

# Junior Connection

## NOJWC Newsletter - January 2026

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

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### President's Message - Michelle



Hi Ladies! Happy New Year! I hope you are all staying healthy and had some time to relax and recharge over the holidays. It's time to get busy on our Spring fundraiser, the calendar raffle! We need everyone's support to donate or solicit prizes for the raffle to make this a success. If you know any business owners that would donate a gift card, prize, or gift basket, you can provide them with the attached letter as a receipt with our tax ID number. I also want to update everyone on the board meeting that took place on Nov 18. Several proposed changes will be presented to the club for a vote. I will share the details in a separate email prior to the meeting.

Thanks for your ongoing support for the club, our community, and each other.

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#### **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, Carrie 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, Renée Smith

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

Members: Victoria Dickson

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

Members: TBD

## Community Service - Debbie A. & Kerry



There is no community meal served in December. There will be a meal the last Saturday in January, the 31<sup>st</sup>. <https://clagueroaducc.org/community-meals/>



Many members helped at **Maple School Produce distribution on December 16**. Thanks to Debbie A, Sue, Cathy, Irene, Noralee, Robin, Bernadette. It was a week earlier than usual due to the holiday season. Next distribution will be Tuesday, January 27 and a signup genius will be sent out.



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:

*Sponge Bob The Musical*, Thursday Dec. 11, Main theater

We had 8 volunteers: Renee K, Michelle P, Debbie A, Sue W, Sally M, Karen H, Eve U, Kerry D

*Two Trains Running*, Friday Feb. 6, Studio theater – **4 volunteers needed**

*Spring Awakening*, Thursday Feb. 19, Main theater – **8 volunteers needed**

*Speech and Debate*, Friday May 29, Studio theater – **4 volunteers needed**

*Mean Girls*, Thursday July 23, Main theater – **8 volunteers needed**



This volunteer event was cancelled due to a lack of food to be packed.



Bethia and other club members wrote greetings in Christmas cards. The cards were distributed by Bethia to senior residences and nursing homes. Thanks to Erin for all the cards!



Thank you to NOJW members who generously donated to The Centers' H.O.P.E. Bethia delivered 8 bags of items to Maureen Horton, Manager of Donor Relations. If you would like to continue to donate to this organization or volunteer, here is the link:

<https://thecentersohio.org/ways-to-help-donate/>

and a list of the NEW items that are needed:

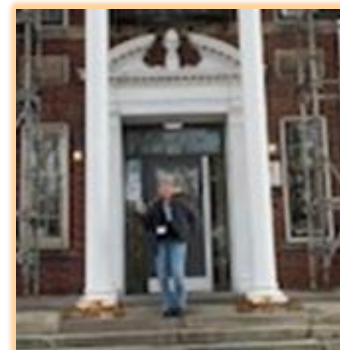
Kids: Large and X-Large, Adult: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, 2 XL

Sweatpants or athletic shorts, Underwear (panties and boxer briefs. Plain White T-Shirts

Individual/travel hygiene products: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, body soap, etc.

House shoes or slippers, shower shoes

Also greatly appreciated would be: art supplies (paint, art paper, etc.), LEGO kits, Graphic Tees (no bad words), posters to decorate rooms



In January we will be assembling 80 cake kits, with cake mix and matching frosting. **We need curly ribbon, so please bring some if you are able to.** They will be donated, divided between Twice Blessed Free Store and Oxcart Food pantry. A signup genius link was emailed November 10. We are still needing more cake mix & frosting so here is the link again. [Let's Bake a Cake](#)

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



**Night to Shine** will take place on Friday, February 13, 2026 at Encore Event Center in Strongsville. The space is beautiful and we know you and our guests will love it! Below is the signup genius link.

Many slots have been filled but volunteers may still be needed in these categories:

Caregiver, Paparazzi, Parking Lot (outdoors), Clean Up.

<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 is Tuesday January 13, 2026. More information to follow.



Miria will oversee the ARF donations. On November 15, we sent out an email with information if you would like to donate or volunteer. Please check out their FB page and website for links to donate. Miria will bring the donation box to our January meeting. <https://www.bereaanimalrescue.com/>

## Program - Ruth & Sharon M.

### Refreshments

**January:** The following members have signed up to provide refreshments at the meeting: Bernadette Ernette, Eve Uhland, Cathy Sholtis, Katie Moorman, Robin Cohen, Kerry Derov, Kim Fahrion

**February:** The following members are signed up for February: Renée Smith, Jamie Wacker, Shirley Radzinski, Karen Hirsh, Vera Brewer, Michelle Planovsky and Jenny Nobile, I will add some people to this list for February.

### Program

**December:** We had 40 members at our December party. The gift wrapping contest brought so much creativity and design to our gift exchange. The winners are: 1st prize Katie Moorman; 2nd prize Karen Hirsh, 3rd prize Sally Moorman. Thank you to the judges Kerry, Ruth, Sharon B. and Debbie Allen. We did a Christmas song picture game with Irene winning first prize and Kathy Kovach being the runner-up. Thank you to all that attended. Photos shown below.

**January:** Cake Kits

**February:** Craft done by Ruth with Sharon B. assisting.





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



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## Socials - Donna & Marilyn

**We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. We are looking forward to a New Year with Junior Women and all the planned events we have coming up.**

**On December 5** we attended the performance of **"The Wickhams Christmas at Pemberley"**, at Clague Playhouse. We had a fantastic turnout, with 30 of our members and family attending. What a great way to kick off the holiday season! Thank you, Cheryl Sabo, for planning this event. As a bonus, they had a Jewelry donation "Sale". ***See photos on page 7 of this newsletter.***



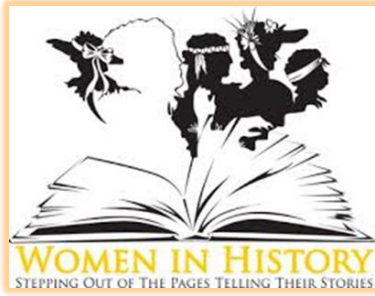
**DECEMBER 10 - Shopping Social/Fundraiser at One World Shop in Rocky River.** Also in December, many of our members attended the One World Shop social/fundraiser in Rocky River. Approximately \$2600 in merchandise was sold, out of which we received 10% for our organization. Thanks Marilyn, for organizing this event.



**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.

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## Socials - Donna & Marilyn (continued)



**The North Olmsted Junior Women's Club is excited to welcome the community to a free, open-to-the-public event celebrating music, history, and the incredible stories of trailblazing women. Join us for a live musical performance by Women in History, featuring unforgettable portrayals of Ella Fitzgerald, Aretha Franklin, and Billie Holiday.** Their voices shaped generations, and now their stories will come alive right here in our community. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors for an inspiring and entertaining evening you won't want to miss!

This event is free and open to the public, but you must RSVP HERE:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/.../20F094BACAC28A0FD0...>

**Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Oxcart Food Pantry.**

**ALSO IN JANUARY: Dinner & A Movie** –The movie and date and time have not been picked yet, we will have more info on this at the January meeting.



**FEBRUARY 11 – CRAFT NIGHT, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** at the North Olmsted Library, led by Marilyn. We will be making pressed flower bookmarks. She will have a sign-up sheet at the January meeting. There will be a small cost for the craft which Marilyn will let us know at the meeting.



**FEBRUARY 18 – Red Robin Happy Hour, Wednesday.** Their Happy Hour is Monday through Friday 3-6pm, in the bar. We will try to meet around 4:30 pm and we will have a sign up at the January Meeting.

**Some things to look forward to in 2026** (mark your calendars):

**March** – Happy hour at the Lone Tree scheduled for March 19.  
Bowling (date not set yet).

**April** – Burntwood Tavern on April 15 for happy hour.  
We are also working on a Funny Bus Cleveland tour sometime in April.

**May** – Oriole Café on May 19 (located in Berea).  
We will also be returning to PJ Spa in May.

**June** – Tony K's on June 9. Also will be scheduling a Crusher's Game.

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## Ways & Means - Michelle & Jamie



**The Mickman fundraiser:** Thank you to everyone that bought or sold holiday evergreens from Mickman Brothers. We made \$374.80. I hope everyone enjoyed the products!



**One World Shop:** We had a private shopping event on Dec 10. Sales were \$2600 and we got 10%, so we made \$260! Thanks to Marilyn for organizing this!

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## Ways & Means - Michelle & Jamie (continued)



**Spring Fundraiser:** It's time to start planning! We are asking each member to donate or solicit a gift card, gift basket, or other prize valued at \$25 or more.

- I have **attached** to the newsletter email a list of the businesses that have donated in previous years and who solicited; this can also be found on the google drive link [here](#). Please let me know if you will be contacting them again, or if you have any other business to be added to the list. Please bring donation items to the meeting and give them to Michelle or Jamie.
- I also **attached** to the newsletter email an editable solicitation letter that you can customize with your name and contact information.
- The prize calendar will be assembled by the end of February and we will begin selling in March (or possibly sooner). Each day in the month of April a winner will be named. If you have any questions, please ask Michelle or Jamie. Thank you!

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## Communications - Kim Fahrion & Renee K.

If anyone needs a Member Directory or the Yearbook & Supplement, please let me know: [reneek49@att.net](mailto:reneek49@att.net)

For Facebook users, 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>



To quickly send out information to all member, we are now using **WhatsApp**. Here is the link to join. **You must download the app and turn on notifications to get alerts.**

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GrQJDZUle1u4UNmnhadwsq>

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## Membership Committee - Karen & Victoria

**NOJW shirts are still available for purchase.** The ordering is open **until January 10th** so please get those orders to Victoria if interested or let her know if you need the information again on what is available. [victoria.dickson@yahoo.com](mailto:victoria.dickson@yahoo.com)



Our January spotlight is Jenny Wrenn. She has been married to Ben for 23 years and they have 2 children, Anna and Joseph. They also have a dog named Daisy, cats named Ellie and Luna and a bird named Tiki. She graduated from Mentor High School and has always lived in the Cleveland area. Thank you for joining us Jenny. We are glad you are here!



## Scholarships - Molly & Barbara

**We are in need of 3 volunteers to serve on the scholarship committee.** Volunteers will help promote, advertise and finally select the winners for both our student and adult scholarships. Volunteers should be able to use Google Forms. If interested or have any questions please email Molly Cotofan: [mollyc2132@yahoo.com](mailto:mollyc2132@yahoo.com).



## January 2026 Birthday Greetings

Member	Birthday
Laura Reinhard	January 23

