

# Junior Connection

## NOJWC Newsletter - September 2025

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### President's Message - Michelle



We are so excited to come together again! I hope you all had a great summer. This year, let's embrace growth, connection, and purpose. Together, we'll share our stories, build new friendships, and support each other as we make an impact in our community. Here's to fresh beginnings, renewed energy, and the incredible things we will achieve. Cheers !!

### 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, Kathy Kovach, Bethia Kummer, Lori Rychlik, 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

Our committee met on July 31 and agreed to do the following activities:



In September, we will send cards to shut-ins. We will have both Halloween cards and Thanksgiving cards in which to write our greetings. Bethia will deliver.



We will continue to volunteer at Maple School monthly produce distribution. An email announcement and sign-up will be sent each 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  
*Sponge Bob The Musical*, Thursday Dec. 11, Main theater  
*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



Michelle reached out to **Ronald McDonald House** so we could volunteer to cook for parents. Our date is **Tuesday, October 14**. Minimum 4 and maximum 8 volunteers. More details to be announced. We will get names of those that would like to participate.



This event will take place at North Olmsted High School, due to construction at our city park. We will have decorated cars at the high school and distribute coloring pages and stickers, as we did last year. **Renee K. and Irene 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-olmsted.com/departments/recreation\\_public\\_engagement/recreation\\_center/special\\_events.php](https://north-olmsted.com/departments/recreation_public_engagement/recreation_center/special_events.php)



We will try to get dates in October and April. Lisa Palazzo will schedule.



**Mark your calendars: Friday, February 13, 2026.** We will have more information and circulate a sign-up list as the date get closer.



Miria will look into us helping to pack goods for this worthwhile organization that supports and aids individuals and families in need. <https://www.maydugancenter.org/>



**BigHearted Blooms**, Gabriella will be in touch with this group that delivers recycled flowers to bring cheer to those in need. Gabriella is now collecting 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/>

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



We have decided to award 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. For The Centers' H.O.P.E., formerly Cleveland Christian Home, beginning in September, we will collect items to donate to the facility at 11401 Lorain Ave. in Cleveland. This facility is housing up to 50 children ages 6-17, in county custody temporarily or permanently, whether orphaned, abused, neglected or with no safe place to stay.

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 napkins
- 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

**On-going Community Service Activities:** We have \$350 to spend.



We will continue to assemble cake kits, 80 of them in January. We will supply the cake pans and ask members to donate other items.



At our March 2025 meeting, we will put together 50 Easter baskets. We have already purchased the baskets and a sign-up genius will be sent out for the basket treats.



We will be preparing 150 brown bag lunches for this event. *Cookies by Design* is donating 150 cookies. The event is scheduled for April 2026.



Michelle will now be collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House.



Miria will oversee the ARF donations. More details will be announced.

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/>

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## Program - Ruth & Sharon M.

The Program Committee met twice in August. We discussed our responsibilities and plan the Programs for this upcoming club year. Kerry and Debbie H. will be soliciting for half and half with Sharon H. as an alternate. Ruth will be reminding the monthly refreshment committee people to take out the garbage. A list will be circulated at our meetings to sign up one time on the month of your choosing to provide refreshments for our meetings.

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

### Refreshments

**September:** The Program committee will provide refreshments.

**October:** The Membership committee will provide refreshments.

### Programs

**September 4:** Partnering with Community Service on Halloween & Thanksgiving kindness cards.

**October 2:** Trivia with prizes

**November 6:** Speaker from Meals on Wheels

**December 4:** Holiday dinner

**January 1:** PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup> – Assembling Cake kits

**February 5:** Craft which will be donated to ARF

**March 5:** Easter Baskets

**April 2:** Your favorite things

**May 7:** Installation dinner at Avon Oaks

**June 4:** Pizza party if budget allows

More details will be announced prior to each meeting.

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## Socials - Donna & Marilyn



We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and are ready for some fun socials. The committee has been working on creating some outings you hopefully will enjoy.

**SEPTEMBER:** Our first event to start the year will be at The Cleveland Winery VINO Veritas Cellars, 4103 Memphis Ave., on Friday, September 12. The event is open to husbands, partners and friends. They do have a band that evening. VINO Veritas is a winery and animal sanctuary. Please sign up at our meeting or inform Lori Rychlik by text if you plan to go: 440-503-5601.

**OCTOBER:** We will head for John Christ Winery in Avon for Trivia. This is from 7 to 9 pm, but plan to be there earlier. Vera will have details and signup sheets at the meeting. Tentative dates are October 9 or 16.

**NOVEMBER:** Macaroni Grill is the happy hour of the month on Wednesday, November 19. Happy hour is 3 to 7 pm. We plan on being there at 4:30. We will be sending out reminders the week before and ask for you to let us know if you plan on attending so we have an idea of how many people will attend.

Also in November or December, we will attend Clague Playhouse for a Christmas play, "The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberly." More on this to come.

We have many more outings and happy hours planned including "Dinner & a Movie," a craft, bowling, PJ's Spa, Crushers game, and our annual trip to Geneva. More to come in future newsletters!

Hope you are as excited as we are for the upcoming events !!



## Ways & Means - Michelle & Jamie

**Golf Outing:** What an incredible day on the course! Thanks to the amazing efforts of our volunteers, generous sponsors, and everyone who donated raffle prizes, this year's Golf Outing was nothing short of spectacular. Together, we achieved a record-breaking success — raising a final profit of \$3,995, which is over \$1,200 more than last year's \$2,775! This accomplishment is a true testament to what we can do when we come together as a team. From start to finish, your hard work and support made this event our best outing yet. Thank you for helping us make such a meaningful impact — we couldn't have done it without you!



Sponsors	\$ 2,800.00
Players	\$ 2,000.00
Event Day Funds	\$ 1,636.00
Cost to NOGC	\$ (1,400.00)
Cost of signs	\$ (220.00)
Starter Cash	\$ (400.00)
Raffle expenses	\$ (20.98)
Cash prizes	\$ (400.00)
<b>Profit</b>	<b>\$ 3,995.02</b>

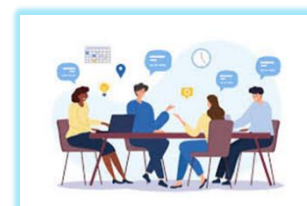


**Projects for this year will be announced at the meeting.**



## Communications - Kim Fahrion & Renee K.

The Communications Committee met 7/21/25.  
Attending were Victoria, Renee K. and Michelle.



- Renee will continue to produce the monthly newsletter.
  - Committee members will continue to update the Google calendar which may be accessed on the club website and committee chairs will also be given access to update it.
  - We will once again encourage members to use the Remind app which allows us to text announcements about club events and activities.
  - A group will meet to review and update the Yearbook. Renee will then 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.
  - Renee will continue to update our portable hard drive with all of our important documents.
  - Renee will contact David Furin of N.O. Community Council to collaborate announcing and promoting our events.
  - Committee members and Michelle have access to update our FB page.
- Club website: <https://northholmsted.wixsite.com/nojwc>

## Membership Committee - Karen & Victoria



The membership committee meeting was held on Wednesday, August 6th discussing the upcoming club year.

The North Olmsted Homecoming parade was a fun success.

- Sally Moorman drove her Thunderbird convertible for us and we had magnet signs made for the side of the vehicle that can be used year-after-year.
- Lynn created NOJW flyers which we distributed along the parade route along with candy donated by club members
- Thanks to all of our walkers this year: Donna McKenna, Michelle Planovsky, Katy Kerg, Kerry Derov, Sharon Hampu, Irene Whipkey, Renee Kolesar and Victoria Dickson.

Open House will be held Thursday, October 2nd with a theme of "Fall Festival."

- Time 6:30-8:30
- Membership will provide the refreshments, goodie bags and door prizes.
- A Facebook event has been created if you wanted to share with any friends or family.

Other Info:

- New member information will be emailed to new members upon dues being received.
- The wording on the membership application has been adjusted to reflect the diversity of our members.
- We are working on different options for club shirts.
- The directory will be updated and distributed by Membership.
- Installation will be discussed as it gets closer.



## September 2025 Birthday Greetings

Member	Birthday
Kim Fahrion	September 5
Diane Koenig	September 15
Donna McKenna	September 19
Lisa Sukenik	September 19
Katy Kerg	September 20
Jamie Wacker	September 26





## WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU DID THIS SUMMER!

Marie Peepers: I celebrated my 70th birthday at a Crushers game with family and friends. Jeff arranged for me to throw out a first pitch. It was an awesome great experience.



Sally Moorman: My husband Dan and I went to Alaska! We were on a plane, a bus, a train and a ship! It's a beautiful state!



Donna: Recently visited Niagara Falls. This past Saturday she took her granddaughter Ava and a friend to the Maturicon animé convention in Columbus.



Niagara Falls

Maturicon



## WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU DID THIS SUMMER!

Sue Wanenmacher attended high school graduation of her granddaughter, Ryann, in Kentucky. She is now a freshman at the University of Kentucky.



Karen Hirsh has been conducting many wedding ceremonies.



Katie Moorman and her boyfriend, Mike, traveled to Curaçao this summer.



Renee K: All summer I've been enjoying long walks in the Cuyahoga, Lorain and Medina county Metroparks. The newest place I found is Amherst Beaver Creek Reservation.



Michelle: We are having a great time camping across the state this summer. Here is one of my favorite photos of our campsite view on the summer solstice.



Debbie and Ron Allen enjoyed a wonderful vacation in Hawaii.



Turtle Beach

