

# Lititz Woman's Club

Monthly Newsletter: December 2021

## A Message from your President

Happy holidays ladies! In the season of gift giving, family and friends, I thought it may be a good time to tell my story as to why I joined the club. It began when I was invited to attend the Millport Conservatory event about 9 years ago my member Shirley Flickinger. My husband and I had a wonderful time, felt welcomed by everyone we met, so I joined a short time after. At first, I wasn't a very active member. I signed up for things but didn't participate like I should have. Tragically, the following Fall I lost my nephew at age 18. He fell from a stairwell while attending a college party. Needless to say, it devastated our family. I too, found myself in a depressed state that I've never been in before. Dreading the holidays, I knew something had to change. So I decided to get more involved to take my mind off things a cannot control and focus on positive things I can. I enjoyed participating with Child Reach, helping families within our community was therapeutic and rewarding. I helped Home Life to spread Christmas cheer to those in care facilities and those struggling with addiction. I signed up for Ways & Means and loved helping to plan projects to raise money for the club. I made new friendships and enjoyed getting to know them. Working together to reach a goal completely changed my morale. I truly believe the club saved me.

It's why I encouraged my daughter Morgan to join and why I still encourage others to this day. This club feels good, feels healthy and brings me happiness.

Happy holidays to you all!

Much love, Amy

P.S. There are lots of wonderful things happening so please read this newsletter in its entirety to stay informed!!

## Upcoming Events

### December

Tues. Dec. 7  
Wrapping Day at Lititz  
Church of the Brethren

Sat. Dec. 4  
Winter Snow and  
Glow Fashion Show  
at Lititz Springs

Mon. Dec. 13  
6:00 board meeting  
7:30 Program and  
meeting





# Committee Reports

## Hospitality

**Julie Meiskey and  
Linda Miskinis**

The greeters for December are Joanne Hess and Linda Miskinis. Our hostesses will be Jackie Hupfeld, Shirley Flickinger and Barbara Ferguson. See you at the December meeting.

## Conservation

**Lucy Norton and  
Barb Flosdorf**

A picture's worth a thousand words! The tree for Janet Grosh that we have long awaited is now standing in the front of Lititz Springs Park. It is an Ivory Silk Lilac Tree, and it has a lovely spot. We hope to have a dedication in the park very soon before winter sets in. When we have a date, we will e-mail it. Have safe and happy holidays.



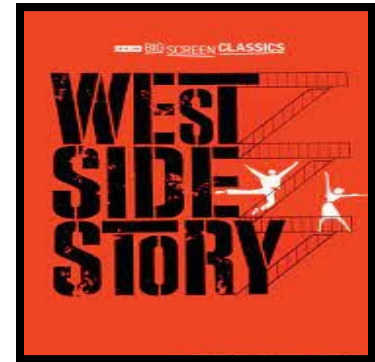
## Arts and Social

**MJ Ember and  
Geri Kull**

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, although we know it was hard holiday for some people. Our December activity is STILL IN FLUX. Our current plan is to go to Penn Cinema to see the NEW version of West Side story produced by Stephen Spielberg. It doesn't open until December 9th and Penn Cinema will not have their schedule finalized until December 2nd. So our plan is to go to a show on either Tuesday December 14th, Wednesday, December 15th or Thursday, December 16th. and eat at Mick's Place. We will have Beth send out an e-mail blast once Penn Cinema has released their schedule. You will need to get your own movie ticket. Sorry for the uncertainty but it is what it is. Geri Kuhl will be coordinating this event.

Our January event is "Putting on the Glitz" dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, January 12th at the Blue Collar Restaurant in Landisville. Give your sparkly clothes one last outing before you pack them away for next year. Drinks at 5 PM with dinner at 5:30. Cash for dinner but credit card for

drinks. More info to follow later. Thanks to Joann Hess for organizing.



## Correspondence/

**Remembrance  
Deann Buffington**

If you know of a concern or a joy that our club should acknowledge, please contact me at 717-413-1814 (preferable, reliable number) or [dbuff@ptd.net](mailto:dbuff@ptd.net).

## Home Life

**Phyllis Frankhouser and  
Linda Miskinis**

Thank you to the members who offered to crochet/knit star ornaments to be given to the clients of Meals on Wheels during mid December. A total of 65 stars will be needed and we would like to have all received by Sunday, December 12. Contact Linda Miskinis at 717-725-8222. Will gladly pick up.



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## Child Reach

**Brenda Crosby ,  
Bette Ranck and  
Marianne Sullivan**

This year Santa gave the Lititz Woman's Club and its Child Reach Committee the challenge of helping to provide Christmas for 154 children and their families in the Lititz/Warwick Community. At this time, much of our work has been completed, but one important activity remains. Child Reach and Club members are cordially invited to join the fun wrapping gifts at Lititz Church of the Brethren on Tuesday, December 7th. You may sign up for the 1:30 to 3 pm or the 3:00 to 4:30 shift on Sign-Up Genius. The sign-up was sent by e-mail to all members on November 29th. This event is the culminating, joyful conclusion of our Club's efforts to ensure a Merry Christmas for our neighbors. Anyone missing the sign-up but wishing to participate should contact Brenda Crosby, Bette Ranck, or Marianne Sullivan. Preceding our Wrap Day.

The following Subcommittees have been working to complete their parts of the Christmas Project: The Books Subcommittee,

chaired by Jo Boltz, has been assembling stories and nonfiction books to delight our young readers. The Hats, Mittens, and Socks Subcommittee under the leadership of Nancy Balmer, Linda Landis, and Marsha Adams is gathering warm winter accessories for all the children. The Towels and Toiletries Subcommittee, headed by Julie Meiskey and Linda Lowe, met on Monday, November 15, to fill bags with donated and purchased towels and other necessities for each of our 59 families. Many club members took part in this effort. Meanwhile, the Family Gifts Subcommittee, under the leadership of Kathy Jo Wenger and Sherry Weidman, researched and verified gift suggestions provided by parents and directed our Shopping Afternoon and Evening at Lititz Target on Wednesday, November 17th. Over 50 members of the Club shopped for all manner of toys for children of all ages. The Backpacks and School Supplies Subcommittee, led by Shirley Flickinger, met on Monday, November 29th and filled donated and purchased backpacks with a complete line of school supplies for all school-age children on our list. Our Fruit for Families Chair, Jen Englehart, will ensure that donated fruit

from Four Seasons is delivered to the Church for distribution. Sue Perolli will bring Wilbur Chocolate's donation of Wilbur buds, and generous donations from Club and Community members will underwrite gift cards for food for all families.

Following the Wrap Day activities, all gifts will be turned over to the families, along with our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas.





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## Program

### Sue Perolli

Deann Buffington will introduce our Christmas Program this month. She has written a wonderful tribute to Gretchen Bender and her daughters Katie and Abie.

Gretchen, Katie, and Abie Bender will be presenting a Holiday Songfest on December 13, the second Monday of this month. The Bender family moved from the Outer Banks to Lititz five years ago and have music as one of their top priorities. In fact, collectively, this trio plays 15 instruments. Gretchen is the director of the Children's Choir at the Lititz Moravian and was a long-term substitute in Warwick during the last school year. This year, she is subbing at many districts. Katie completed her freshman year as a music education major at West Chester University, and Abbie is currently a junior at Warwick. Both girls have been heavily involved in the Warwick High School music department's offerings of symphonic band, marching, jazz band, string ensemble, orchestra, concert choir, show choir, and the Spring musicals. Our holiday cheer will grow as we listen to the Benders' performance of a variety of Christmas music: a jazz vocal arrangement,

pop holiday songs, and Christmas classics. Additionally, we LWC members and guests will be joining the Benders in singing some familiar carols. Those who have already heard Gretchen, Katie, and Abbie can attest that LWC can expect a delightful holiday program.



## Digital and Social Media

### Karen Edlund & Julie Meiskey

We hope you continue to check out our website. If there is anything you want added to our site, please contact Julie or me.. The link is:

[lititzwomansclub.squarespace.com](http://lititzwomansclub.squarespace.com)

## Membership

### Beth Mack

It's been a busy month (AGAIN) for the Membership Committee – as women throughout Lititz learn more about the LWC and our very active committees, they are at-

tending meetings and sending in their applications for membership! At November's Meeting, we introduced the following new members to the club:

Lori Lee (717) 669-3247  
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Laura Smeltz (717) 572-3745  
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Betsy Green <(410) 259-1853  
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Rosanne Sietins (615)476-2329  
rlsietin@comcast.net, and

Gwen Will (717) 380-0706  
gwensill3434@gmail.com.

Please introduce yourself to our new members and add their contact information to your yearbook. We have plans to introduce 5 new members at the December Meeting! Reminder: Our Annual Membership Dues will be \$35 (checks payable to Lititz Woman's Club) and can be sent to me, Beth Mack, 215 E Main Street, Lititz or given to me at the December Meeting. Donations above your dues are welcome and greatly appreciated. After December's Meeting, I will be emailing an updated list of all member contact information since we have had so many new members join the club since the yearbook was printed. Wishing you all a healthy, happy holiday season!



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## International & Public Affairs

**Elaine Bair**

Our committee will get into full speed after the Holidays. In Feb. and March we will be collecting items for Lancaster Creative Reuse. It will be items we usually throw away and they will be used for people who do crafting. The money they make goes back into community projects. Then in April we will be collecting items for the Pet Pantry. The items will be used to help families who have a pet and need help providing for them so the family can keep their family pet and not have to give them up. Have HAPPY Thanksgiving



## Ways and Means

**Laurie Grove and  
Kelley Bomberger**

The Ways & Means Committee is looking forward to our annual Fashion Show in December (Deann is submitting info on this)! We are also excited to get back on track in 2022 as we continue with Trivia Night and roll out some new fundraising events! We wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and very happy holiday season!





“What you keep for yourself, you lose,  
What you give away, you keep forever”



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