

STONEBRIDGE EXCHANGE – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022

Women's Club President's Message

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“Inspire and empower women around you since success is never reached alone, and wisdom and wealth are sweeter when shared.”

~ Mizzfit

The Women's Club endorses social, educational and charitable events, activities and opportunities which “inspire and empower” its members recognizing that “wisdom and wealth are sweeter when shared.”

At our General Membership meeting held on November 18, women were captivated by the virtuosic performance of the dynamic and engaging pianist, arranger and singer NGXB. With a background in classical music starting at age four, formal training in jazz, and his love of rock/pop music, NGXB executed an array of originally-composed classic hits from “Bumble Boogie” through Bruce Springsteen's “Born to Run” and Aerosmith's “Dream On” to Liberace's “Beer Barrel Polka.”

In December, during our Holiday Music and Dance Party extravaganza, members reveled with friends to a blend of lively and spirited holiday and contemporary tunes. Women also added a collection of new line-dance routines to their repertoire, which was taught by DJ & Dance Instructor Mike Malone of Music N' Motion.

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive conducted at the beginning of November was an astounding success! The homes of Sandie Bowen, June Vardaro, and Sandy Rubin with Rosalind Blinder served as food collection sites. Seven SUVs and cars filled with Thanksgiving food items were unloaded into twenty-five shopping carts and wheeled into the Monroe Township Food Pantry! These food donations re-stocked the shelves of the Monroe Township Food Pantry to ensure that our food-insecure neighbors would enjoy a complete, traditional Thanksgiving Day meal. Karen Theer, Director of the Monroe Senior Center, thanked our Women's Club for “making a positive impact on the lives of our community.”

Our residents generously contributed \$1,500 in Kohl's, Target, TJ Maxx, ShopRite, Stop & Shop, Visa and Walmart gift cards during our Holiday Gift Card Collection. NJ-Rise distributed these gift cards to local, financially-distressed families so that they may enjoy a more joyous and hopeful holiday season.

The Women's Club is in the process of seeking applicants for six open Executive Board positions for the 2022-2023 membership year. These open positions include two Presidents, two Vice Presidents, Treasurer A and Recording Secretary. To serve as an Officer, a candidate must be a member in good standing and a resident for a minimum of one year. Interested members may complete an application and return it by the designated deadline. In accordance with our By-Laws, Officers for the upcoming membership year will be announced at our March and April General Membership meetings, and the Installation of the new slate of officers is performed in May. Members are asked to help maintain the viability of the Women's Club with their interest to serve on our innovative Board.

Experiencing NGXB's accomplished performance, forming relationships at our Music/Dance Party, providing a Thanksgiving meal for a hungry family, donating a needed gift card for someone less fortunate, considering a new Board position, and welcoming 2022 as a year of infinite possibilities allow for moments which “inspire and empower” us. **As members of a vibrant association, not only can we achieve anything together “since success is never reached alone,” but we realize the acquired “wisdom and wealth are sweeter when shared.”**