: Corrie Viola & Laura Wilson  
 Scholarship Award Chair: Lisa Lowe  
 Halloween Poster Contest: Amanda Culbertson

# President's Letter

There is a chill in the air and fall seems to be flying by, launching us right into the holiday season. The Halloween Poster Contest was a great success once again and we all had a fun time voting on the kid's artwork. Thank you Chris and Meredith! Tania and Corrie have been working hard preparing for our Annual Food Drive this month, so please be sure to contribute and help spread the word. The Annual Blood Drive has been postponed until after the New Year. Atlantic Health was extremely busy for the next couple of months and we really liked working with them, so we made the decision to hold off. Thank you, Francesca, for facilitating this. We also have our Annual Yankee Gift Exchange on December 4 at Chris Dellarata's house so I hope all are able to attend and feel free to bring a friend to this fun, festive event.

Nicole and I have been busy planning for 2014. We will be wishing farewell to some longtime, hard-working Juniors this year and we will be welcoming some new faces as well. Thank you to existing members for your continued commitment and for volunteering for chair and committee positions. This year we will be focusing on membership and recruitment. We welcome everyone's thoughts and ideas as always.

Kelly

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

- Unknown

# Blood Drive Update



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Due to scheduling conflicts, the annual Blood Drive will not be taking place in November as originally discussed. We have confirmed a new date of Tuesday, February 25th. Please mark your calendars now!

The Blood Drive will take place at the Mendham Borough Firehouse. We are working with Atlantic Health System and the blood from our drive will go directly to local hospitals. Stay tuned for more information about volunteer participation as we get closer to February.

Thank you.

Francesca Mullany and Amanda Culbertson

## 2013 Hostess List

Please take a look at our calendar of upcoming meetings for this year. If you are able to Host any of the highlighted meetings at your home please contact Nicole Geary at [ngeary2@verizon.net](mailto:ngeary2@verizon.net).

Also, please check to see when it's your turn to bring food or drink items. If you cannot make a meeting that you are assigned to please find a replacement.

Meeting Date	Venue	Hostess	Item to Bring
Wednesday, November 6 (11:00 a.m.)	Kelly Rice's House	Kate Rizzo Allyson Daly Kelly Rice	Appetizer Dessert Non Alcoholic Drink
Yankee Gift Exchange, Wednesday, December 4 (7:30 p.m.)	Chris Dellarata's House	Volunteer Based	
Annual Banquet & Transition Meeting Wednesday, January 22 (7:30 p.m.)	Dante's Ristorante	Event	



## Congrats 2013 Halloween Poster Contest Winners!

### Hilltop School

Kindergarten  
1st: Catherine Rice  
2nd: Kevin Stroup  
3rd: Sophia Appelbaum

First Grade:  
1st: Kristin Ackerman  
2nd: Alex Pyznar  
3rd: Max Dellaratta

Second Grade:  
(no entries)

Third Grade:  
1st: Nuch Sholte  
2nd: Lily Wagoner  
3rd: Josh Pini

Fourth Grade:  
1st: Mylee Anderson  
2nd: Connor Viola  
3rd: Tyler Stroup

### St. Joseph's School

Kindergarten:  
1st: Claire Imossi

First Grade:  
1st: Nicholas Gamba

Second Grade:  
1st: Genevieve Lagana

Third Grade:  
1st: Madeline Buynak  
2nd: Jace Rea  
3rd: Nicholas Fastov

Fourth Grade:  
1st: Ursula Lagana  
2nd: Marisa Snee  
3rd: Brendan Reinhardt

### Mendham Township Elementary

Kindergarten:  
1st: Garrett Lonergan  
2nd: Natalia Zurbarian

First Grade:  
1st: Ryan Smith  
2nd: Kyra Harris  
3rd: Olivia Ozcan

Second Grade:  
1st: Veronica Szewezr  
2nd: Hudson Lee  
3rd: Ally Smith

Third Grade:  
1st: Adalia Ozcan  
2nd: Amelia Smith  
3rd: Erin Lonergan

Fourth Grade:  
1st: Josie Harris  
2nd: Alexandra Accardo  
3rd: Lindsay Lee







**New WMJWC member Linda Chang with her husband Albert and children Carson and Olivia.**

## New Member Corner

*Juniors is pleased to welcome new member Linda Chang! Please see her bio below:*

I currently consider myself a born and raised Texan living in New Jersey. My husband, Alfred and I, along with our two children uprooted our lives and moved here in August 2012 for a job opportunity. We left our families (my parents, six brothers and sisters; and Alfred's parents) and friends, and moved to a state where we had never visited nor knew anyone other than our realtor who sold us our home. We spent the first year adjusting – Olivia (5) started kindergarten a week after we arrived, survived Sandy after losing power for a week, enrolled Carson (9 months) into daycare, and worked on renovating the fixer upper we purchased – all while keeping a full-time marketing job working from home.

I figured after a year in New Jersey—it was time to put down some roots, get involved in the community, and meet some new friends. Hopefully then, I can call myself a "NewJerseyan" who happens to have roots in Texas.

*Welcome Linda!*

Interested in joining Juniors or have a friend who's expressed interest? We always welcome new members and have a variety of ways for all to get involved! Please contact Kate Rizzo ([katerizzo@gmail.com](mailto:katerizzo@gmail.com)) or Jenna Rosselli ([jfr@pinchsitters.com](mailto:jfr@pinchsitters.com)) to learn more about membership!

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