

# Junior Connection

## NOJWC Newsletter - October 2025

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### President's Message - Michelle



Hi Ladies, Happy Fall! I'm looking forward to our open house this week. Our club has grown over the last few years and it's great to see the new and fresh ideas that come with new members. Please make everyone feel welcome.

### 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, 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, 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:

## Community Service - Debbie A. & Kerry



In September, our members signed Halloween and Thanksgiving cards that will be delivered by Bethia to the memory care, rehab units and assisted living at Joshua Tree, North Olmsted Nursing and Rehab (formerly Manor Care), O'Neill, and Vitalia.



We helped at Maple School produce distribution on **September 23**. The next time will be on **October 28**. We will send out a sign-up genius  
Produce Market Stats: Total Households 321; Total Households from School 31;  
Total Children 298; Total Adults 408; Total Seniors 308; Total People 1014



Every month we will continue to help with meal service at **Clague Road United Church of Christ which is every last Saturday of the month (except December)**. **Volunteers may arrive starting at 1 pm**. A sign-up sheet will be passed around.  
<https://clagueroaducc.org/community-meals/>



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 - Volunteers Filled  
*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



This event will take place at **North Olmsted High School**, due to construction at our city park. We will have decorated cars and distribute coloring pages and stickers, to the children. **Renee K., Irene and Noralee will be there, but any NOJW member who would like to help, please let Renee know. If you have friends, children and grandchildren who would like to do the trunk or treat, they must register at the Rec Center by October 8.** [https://north-](https://north-olmsted.com/departments/recreation_public_engagement/recreation_center/special_events.php)

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Lisa Palazzo has scheduled **Monday November 3** as our volunteer date. Volunteers will be given more information on how to register for your visit.



**BigHearted Blooms**, Gabriella will continue to collect vases under 10 inches including empty jars (i.e. jelly, pickle or salsa/sauce jars) for "**Big Hearted Blooms**". There is no need to remove labels from jars as she will remove before donating. She will collect anything members are willing to bring with them as long as item is under 10 inches.  
<https://www.bigheartedblooms.org/>



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.

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



**THE CENTERS**

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.

- 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



Ronald McDonald  
House Charities  
Northeast Ohio

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

**September:** Thanks you to Ruth, Kerry, Debbie Hill, Sally and the three Sharon's for the great refreshments.

**October:** Victoria, Karen, Nicole, Pam, Lynn, Diane, Renee, Patty, Noralee and Irene will provide the refreshments for this upcoming meeting.

**November:** There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting to sign up for the balance of the year. If you want to sign up for November you can let me know at [tallgirlmac@yahoo.com](mailto:tallgirlmac@yahoo.com) or at the meeting.

### Program

**September: Thank you for your help with the wellness cards for our Seniors.**

**October:** We will be having an "ice breaker" game to get to know our guests and new members.

**November:** Speaker from Meals on Wheels.



**December:** Holiday dinner at Houlihans.



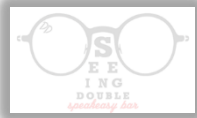
## Socials - Donna & Marilyn

**SEPTEMBER 12** - Everyone enjoyed themselves at our first outing of the new NOJW year at Vino Veritas The Cleveland Winery on September 12. Thank you, Lori Rychlik, for planning and coordinating this event!



### Looking Ahead:

**OCTOBER 16** - We will be heading to **John Christ Winery in Avon** for Trivia night. We will be gathering at 6 pm, with Trivia from 7 to 9. We have a list of 15 people who have signed up! The sign-up sheet will go around again this evening for those of you who still wish to be part of this fun evening! Thanks, Vera, for handling this. This is our combined happy hour/activity for the month of October.



**NOVEMBER 19** - We had planned a happy hour at Macaroni Grill, however with that restaurant closing, our happy hour will be moving to **Seeing Double** on Brookpark Extension WEDNESDAY - WORK SUCKS WEDNESDAY \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8 SPECIALS!

HAPPY HOUR TUESDAY-SATURDAY 4-7PM. Plan to meet at 5:00. Bethia is handling this and there will be a sign-up sheeting at the October meeting so we can try and make reservations.



**DECEMBER 5 - Clague Playhouse is planned for Friday December 5.**

**"The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley"** by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon. Directed by Curt Arnold. A companion play to last year's

Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley. The Wickhams takes audiences to the downstairs servants' quarters during the same Christmas celebration. It is a charming holiday tale that explores the confines of class and generosity of forgiveness. **We need to purchase the tickets for November's meeting, so if you plan to go please sign up on the sheet that Cheryl Sabo will pass around.** Thanks Cheryl for taking care of this. The tickets are \$19.00 and we will have them at the November meeting. *Please plan to pay for the tickets at that time*, as we will need to pay for them ahead of time and will need to be reimbursed. This event is open to members and family/friends. It will be a nice way to start off the Christmas season. (Can you even believe we are talking about Christmas?)

**JANUARY** - Looking a little more ahead January will be a busy month with Happy Hour at Stella Mia, Dinner and a Movie, and Women in History on Friday January 16. Looking forward to 2026 with many more fun activities!



**JUNE GENEVA TRIP** - We have 9 ladies signed up to stay for the weekend in Geneva in June and another 6 who will possibly come for the day. If you are interested, please let me know as I will need to book a house sooner rather than later. Donna 440-773-5217. Shoot me a text or Marilyn 440-781-1135.

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## Ways & Means - Michelle & Jami



We are starting our Football Squares fundraiser this month. \$20 per square for the OSU vs Michigan game on November 29. If we sell all the squares then we make \$1000 and pay out \$1000 in prizes. Jamie Wacker is running this project.



The Mickman Holiday Wreath Sale will start with pre-orders beginning to ship the week of November 11<sup>th</sup>. These make great gifts and ship anywhere in the country for free. We earn \$8 per order. <https://giftitforward.com/fundraising-code/NORTHOOH001>



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## Communications - Kim Fahrion & Renee K.

Communications Committee members and committee chairs will be posting all our events and announcements on FB. Our Fall Festival membership event has been publicized on our FB page, and was also sent to other groups to post, including North Olmsted Community Council.

- A group will meet to review and update the Yearbook. Renee will then update 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.

- Renee has contacted David Furin of N.O. Community Council and we will collaborate announcing and promoting our events.

- Committee members and Michelle have access to update our FB page.

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

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## Membership Committee - Karen & Victoria

Open House will be Thursday, October 2nd with a theme of "Fall Festival." It has been publicized on Facebook and by email.

- Time 6:30-8:30 pm

- Membership will provide the refreshments, goodie bags and door prizes.

We will have some games to welcome our guest and get to know each other a little better.



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## October 2025 Birthday Greetings

Member	Birthday
Jenny Nobile	October 1
Lisa Palazzo	October 1
Kathy Sholtis	October 1
Barbara Santa	October 4
Gail Bisesi	October 16
Donna Kulakowski	October 21

