



# Junior Connection

## NOJWC Newsletter - June 2025

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### President's Message - Michelle



Hi Ladies, What a great year we had and you should all be proud of what we accomplished! This week we will close out the year with a vote on the budget and donations. The details will be emailed prior to the meeting. Thanks for those that already provided feedback and suggestions. Please review ahead of time and be prepared for a quick discussion and vote.

Also don't forget to sign up for 1 committee. If there are no spots available, contact me directly with your preferred committee. Here is the

link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094BACAC28A0FD0-56429934-nojwc#/>

I hope to see you around town over the summer! Have a great one!

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### 2024-2025 Committees

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

Members: Miria Batig, Katy Kerg, Renee Kolesar, Gabriella Olle, 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, Sally Moorman

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

Members: Vera Brewer, Bernadette Ernette, Bethia Kummer, Lori Rychlik, Sylvia Sabo, Nancy Sergi

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

Members: Katie Moorman, Laura Reinhard, Renee Smith

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

Members:

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

Members:

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## Community Service - Debbie A. & Kerry



Tuesday, May 20, 2025 was **Maple Produce Distribution**. Many members helped at that event. As a reminder it takes place at Maple School and it is the last Tuesday of each month. The next time will be Tuesday, June 24. You can come for any amount of time.



### **Clague Road United Church of Christ**

Meal service was Saturday, May 31. Dates for the next ones will be:

**Saturday June 28; Saturday July 26; and Saturday August 30.**

A sign-up sheet will be passed around.



We are all set for **The Robber Bridegroom (Studio) Thursday, June 12**. This is a musical in the small theater. We will need 4-6 women for this event.

The remaining show is: **A Chorus Line Thursday, July 24**. Some of you have already asked me to sign you up, please check your calendar and make sure you can attend.

Sign-up sheets will be passed around at this June meeting.

### ***Beck Center has announced the new season !***

**Andy Warhol in Iran, The SpongeBob Musical** (Christmas time), main theater, **Spring Awakening**, main theater, **August Wilson's Two Trains Running, Speech and Debate, Mean Girls**, main theater. I will try to schedule Thursday nights.

### **On-going Community Service Activities:**



Irene Whipkey continues to collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Keep saving them over the summer.



Just a reminder this is the last time for collecting for ARF (Animal Rescue Friends) at our meetings. Please bring your donations to the June Meeting. Lynn will have the box for donations at the meeting.

ARF can always benefit from your donations or volunteer time all through the year.

Please check out their Facebook page and website.

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

### ***BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!***

*Your contributions make a real difference, every act no matter how small matters. Together, we can create a brighter community!*

*We have volunteered, cooked, distributed food, packed lunches, worked at the Beck Center, participated in Boo Bash, worked at the Food Bank, worked at Night to Shine, made cake kits and Easter baskets!*

***As Juniors we have donated nearly 550 hours to the community!***

***That is something to be proud of!***

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## Program - Ruth & Sharon M.

### **Refreshments**

**May:** There were 39 Juniors in attendance at Houlihan's for our May Installation meeting. The desserts were delicious.

**June:** Debbie A., Sharon M., Noralee, Cheryl and Donna M. are scheduled. The email was sent to remind them.

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

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**May:** Our officers were installed for the upcoming year in a ceremony conducted by Renee Kolesar. From left to right:  
Laura Reinhard-Corresponding Secretary; Lisa Palazzo-Recording Secretary; Patty Spencer-Treasurer  
Lynn Hirz-Vice President; Michelle Planovsky-President



Regarding our table decorations at the dinner, thanks to Ruth who secured the vases for free and Sharon M. who used her Amazon rewards to order the carnations for free.

### June:



We will be having a pizza party to celebrate another successful year. **You MUST respond to tallgirlmac@yahoo.com by Wednesday night to let us know you are attending so the correct amount of pizza will be ordered.** I have the following responses: Lisa, Victoria, Patty, Laura, Sharon M., Renee K., Marie, Debbie A., Bernadette, Catherine S., and Michelle. ***Don't forget to respond. It's party time!***

**Ruth and I will be chairing Program again next year. Please let us know of any suggestions for programs or restaurants for our May and December meetings that you may have.**

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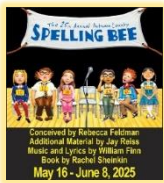
## Socials - Donna & Marilyn



**On Tuesday, MAY 13,** We enjoyed happy hour at the Lone Tree Tavern, despite the rain and not being able to be outside, we still managed to have fun. Bonus - it was Taco Tuesday!



## Socials (continued)



**MAY 29:** We want to thank Sharon Buza for arranging tickets for "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" at Clague Playhouse. Our members Vera Brewer and Chris Kilbane delivered impressive performances in the show, demonstrating their acting **and spelling** skills. The event was enjoyable and filled with laughter.



**JUNE 6:** Twenty Juniors will be going to the Crusher's Game. Thank you, Lori, for arranging this outing and getting the tickets to everyone who is going. Enjoy!



**JUNE 10:** We will be gathering at Tony K's, 841 W. Bagley Road, Berea. If you plan on attending, please text Donna (440-773-5217), so we can reserve a table. Hopefully the weather will cooperate, and we can be outside!



**JUNE 20-22:** Geneva Wine Weekend.

**This will be our last outing until the fall. Committee members will be informed about summer planning meetings for the next club year. Please bring your ideas, as all suggestions are welcome! Have a Safe and Happy Summer, Marilyn & Donna**

## Ways & Means - Michelle



Here is a recap of our projects this past year:

**Homecoming Food Truck** – we sponsored a good truck at the 2024 Homecoming and earned a percentage of their profit (\$280).

**Football Squares** – Thanks to Molly for suggesting this new idea and owning it! We earned \$1,000 from the Ohio State vs Michigan game. The committee will decide if we want to do this again in the fall.

**Holiday Wreath Sale** – Our online sale earned us \$8 per order which raised \$304. This is an easy fundraiser and worthwhile.

**Pampered Chef** – Our final profit for the Pampered Chef fundraiser was \$288.60. The check was lost in the mail and a replacement is in process. Since this is pending, we are not counting this in the budget.

**Prize Calendar Raffle** – This was a great success, thanks to everyone! So many of you solicited or donated prizes and sold or bought tickets. We earned \$5,297.49! Special thanks to Karen Hirsh for posting the winners on Facebook, and to Debbie Hill for delivering the prizes.

**Dean's Plant Sale** – Our annual plant sale is a favorite. The price we charge for the plants is less than what is charged in the store, so this is a Win-Win! The final numbers are pending, so we are estimating our profit to be a minimum of \$1,000. Thanks to Sharon McManamon for organizing this!

**Golf Outing** – The event last summer raised \$2,775. **Save the date for August 16, 2025. Details will be provided soon regarding sponsorship opportunities, sign-ups to play, and volunteering on the day of the event.**

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## Communications - Renee K. & Michelle



Communications committee members have been updating Facebook with all important information, announcements, and photos throughout the club year.

**June:** Renee and Michelle (year-end recap)

Many thanks to Michelle for all her work on our website!

Renee will start to work on the Yearbook and supplement for our 2025-2026 club year. In the supplement each committee's activities for the previous club year (2024-2025) are listed and reviewed. All committee chairs should send their committee recaps to Renee as soon as they are able to. Any questions, contact Renee: [reneek49@att.net](mailto:reneek49@att.net)

Updates on club activities and other announcements will continue to be sent via email and posted on Facebook. This will continue during the summer as we plan the golf outing (August 16) and organize a group to participate in the Homecoming parade (August 23).

Also, you can always check the activity calendar on our club website.

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## Membership - Victoria & Irene



The Membership Committee had a great year! Thank you everyone for spreading the word and inviting friends and family to join all year long. Last July we held our summer meeting to plan the upcoming club year. In September we walked in the Homecoming Parade and passed out candy and flyers for our annual Open House. We hosted our annual Open House Membership Drive in October in which we welcomed many new members at our Let's Fiesta themed meeting. In the winter we offered a NOJW shirt sale. In May we celebrated members with anniversaries at the Installation Dinner and also installed our new members into the club. It has been a pleasure to welcome all of our new members!

Member anniversaries announced at the Installation Dinner:

10 years: Patty Spencer

25 years: Michelle Planovsky

New Members that were Installed at the Installation Dinner:

Bernadette Ernette

Kim Fahrion

Cheryl Sabo

Renee Smith

Jamie Wacker



We are hoping for our current members to join for the 2025/2026 club year! If you are joining and haven't already paid this is a reminder that dues are due. Membership Renewal Dues are \$25.00. PJ (past junior) Membership Dues are \$20.00. We accept cash or check and it can be given to Patty at the June meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, they need to be dropped off in Patty Spencer's secure mailbox by her front door, or mailed to her at 4325 Root Road, North Olmsted OH 44070.

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## June - August 2025 Birthday Greetings

Member	Birthday
Cheryl Sabo	June 3
Irene Whipkey	June 11
Bernadette Ernette	June 14
Renee Kolesar	June 15
Sharon McManamon	June 17
Shirley Radzimski	June 18
Marie Peepers	July 17
Lynn Hirz	July 20
Mindy Rowland	August 15
Erin Loschetter	August 22
Gabriella Olle	August 30



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## North Olmsted Community Council - Homecoming Announcements!

From President Ken Neuzil



North Olmsted Community Council is happy to report that many of the most loved events of our traditional Homecoming are going to be held again this year. **All events will occur on Saturday, August 23rd at Great Northern Mall in the area south of Applebee's, west of Dillard's, and east of Best Buy.**

We will have the **Taste of North Olmsted** thanks to the efforts of Pat Browne. For a very reasonable fee, local restaurants, including Macaroni Grill, BJ's Brewhouse, and Famous Dave's, will serve generous portions of their finest menu items. Pat will also hold the **annual pie eating contest**, a messy, but fun event. Thanks to Community Council Director Dave Albrecht, we will again feature the **Car Show**, which is always a crowd pleaser. Community Council member Elizabeth Vertosnik is organizing the **parade, which will begin at the high school and finish at the mall**. Live music will feature the **FM Project, a Steely Dan tribute band**. **Food trucks** will provide a variety of tasty treats. And to top off an exciting day: **FIREWORKS!!!** People are urged to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets to relax on the lawn and enjoy the festivities.

None of this would have been possible without the help and cooperation of Mayor Nicole Dailey Jones and her team at City Hall. Along with his staff, Parks and Recreation Director Tim Pinchek has been instrumental in putting everything together for us. When we were down and out, Nicole and Tim stepped in and offered their hand and we thank them for all they have done to make this day a reality. Midway co-chairs, Tom Herbst and Jeff Peepers have spent countless hours developing the big picture and then nailing down the details. We also owe a big Thank You to Dan Crandall and the Great Northern Mall management company.

As we get closer to August 23rd, we will provide details in regards to times and exact places, but for now, let's celebrate that Homecoming 2025 is off life-support and is up and running!