

# Junior Connection

## NOJWC Newsletter - November 2025

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### President's Message - Michelle



Hi Ladies! I want to make sure that I thank the Membership Committee for putting together a fabulous open house last month. The turnout was great and it looks like we have a few new members! Welcome to all of our new and rejoined members! We are glad to have you as part of our club and can't wait to get to know you all! As we look forward to Thanksgiving, I'm grateful for all of you that make our club such a great organization for friendship, philanthropy, and fun! I hope you enjoy the time with your loved ones. Happy Thanksgiving!

### 2025-2026 Committees

*Any changes to the committee membership, please let Renee K. know.*

**Community Service:** Chairs: Debbie Allen, Kerry Derov

Members: Miria Batig, Katy Kerg, Renee Kolesar, Bethia Kummer, Gabriella Olle, Shirley Radzimski, Carry Shaw, Cathy Sholtis

**Membership:** Chairs: Victoria Dickson, Karen Hirsh

Members: Nicole Brady, Pamela Brady, Lynn Hirz, Diane Koenig, Renee Kolesar, Patty Spencer, Noralee Van Drew, Irene Whipkey

**Program:** Chairs: Ruth Corridoni, Sharon McManamon

Members: Sharon Buza, Kerry Derov, Sharon Hampu, Debbie Hill, Christine Kilbane, Donna Kulakowski, Sally Moorman

**Social:** Chairs: Donna McKenna, Marilyn Szendrey

Members: Vera Brewer, Patti Daugherty, Bernadette Ernette, Denise Faulisi, Katy Kerg, Kathy Kovach, Bethia Kummer, Lori Rychlik, Cheryl Sabo, Sylvia Sabo, Nancy Sergi

**Ways & Means:** Chairs: Michelle Planovsky, Jamie Wacker

Members: Katie Moorman, Jenny Nobile, Lisa Palazzo, Laura Reinhard, Renee Smith

**Communications:** Chair: Renee Kolesar, Kim Fahrion

Members: Victoria Dickson

**Scholarships:** Chairs: Molly Cotofan, Barbara Santa

Members: TBD

## Community Service - Debbie A. & Kerry



Meals were served October 25 and three of our members went and helped. They distributed over 100 dinners! Every month we may help with meal service at **Clague Road United Church of Christ which is every last Saturday of the month (except December)**. It's a drive-through event. Volunteers may arrive starting at 1 pm. A sign-up sheet will be passed around.

<https://clagueroaducc.org/community-meals/>



We helped at **Maple School Produce distribution on October 28**. 12 women helped with this and they served:

Total Households 367; Total Children 401; Total Adults 479; Total Seniors 292  
Total people 1172. The PTA thanked us by providing small gift bags!



We will be volunteering at Beck Center theater productions, at both the Studio theater (4 people) and the Main theater (8 people). A sign-up sheet will be passed around. The website for more info: <https://www.beckcenter.org/> Here is the schedule:

*Andy Warhol in Iran*, Friday Oct. 17, Studio theater - This was a delightful production with 5 of our members helping at the concessions and ushering  
*Sponge Bob The Musical*, Thursday Dec. 11, Main theater - Volunteer signup will be passed around  
*Two Trains Running*, Friday Feb. 6, Studio theater  
*Spring Awakening*, Thursday Feb. 19, Main theater  
*Speech and Debate*, Friday May 29, Studio theater  
*Mean Girls*, Thursday July 23, Main theater



We had three members, Renee K., Irene and Noralee, attend this event with two decorated cars. There were many costumed children in line and because of pre-registration, the NOPD had plenty of candy for all who attended!



Lisa Palazzo scheduled **Monday November 3** as our date. We will have 7 volunteers at the food bank.



We have decided to give our Christmas gifts to The Centers' H.O.P.E. We will also be collecting NEW clothes, so please watch for sales and give what you can. Bethia will contact the members who would like to tour the facility. **Following items must be new**, never used, mainly for welcome kits, for boys and girls. Anything you can give is most appreciated! Call or text Bethia Kummer with any questions 440-552-6803.

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## Community Service - Debbie A. & Kerry (continued)



### THE CENTERS

- Clothing listed below is needed in these sizes: *Kids: Large and X-Large*  
*Adult: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, 2 XL*
- Sweatpants or athletic shorts
- Underwear (panties and boxer briefs)
- Plain White T-Shirts
- Individual/travel hygiene products: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, body soap, sanitary pads
- House shoes or slippers
- Shower shoes
- Also, kids LOVE: art supplies (paint, art paper, etc.), LEGO kits, Graphic Tees (no bad words), Posters to decorate rooms

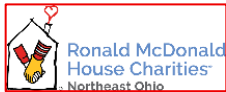


In January we will be making cake kits, with matching frosting. We will make 80 kits and we need some ribbon. They will be divided among Twice Blessed and Oxcart Food pantry (both are free stores).



We are happy to announce **Night to Shine** will take place on Friday, February 13, 2026 at Encore Event Center in Strongsville. We were at this venue back in 2020 when it was Michaud's Event Center. It is now owned by the same group that owns Aviator and Via Roma Restaurants. The space is beautiful and we know you and our guests will love it! A Night to Shine list went out! It's a sign-up genius. Look around and see what you can do.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0449ADAB29AAF49-58942750-night>



Michelle will continue to collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. For our volunteers who would like to help cook for the parents, the date for that has been rescheduled to Tuesday January 13, 2026. More information to follow.



Miria will oversee the ARF donations. If you would like to donate or volunteer, please check out their Facebook page and website.

<https://www.bereaanimalrescue.com/>

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## Program - Ruth & Sharon M.

### Refreshments

October: Thank you to the Membership Committee for providing the wonderful refreshments for our Open House.

November: Barb S., Kerry, Lynn W., Jenny, Bethia, Sue W., and Victoria will be providing refreshments for our upcoming meeting.

December: meeting off premises.

The list to sign up for refreshments will be passed around again at the November. Each member is responsible to sign up for one meeting. If you have not signed up, you will be assigned a month.

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## Program - Ruth & Sharon M. (continued)

### Program

**November:** We will have a speaker from Meals on Wheels to discuss this program and answer questions. In addition, we will be having a trivia contest with prizes. Please bring a pen and no using Google.



**December:** The committee checked into several places to have our meeting. Sally looked into 6 places; Debbie looked into 3 and Sharon looked into 2. The prices were high for some; some did not offer vegetarian options, and some had space issues. **We are going back to Houlihan's.** In lieu of a favor, Program will pick up \$5.55 of your bill of \$41.55. Thus, your cost is \$36 total. There will be an optional \$20 gift card exchange and a gift-wrapping contest with prizes. Below is the information about the holiday dinner:

December 4, 2025, 6:00PM drinks, 6:30ish dinner, Cost \$36 total

### Menu which includes coffee, tea or soda

Soup or Salad: Choose from Chicken Tortilla Soup, Baked Potato Soup, Roasted Tomato Bisque, House Salad or Caesar Salad

### Entrees:

- Grilled Atlantic Salmon-basted with lemon-dill butter, mashed potatoes and garlic green beans
- 5oz. Petite Top Sirloin-with mashed potatoes and garlic green beans
- Stuffed Chicken garlic-herb cream cheese, honest gold mashers, choice of vegetable
- Sedona Shrimp Pasta fettuccine in a spicy ancho butter sauce, tomato concasse, spinach, basil, focaccia crisps
- Veggie Pasta Marinara

### Desserts:

- Brownie Batter Cake smothered in decadent fudge
- Vanilla Bean Cheesecake-graham cracker crust, dulce de leche, bruleed vanilla cream
- Salted Caramel Goopy Butter Cake-finished with Ghirardelli salted caramel sauce, powdered sugar and vanilla ice cream

Responses are due December 1, 2025

Absolute deadline December 1, 2025 for reservations or cancellations

**Please make your checks payable to Sharon McManamon. These can be brought to the November meeting, mailed to 1563 Lincoln Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107 or brought to the December meeting.**

There is a cash bar where you are responsible for the cost and the tip.

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## Socials - Donna & Marilyn

**OCTOBER 16** – We had a great crowd at John Christ Winery for **Trivia Night**. There were two NOJW trivia teams and we managed to get a few answers correct! Thanks, Vera, for planning this event! Everyone had a good time!





## Socials - Donna & Marilyn (continued)



**NOVEMBER 19 - Seeing Double** on Brookpark Extension. It is "Work Sucks Wednesday" with many specials! Happy Hour is from 4 to 7. Bethia will be calling to reserve a table at 4 pm for anyone who can get there at that time. She will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the meeting so we can get an idea of how many to reserve for.



**DECEMBER 5 - Claque Playhouse is planned for Friday December 5. "The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley"** The cost is \$19 per ticket. If you are planning on attending, please bring cash to the meeting to purchase your tickets and pay Cheryl. This event is open to family/friends. If you have already signed up and have not paid her yet, please do so at the meeting. Cheryl will have the tickets at the meeting. We have 30 seats. Whatever tickets we do not sell at the meeting will be returned Friday, so if you are planning on attending, you need to get your ticket at the meeting.



**DECEMBER 10 - Shopping Social/Fundraiser at One World Shop in Rocky River.** We have the opportunity to attend a private shopping event on December 10 from 6 to 8 pm, complete with refreshments and loads of holiday spirit! **One World Shop will give back 10% of sales to NOJW.** You can shop in store or online (a link will be provided). We will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting as we need to guarantee a certain number of shoppers. Many unique and one of a kind gifts. Some info about One World Shop:

Globally, One World Shop exists to empower women and support the businesses of highly skilled artisans. Locally, they offer the Northeast Ohio community access to a thoughtfully curated collection of unique, handcrafted fair-trade gifts. Check them out at <https://one-world-shop-cleveland.myshopify.com>



**JANUARY 13 - Tuesday. Stella Mia, 28751 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake. Happy Hour Tuesday- Friday 4pm -7pm.** We will have a sign-up sheet at the January meeting.



**JANUARY 16 – Women in History, Performance time 7:00 pm.** This event will be open to the public. Legendary Ladies will portray Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald and Aretha Franklin.



**ALSO IN JANUARY – Dinner & A Movie –** more information to come.



**FEBRUARY 18 – Red Robin Happy Hour, Wednesday.** Their Happy Hour is Monday through Friday 3-6pm, in the bar. We will have a sign up at the January Meeting.

**FEBRUARY – DATE TBD –** We will be doing a craft led by Marilyn.

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## Ways & Means - Michelle & Jami



A fun way to enjoy the OSU versus Michigan game on Nov 29. Each square is \$20. We keep half which earns us \$1000. Turn in the names and money to Jamie Wacker. She can be reached at 216-470-1037 or [jwacker001@gmail.com](mailto:jwacker001@gmail.com).

**The Mickman fundraiser** for holiday wreaths, door sprays, or centerpieces is also underway. Please share and comment on Facebook. These beautiful products are available to order



now. Pre-Orders begin shipping Nov 20<sup>th</sup>. They make great gifts and ship to anywhere in the U.S. for free! The company changed the payout this year and now **we earn 15% of every purchase, which ends us at about \$9-\$10 per item!** Please share with your friends. GiftItForward.com and enter code NORTHOOH001. Or click this direct link: <https://giftitforward.com/fundraising-code/NORTHOOH001> or QR Code. Flyers will be available at the meeting.

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## Communications - Kim Fahrion & Renee K.

In early November, Renee will be emailing the Yearbook and supplement for our 2025-2026 club year. If you have Facebook, all our activities and photos are posted on our Facebook page which is: North Olmsted Junior Women's Club.

Club website: <https://northolmsted.wixsite.com/nojwc>

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## Membership Committee - Karen & Victoria

Our Open House on October 2nd was a great Fall Festival, and there were several guests in attendance. A huge thank you to everyone that helped make the open house such a success! We are happy to announce that three of those guests have now joined NOJWC!! We also have four members that joined in September as well!

Please welcome our newest members:

Robin Cohen, Marlene Bloomfield, Patti Daugherty,  
Carrie Shaw, Lynn Webster, Jennifer Wrenn, Eve Uhland



The new member information was included on the member directory that was emailed to everyone on October 12th. If you have not received the directory, please contact Renee Kolesar at [reneek49@att.net](mailto:reneek49@att.net).

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## November 2025 Birthday Greetings

Member	Birthday
Molly Cotofan	November 9
Patty Spencer	November 14
Kathy Kovach	November 18
Debbie Allen	November 30

