



VOICE

Now is the Time to Begin Anew

How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment:
WE CAN START NOW, start slowly changing the world!

How lovely that everyone, great and small,
can make a contribution toward introducing justice
straight away.

-Anne Frank

The New Year is upon us and it presents the chance for each of us to start anew. Not simply with resolutions that we have probably already broken but in real, substantive ways and I for one am looking forward to a very rewarding year with all of you caring and generous ladies!

- Kathy

Dates to Remember

January 11th - 7:00 pm Mock Spelling Bee
Allen School

January 12th - 7:30 pm General Meeting
Medford Arts Center

January 17th - 6:30 Book Club
Barbara's House

January 18th - 7:00 pm Spelling Bee
Allen School

January 25th - 7:00 pm Snow Date Spelling Bee



Medford Works! - Making a Difference in the Community

The Medford Works Action Summit is scheduled to be held at Camp Ockanickon on Monday, February 27, from 8:00 a.m. through 1 p.m. (including lunch). The cost will be announced, but it should not be more than \$12-\$15 for coffee, bagels and then soup and sandwiches. All conference materials will be provided.

WCOM will co-facilitate the community non-profit group discussion with Sunrise Rotary. Other discussion topics will include Main St development (HMVA), Off-Main Small Business in Medford (MBA), Medford Event Planning (Medford Township), Economic Development Commission/mission, vision, and goals (EDC), and other topics as suggested. It will be an informal forum to seek solutions. Each breakout session will be encouraged to identify a concern, examine available resources, and draft an action plan.

Chris Schultz, Medford township manager, will welcome the group and stay to participate.

Registration materials with more specifics will be distributed with the January Voice and at that meeting.

www.medford-works.com

January Program



We are excited to announce that our January general meeting will take place at the Medford Arts Center at 18 North Main Street.

We will once again be creating beautiful Valentines for Veterans. We will be guided in this activity by one of the wonderful instructors from MAC.





Home Life

Mothers Matter

Mark your calendars - we have set our field trip to Mothers Matter for Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

Education

Spelling Bee Update

Mock Bee - January 11, 2012 - PLEASE ARRIVE 6:45 pm

Bee - January 18, 2012 - PLEASE ARRIVE 6:15 pm

Snow Date - January 25, 2012 - WILL ADVISE

Volunteers:

Judges - Sheila McGinn, Cyndy Frymire, Rosemary and MaryJo

Pronouncer - Elaine

Registration - Mock Bee (January 11): Kathy, Melody and Joan

Bee (January 18): Barbara, Melody and Janet

Refreshments - Susan, Amelia, Janet, Kathy **NEED MORE**

Floater - Luisa **NEED AT LEAST 2 MORE**

Set up - Kathy
Clean up - Kathy

This is one of our most high profile events and we look forward to another successful bee this year!

The top three from our bee will be invited to the Southern Regional Bee on February 12, 2012 at Haddon Fortnightly.

Book Donations

Please bring your donations of books and/or magazines for distribution to the Ancora Psychiatric Hospital Library. Julie will be accepting donations in October, January, March and May.

Girls' Career Institute

We have decided to sponsor a girl for participation in the Girls' Career Institute.

Girls' Career Institute is an annual program held at Douglass College and sponsored by the NJSFWC for high school Junior girls to explore women's issues and encourage awareness to contemporary problems.

More details to follow.

International Outreach

We will be creating a Team Heifer starting in the new year.

"Heifer's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, we empower them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope." Consider giving a Heifer gift this holiday season - www.heifer.org.

Arts

Creative Writing

Up for discussion - To sponsor a creative writing contest for 8th grade students with the theme of tolerance. International Tolerance Day is November 16th therefore we would begin this initiative in 2012. No monetary prize but plenty of recognition for the winner!

Public Issues

Care Package for a Soldier

We will continue to collect items for our adopted soldier. Items such as batteries, socks, snack items, phone cards will be much appreciated.

Conservation

The WCOM will be participating in an Earth Day project, on Sunday, April 22, 2012, in conjunction with the continuation of Medford Works! We have decided to join the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's "Plant One Million" project, "an ambitious multi-state tree-planting campaign..." More details to follow.

Donation Central

As you all know, we helped out a family in need this holiday season. The appreciation from this family was overwhelming. In this same spirit, we would like to have donations made at our general meetings. If you could bring one can of food or one baby item (diapers, baby food etc) to each meeting, we will have the start of a well stocked food pantry by this time next year!

Thank you all for your continued generosity!

