

## March 2020 Newsletter

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Morristown, N.J.



Dear ladies,

I wish you a very pleasant March, soon to be our beautiful Spring.

We start the month with the exciting Taste of Morristown (tomorrow!), a true Morristown community event: from the community to our community.

You still have a few hours to decide to join us. You won't be sorry!

Please, check the calendar for the many interesting outings and social opportunities over the next few weeks.

And, last and most importantly, we invite each one of you to join us at the next special Board meeting. It will be held on March 31st at the Dublin Pub, from 11am to 12.30pm. Light refreshments and appetizers will be served, to welcome you all, complimentary from the Club. We will share ideas, suggestions, and plans for our Newcomers and Neighbors Club. Please RSVP Donna Carr and myself telling us that you are coming. Let's all be part of this meeting!

My best wishes,  
Florencia

### **Save the Dates** (Details in Newsletter)

- Mar 2 - Taste of Morristown
- Mar 4 - Fiddler on the Roof
- Mar 5 - Cinema Group - The Two Popes
- Mar 11 - Book Club - A Woman of No Importance
- Mar 12 - Wine & Cheese Social
- Mar 12 - Morris Arts Reception
- Mar 28 - Supper Club - Huntley Tavern
- Mar 31 - Board Meeting at Dublin Pub- all welcome!
- Apr 8 - Book Club - The Space Between Us
- Apr 20 - Homeless Solutions
- Apr 25 - Supper Club - Highlawn Pavilion (lunch)

- May 12 - Spring Meeting and Luncheon
- May 13 - Book Club - The Alice Network
- May 14 - Supper Club - Il Monello
- Jun 7 - Supper Club - Rod's Brunch
- Jun 15 - Homeless Solutions

Movie dates for Roberts Cinema will be announced through periodic emails

Monthly Board meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Morris County Library at 10 am All members are welcome to attend.

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**Newcomers & Neighbors of Morristown**

# In The News

## BOARD NOMINATIONS

The President has appointed a Nominating Committee to identify candidates for Board Officers. Judy Till is chairing this committee. We will have openings for Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and we will nominate and elect candidates for these positions at our Spring luncheon.

**For our club to thrive and be successful, we need members to serve as Board members and on committees. The minimum monthly time commitment is only a few hours. We hope that you will consider joining us as part of club leadership.**

Please contact Judy Till if you have any questions or would like to suggest a candidate. Judy can be reached at 201.650.4383.

## Supper Club

On February 20<sup>th</sup> we dined at Verona restaurant in Randolph. Tucked away in a tiny strip mall off Sussex Turnpike in Randolph, we were pleasantly surprised by the exceptionally tasty Italian cuisine. Their motto is "cooking from the heart" and we enjoyed every wonderful bite!

Members, spouses, and friends are all invited to attend our suppers. All are welcome!

## Lunch Bunch

Club ladies dined at the Stirling Tavern in Morristown on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed selections from their eclectic menu paired with lively conversation. Do join us for our next lunch event.

## HOSTESSES NEEDED

We need members to volunteer to host wine and cheese socials in May, July, September and November. You choose the date and time. Hostesses are reimbursed based on a budget amount.

If you enjoy these events and would like them to continue, please consider hosting a social. Contact Jane Schrader at [janeschrader1@gmail.com](mailto:janeschrader1@gmail.com) for more information.

# Our Community of Giving

Morristown Newcomers and Neighbors have a long tradition of supporting local charities through volunteerism and contributions. The following are some current opportunities to pay it forward.



The club has been preparing and serving a nutritious meal to clients of Homeless Solutions for over 25 years.

We have committed to the following dates  
October 21 2019 (complete)  
December 16 2019 (complete)  
February 17 2020 (complete)  
April 20 2020  
June 15 2020

We meet at the Homeless Solutions' Facility on Hanover Ave (entrance off Raynor Rd) at 4:30PM and are finished serving by 7:00 PM.

If you would like to provide a "hand up" to those in need and engage in this very rewarding experience, contact Terry Tafaro at 973-769-7211 or [terrytafaro@outlook.com](mailto:terrytafaro@outlook.com).

**Reserve your volunteer time for April now!** Please join us. We look forward to seeing you!

## **MORRIS ARTS GALLERY OPENING (Morris Arts was our signature charity for 2019)**

### **Join us for the opening of Morris Arts Show - "The Vanishing World"**

Thursday, March 12, 6:00 p.m.

Morris Arts, 14 Maple Avenue, 3rd floor, Morristown

Admission: Free Snacks and drinks will be served

Parking: DeHart Garage. Entrance near Maple Ave. Inside the garage, take elevator to the 3rd floor.

Dinner immediately following at a local restaurant.

RSVP: Dee Wilson  
[DDWilson@comcast.net](mailto:DDWilson@comcast.net)  
C 609-915-0235

<https://www.morrisarts.org/2020/02/20/vanishing-worlds-exhibit-opens-in-morris-arts-gallery-at-14-maple-on-march-12th/>

## **TASTE OF MORRISTOWN 2020!**

We will go as a group to enjoy and support the local Rotary Club's Charity Fundraiser! Spouses, family, friends are all welcome.

The event will be well organized this year with more room for food and drink. We will have our own section with table and chairs, so it will be easy to make multiple visits to sample the offerings of the local restaurants, taste some spirits and participate in the silent auction. This promises to be a fun evening ...and all of the proceeds go to charity.

TASTE OF MORRISTOWN. - Governor Morris Hotel  
Monday, March 2nd  
VIP \$100 (6-9pm)  
General \$65 (7-9pm)

### **Please call/email for tickets!**

Florencia @ [florencia.lucemaz@gmail.com](mailto:florencia.lucemaz@gmail.com)

Carolyn Decastro @ [carolyn301@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn301@gmail.com)

**Do join us!**

# Join Us!!!

## March Wine and Cheese Social

Our popular Wine and Cheese social will be held at the home of Janet Cantaffa on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 5-7 PM. It will be another fun opportunity to relax and socialize with club members. Details are provided in an email notification. Please contact Janet directly if you plan to attend.

These social gatherings are always fun. Do join us!

## Come to our March 31<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

Members are always welcome to attend Board meetings. In March, we will have a special meeting at the Dublin Pub in Morristown. The Board meeting will be from 11 to 12:30.

We would like to update you on club activities as well as solicit your ideas in preparation for our June planning session.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please contact Florencia and Donna Carr to let them know that you will attend.

## Movie at Roberts Cinema

Join our Cinema group for The Two Popes on Thursday, March 5 at 4:35. We meet in the lobby at Roberts Cinema, Chatham.

Summary:

Facing scandal and self-doubt, Pope Benedict summons his harshest critic and future successor to Rome to reveal a secret that would shake the foundations of the Catholic Church. Behind Vatican walls, these two very different men confront their pasts to find common ground and forge a future for a billion followers around the world.

Both Jonathan Pryce and Anthony Hopkins were nominated for Oscars for their performances. Rotten Tomatoes gave it Critics 89% and Audience 88%.

Contact Betsy if you will be joining us for the film, dinner at Asian Blossom, or both.

BetsySeligson@gmail.com or 973-727-4437

## Fiddler on the Roof

Join us for a COMPLIMENTARY preview dress rehearsal of Fiddler on the Roof, for our community members 55+ years!

The Mountain Lakes High School Theatre Department will host a special performance of their spring musical The Mountain Lakes High School Theatre Department on Wednesday, March 4 at 4 pm. No reservations required. "Fiddler on the Roof", based on the Sholem Aleichem stories with book by Joseph Stein, music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, is a classic musical with many well-known songs such as "If I Were A Rich Man" and "Matchmaker."

To meet up with other members or if you have questions, please email Robyn Hart at [robynscottage@aol.com](mailto:robynscottage@aol.com).

See you there!

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## Supper Club

### Huntley Tavern March 28, 2020

The first day of Spring is March 19th, so what better day to start off burger season than at the Huntley Tavern in Summit. The Huntley has a full tavern menu, so it's not just a burger place--but its burgers are fabulous. It's a large establishment with great ambiance and with a very nice private room that overlooks the main bar and restaurant area. This is a must to celebrate Spring!

Please do join us!

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, March 28, 2020
<b>Time - Dinner</b>	6:00 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Huntley Tavern 3 Morris Avenue Summit, NJ 908-647-3000
<b>Cost:</b>	Order off menu
<b>BYOB?:</b>	Full bar
<b>RSVP To:</b>	Dawne Drake <a href="mailto:dawnedrake@hotmail.com">dawnedrake@hotmail.com</a> 973-538-7461
<b>RSVP By:</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 25</b>

### Highlawn Pavillion - April 30, 2020

Join us for a new adventure—**lunch** at the Highlawn Pavillion in West Orange. As we all know, the Highlawn is an absolutely elegant restaurant with sweeping views of the New York skyline. This combination has also made it a hugely popular restaurant on Saturday nights--and of course a weeknight there is almost out of the question due to rush hour traffic. So we're going to try doing a leisurely lunch there, as experience has indicated it's not very busy and the views are equally as grand. Do join us In this new adventure!

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, April 30, 2020
<b>Time - Lunch</b>	1:00 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Highlawn Pavillion 1 Crest Drive West Orange, NJ 973-731-3463
<b>Cost:</b>	Order off menu
<b>BYOB?:</b>	Full bar
<b>RSVP To:</b>	Dawne Drake <a href="mailto:dawnedrake@hotmail.com">dawnedrake@hotmail.com</a> 973-538-7461
<b>RSVP By:</b>	<b>Monday, April 25</b>

### Il Monello - May 14, 2020

To celebrate May's gloriousness we'll amble along to Peapack to one of our old favorites-- Il Monello Restaurant. Il Monello focuses on authentic cuisine from the Abruzzo region of southern Italy, and its expert preparation of those dishes and impeccable service always make it a most delightful dining experience. If the weather cooperates, we may even be able to dine outside on its lovely patio. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us!

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, May 14, 2020
<b>Time - Dinner</b>	6:00 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Il Monello Restaurant 89 Main Street Peapack, NJ 908-470-0005
<b>Cost:</b>	Order off menu
<b>BYOB?:</b>	yes
<b>RSVP To:</b>	Dawne Drake <a href="mailto:dawnedrake@hotmail.com">dawnedrake@hotmail.com</a> 973-538-7461
<b>RSVP By:</b>	<b>Monday, May 11</b>

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## **Rod's Restaurant - June 7, 2020**

It's hard to beat Sunday brunch at in Convent Station. It's a tremendous value (\$30 for everything imaginable to eat) and a unique location, as we'll again be dining in one of Rod's historic train cars. This is an annual tradition to end our 'season'! Please do plan on joining us!

<b>Date:</b>	Sunday, June 7, 2020
<b>Time - Brunch</b>	11:30 AM
<b>Location:</b>	Rod's Restaurant Madison Ave Convent Station, NJ
<b>Cost:</b>	\$30, spirits not included
<b>BYOB?:</b>	Full bar
<b>RSVP To:</b>	Dawne Drake <a href="mailto:dawnedrake@hotmail.com">dawnedrake@hotmail.com</a> 973-538-7461
<b>RSVP By:</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 3</b>

## **Book Club**

The Book Club provides an opportunity to read some wonderful novels.

***We would love to have more members share in our friendly discussion about insights and ideas contained in the monthly book selection.***

Generally, the Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

**Time:** 10:30 AM  
**Location:** Morris County Library  
30 East Hanover Avenue  
Whippany, NJ 07981  
973-285-6930

If you enjoy reading and would like to attend, please RSVP to Marge Leitch at [Marge.Leitch@gmail.com](mailto:Marge.Leitch@gmail.com).

Date	Title/Author	Reviewer
3/11/2020	A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell	Judy Till
4/8/2020	The Space Between Us by Thrity Umigar	Sylvia Walsh
5/13/2020	The Alice Network by Kate Quinn	Betsy Seligson

## **Cinema Group**

Join the Cinema Group and go to Roberts Cinema for the best of art, independent, and foreign films. We also have dinner after the show.

Betsy Seligson will send emails to notify you of movie dates. If you have questions, you can either email or call her at [betsyseligson@gmail.com](mailto:betsyseligson@gmail.com) or 973-727-4437.

## **Ladies Bridge**

We have two groups for ladies bridge.

Natalie Simon coordinates bridge on Mondays at 12:30. She can be reached at 973-206-1222 and [natalienov41@gmail.com](mailto:natalienov41@gmail.com).

Jan Gelson is the chairperson for bridge on Tuesdays at 12:30. She can be reached on 973-683-0159 or [janice.gelson@gmail.com](mailto:janice.gelson@gmail.com)



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## Couples Bridge

If you are looking for something to do on a Monday evening at 7:30. Couples Bridge awaits. Please contact JoAnne LoSapio at 973-584-4944 or [jslosapio@yahoo.com](mailto:jslosapio@yahoo.com) if you are interested in playing bridge.

## Mah Jongg

The group plays on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 12:30.

Please contact Joanne LoSapio at 973-584-4944 or [jslosapio@yahoo.com](mailto:jslosapio@yahoo.com) if you would like to come watch a game being played and learn more about Mah Jongg.



## ***MORRISTOWN NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS***

### ***SPRING MEETING AND LUNCHEON***

***MAY 12, 2020 – 12 NOON***

***THE WASHINGTON HOUSE***

***55 S. FINLEY AVE, BASKING RIDGE***

Please join us for a wonderful afternoon with friends and great food. The cost is \$50.00/person (payable to Newcomers and Neighbors). Send your check to Donna Carr (6 Wychwood Rd, Morristown, NJ 07960) **BY MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>**.

Questions? Call Barbara Kendelski 973-220-8315 or Gerri Meer 201-412-5308

# Board Members and Committee Chairs

## Board Officers (Voting Members) as of 1-23-20

President	Florencia Luce-Mazurowski	973-223-0798	florencia.lucemaz@gmail.com
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Co-Vice President	Gerri Meer	201-412-5308	gerrimeer@gmail.com
Secretary	Kathy Claxton	973-600-7082	kathyc973@optimum.net
Treasurer	Donna Carr	973-538-1283	donna-carr@optonline.net
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