



WMJWC Board welcomes new members Heidi Speckhart (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), Ginna Welsh (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and Linda Chang (3<sup>rd</sup> from right). New members not pictured: Susan Gish and Laura Wilson.

MONTHLY NEWS FOR THE WEST MORRIS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB



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IMPORTANT DATES

## WMJWC Welcomes Five New Members at Annual Banquet

At the WMJWC annual banquet Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, four new members were welcomed to the Club, as well as the official installation of new officers. At the banquet, which took place from Dante's Ristorante in Mendham, the following new members were welcomed into the Club: Ginna Welsh, Heidi Speckhart, Susan Gish, Linda Chang and Laura Wilson. In addition to welcoming new members, the Club bid best wishes to five long-time members who will become alumni this year including Kim Accardo, Dawn Nutt, Chris Dellaratta, Theresa Hecht and Christina Zaybekian. The combined years of service of this group of new alumni is more than twenty years. New officers for the 2014 year include new



WMJWC co-president Francesca Mullany who will join current co-president Kelly Rice for the year, secretary Linda Chang, treasurer and outgoing co-president Nicole Geary and second-term vice presidents Kate Rizzo and Jenna Rosselli. Also honored with the annual WMJWC



awards were members Allyson Daly and Tania Cosmi. Daly, a six-year member, was presented with the *Fernanda Smith Memorial Award* for her dedication to the Club and its various charities. Cosmi, a two-year member, was presented with the *Junior of the Year Award* for her continued support and enthusiasm throughout the years. Special thanks to members Allyson Daly and Nicole Shaw for organizing the banquet. To read more and see the photo gallery, visit our website [wmjwc.org](http://wmjwc.org).

### February 6<sup>th</sup>

General Meeting – Valentine's Theme  
Cosmi Residence, 7 Talmage Road,  
Mendham  
8:00 p.m.

### February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Taste of the Season Wine Night  
Brookside Community Club  
8:00 p.m.

### February 25<sup>th</sup>

WMJWC Annual Blood Drive  
Mendham Boro Fire Department  
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### March 5<sup>th</sup>

General Meeting  
Garabrant Center  
8:00 p.m.

### March 10<sup>th</sup>

Annual Senior Luncheon  
Garabrant Center, Mendham

### April 2<sup>nd</sup>

General Meeting  
Garabrant Center  
8:00 p.m.



## Raise a Glass for a Good Cause!

*Wine Night Will Support Thomas J. Rice Grief Support Program*

Invitations have gone out for our Taste of the Season wine tasting fundraiser, February 22<sup>nd</sup>! Please buy your tickets ahead of time through the Paypal link on our website [wmjwc.org](http://wmjwc.org). Also, please encourage all your friends to come! This year our event will benefit The Valerie Fund's Thomas J. Rice Grief Support Program. This is Co-President Kelly Rice's amazing initiative that will provide vital grief support to families affected by pediatric cancer. So please, promote our event! It is going to be a wonderful night!

Look for sign-ups to help at the event at our February Valentine's meeting. We will need help with set-up, check-in, and clean up, among other things, so if you can't make the meeting but are willing to help, please email [katerizzo@gmail.com](mailto:katerizzo@gmail.com).

## President's Letter

*"When you wake up in the morning you have two choices—go back to sleep and dream your dreams, or wake up and chase those dreams!"*

-Anonymous

I read this quote and had to share it with all of you because I believe that all of us are capable of great things when we choose to chase our dreams. It is important to share your dreams with those around you so you can have the support you need to make your dreams a reality. All of YOU have helped me chase my dream of giving support to families like mine who have been devastated by cancer and now my dream IS a reality. The Valerie Fund's Thomas J. Rice Grief Support Program will be fully-operational within the next month or two!

Being a part of the West Morris Junior Woman's Club gives all of us an opportunity to contribute great things to this wonderful community, all while having fun and allowing us to forge meaningful friendships. I want us all to remember these things and look at each fundraising event that we host as an opportunity and not as a "job."

I hope everyone is excited about our upcoming Valentine's Day-themed meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> at Tania Cosmi's (7 Talmage Road, Mendham). Be sure to RSVP. Also, I hope everyone has our Taste of the Season wine tasting fundraiser (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) on their calendar and tickets purchased. Please continue to keep spreading the word.

I would like to also take this opportunity to welcome Francesca Mullany aboard as our co-President. I am looking forward to working with you!

Kelly

## Annual Blood Drive



The WMJWC Annual Blood Drive will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at the Mendham Boro Firehouse. All blood donations will benefit the patients at Morristown Medical Center and the Goryeb Children's Hospital.

We need your help with making sure our donors are comfortable by supplying HOMEBAKED treats (cookies, brownies, etc...) and magazines to flip through while they are waiting. Be on the lookout for a Jooners sign-up sheet email next week so you can offer your help.

We also need 2-3 volunteers to distribute posters around town announcing the Blood Drive. Please contact Francesca Mullany ([francesca.calogero@gmail.com](mailto:francesca.calogero@gmail.com)) if you can help with this task.



## WMJWC Hosts 19th Annual Spelling Bee

The WMJWC 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Spelling Bee was held Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at West Morris Mendham High School. The event was co-chaired by Juniors members Jenna Roselli and Mandy Culbertson.

This year's top four winners, who will now go on to the Northern Region Spelling Bee on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, include: Jillian Dombrowski, John Lorenzini, Aidan de Grandpre and Maxwell Young.

Special thanks to WMJWC members who helped with this year's bee: Chris Dellaratta (judge), Kelly Rice (judge), Linda Chang (judge), Kate Rizzo (word caller), Nicole Geary (MC/greeter), Francesca Mullany (check-in) and Corrie Viola (check-in).

Congrats to all the winners! Best of luck at the regional contest!



## Baby News!

*Member Laura Wilson recently welcomed her newborn son! Congrats Laura!*

**Beckett Wilson Baumann**

January 10, 2014

8lbs 3oz

21.5 in



## Welcome Ginna Welsh!

*Juniors is pleased to welcome new member Ginna Welsh! Please see her bio below:*

My husband and I moved to Mendham from Philadelphia in June 2012 for a job opportunity. Leaving family and friends was a struggle but we find this area beautiful and the people very welcoming. We had our daughter, Sophia, a month after we moved. I am a stay-at-home mom beginning to explore the area for activities and adventures for both baby and myself. We are trying to put down roots and become involved in the community around us. Being a stay-at-home mom and still fairly new to the area, I am looking forward to meeting new friends and contributing to this wonderful community!

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!



## Love is in the Air...

### WMJWC Annual Valentines Day Party

Thursday, February 6th at 8:00 p.m.

Tania Cosmi's House, 7 Talmage Road, Mendham

*An evening of fondue and lingerie by Flora Nuit*

*RSVP [here](#)*

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## WMJWC 2014 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:** Linda Chang

**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:** Amanda Culbertson & Jenna Rosselli

**Food Drive:** Corrie Viola & Laura Wilson

**Scholarship Award Chair:** Lisa Lowe

**Halloween Poster Contest:** Amanda Culbertson

## Support the Annual Senior Luncheon



*Members who volunteered for the 2013 Senior Luncheon*

The St. Patrick's Day Senior Lunch is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>. This is an incredibly festive event and is so very well received by the seniors. An email will be coming around shortly seeking donations of food as well as volunteers for set-up on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m., and for the luncheon on Monday. Any questions may be addressed to event chair, Cynthia Dreeman Meyer at [cjdreeman@msn.com](mailto:cjdreeman@msn.com)

## Annual Dues Reminder!

Annual Membership dues of \$60 are now payable (Alumni dues are \$15). Please mail to Nicole Geary, 300 Mountainside Rd, Mendham, 07945.