



Junior Connection

NOJWC Newsletter - December 2025

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President's Message - Michelle



Happy Holidays! I hope you all enjoyed a great Thanksgiving with your family and friends. It's that busy time of year when we get to give thanks and celebrate. I look forward to seeing you all at the holiday dinner at Houlihans!. This is always a good time to socialize and continue to get to know each other. Thank you for all you do to support the club and each other. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

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

Four NOJW members helped on November 29: Robin C, Kerry D, Bernadette E, Irene W. 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/>



Many members helped at **Maple School Produce distribution on November 25** and they served:

Total Households 313; Total Households from School 17; Total Children 404; Total Adults 419; Total Seniors 275; Total People 1098



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

Volunteers: Renee K, Michelle P, Debbie A, Sue W, Sally M, Karen H, Eve U, Kerry D. **(If you cannot make it, please inform Debbie Allen and Kristena Edleman.)**

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 are going to **May Dugan Center** to help pack food donations. The date and time is **Thursday December 18, from 3 – 6 PM**. **We are seeking 8 volunteers and 5 of our members have signed up so far.** Here's the details and signup genius.

Location: May Dugan Center – 4115 Bridge Ave, Cleveland, OH 44113

- Activity: Produce/Pantry Bag
- Parking: Volunteers are able to park anywhere on the street
- Attire: Feel free to dress comfortably and please wear closed toed shoes.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F44A4A72BA0FA7-60664297-maydugan>



We had 8 members and 1 former member volunteering on **Monday November 3. Thanks for helping!**

We will be volunteering there again on Tuesday April 15. More information and a link to sign up will be sent next year.



Thank you to NOJW members who generously donated to The Centers' H.O.P.E. Also, thanks to Bethia who collected the items and delivered them to Maureen Horton, Manager of Donor Relations. Maureen (in the photo) was truly grateful for our many donations. If you would like to continue to donate to this organization or volunteer, here is the link: <https://thecentersohio.org/ways-to-help-donate/>

Community Service - Debbie A. & Kerry (continued)



In January we will be assembling 80 cake kits, with cake mix and matching frosting. We will be needing 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. So far, we have members bringing 62 cake mixes/frostings.

Here is the link again. [Let's Bake a Cake](#)



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 are still needed in these categories:

Escort Team, Limo Team, Paparazzi, 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. <https://www.bereaanimalrescue.com/>



Many thanks from Gabriella for all your generous donations. **No more donations are needed** since the organization now has enough empty jars/vases for their projects.

Program - Ruth & Sharon M.

Refreshments

November: Thank you to Katy, Barbara, Lynn W., Jenny, Bethia, Sue W., and Victoria for the fantastic refreshments. Everything was delicious.

December: Dinner at Houlihans.

January: Bernadette, Eve, Cathy S., Katie, Robin, Kerry and Kim have signed up to provide refreshments. I will send an email to remind you of the suggestions for snacks, etc.

Program

November: Thank you to Marie from Meals on Wheels for providing a presentation that was both informative and interesting. Thanks to all our members that asked such relevant and pointed questions. This was a great program.

December: Our dinner meeting will be at Houlihans on Thursday, December 4th starting at 6PM and dinner at 6:30ish. We will have an optional \$20 gift card exchange and a gift wrapping contest with prizes. Debbie A., Ruth, Kerry and Sharon B will be judging your creativity. Remember there are many ways to disguise a gift card. Can't wait to see what you come up with.

Reservation and cancellation deadline is Monday, December 1 by noon.

If you haven't already paid, please remember your \$36 or check payable to Sharon McManamon.

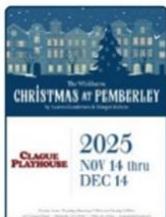
Let me know if you have questions. tallgirlmac@yahoo.com



Socials - Donna & Marilyn



NOVEMBER 19 - A very good turnout was had at **Seeing Double**. It was a great start to the Christmas Season with the festive atmosphere. Big thanks to Bethia for arranging this!



DECEMBER 5 - Claque Playhouse Friday December 5. We are seeing **"The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley"** You should have already received your tickets from Cheryl Sabo. If not, please reach out to Cheryl at 440-227-1661. Show starts at 7:30. We will meet in the lobby at 7:15. All 30 tickets have been sold! Thank you Cheryl for all your work in putting this together.



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. For more info about One World Shop:

<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 15 – Women in History, Performance time 7:00 pm. This event will be open to the public and has been announced on our Facebook page. **Registration is required. Legendary Ladies will portray Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald and Aretha Franklin.** Hope to see you all there. Invite friends!



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 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.

Socials - Donna & Marilyn

February - Date not determined yet: Marilyn will be doing a craft. We will be making pressed flower bookmarks.

Some things to look forward to in the coming year (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.



Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah from the Social Committee!



Ways & Means - Michelle & Jami



Thank you to everyone that sold or bought squares for the OSU vs Michigan game. This is a fun way to get into the game and earn the club a cool \$1000.
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The Mickman fundraiser for holiday wreaths, door sprays, or centerpieces continues. There is still time to purchase a fresh evergreen for yourself or ship to family or friends anywhere in the country. The centerpieces and table top trees make great gifts! The club earns 15% of every order. Here is the link: <https://giftitforward.com/fundraising-code/NORTHOOH001>



Communications - Kim Fahrion & Renee K.

In November the Yearbook and Supplement for our 2025-2026 club year were sent to all members. Also, an updated member directory was emailed on November 25. If you haven't received the Yearbook, Supplement, or Directory, please let me know: 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 members, we had been using the Remind app. After experiencing some problems, it was decided to switch to: **WhatsApp**. Here is the link to join. **You must download the app and turn on notifications to get alerts.**

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

Membership Committee - Karen & Victoria



Please welcome our new member - Stacey Dennison!

NOJW shirts are available for order. Please refer to the November 8th email that was sent regarding shirts or contact Victoria with any questions or concerns. victoria.dickson@yahoo.com



Our December Member Spotlight is **Lynn Webster**. She joined the club by visiting us at the September 2025 meeting. She has been married to Tim for 27 years and has 21-year-old son named Kevin, who is currently attending the University of Cincinnati. For 15 years Lynn has worked as an Insurance Claims Representative. She attended Miami University, she likes to go antiquing, read, take walks in the park and travel. Her favorite place to visit is Hilton Head, South Carolina. Thanks for joining us, Lynn. We are glad you came and we look forward to getting to know you better.

December 2025 Birthday Greetings

Member	Birthday
Victoria Dickson	December 9
Renée Smith	December 11
Sharon Buza	December 13
Chris Kilbane	December 13
Bethia Kummer	December 13
Patti Daugherty	December 15
Sally Moorman	December 31

