



The Connection

Past - Present - Future

October 2026 Newsletter

The next General Membership Meeting will be held at **Spring Hollow Golf Club** on October 15.
Please arrive between 11:00 and 11:30 AM for registration.

Hostesses: Iris Blanche, June McGinn, Carol Ferguson
The hostesses will wear blue lanyards. Please see one of them with any questions or concerns about the luncheon, lunch payments, dues, tickets, or other related matters.

Reflections: Susan Jucker

Current membership: 89 members and 6 Honorary members

PROGRAM:

Royersford Mayor Alex Metricarti

Maryann's Monthly Memo (M&M)

Hello, everyone! Think of this little corner as your monthly M&M candy—a sweet, colorful treat meant to bring a smile to your face, add warmth to your day, and share a few moments of connection.

I want to extend my deepest thanks to each and every one of you for your wonderful participation in making our club activities a resounding success so far! Your energy at our meetings, your dedication, and your shared smiles keep our circle strong.

As we look ahead to a beautifully busy season of giving, I ask you to consider taking on a role—no matter how small—on an upcoming project or committee that calls to you. Every extra helping hand supports our mission to make a difference in our community and to cherish the connections that bring us together. As our motto reminds us, “We cannot all serve alike, but we can all serve well.” It truly takes all of us working hand in hand to fulfill our community’s charitable acts!

Also, please remember to bring your **Blue Book** to every meeting. We will share important updates and new contact information to keep our directories current as we welcome new connections into our fold!

Important Payment Notice: Dues remain **\$25.00** and are due by December 1. You may pay by cash, check, or Venmo. Meals are **\$35.00** and may be paid by cash, check, or Venmo. If you are paying both dues and meal fees by check, please write two separate checks, as there are separate registration tables.

NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

- **Annual Fashion Show** — Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Chadwicks. Theme: “Hollywood Glitz and Glamour.” **SOLD OUT!** See you on October 17! Bring the money you’ve stashed away for our 50/50 Raffle, Basket Raffles, Basket of Cheer Raffle, and Gift Card Tree. And remember our Glitz & Glamour Costume Contest! Dress for the Oscars and compete for Most Creative Costume, Most Dazzling/Sparkling Costume, Best Interpretation of a Famous Movie Star, and Best Interpretation of a Famous Movie Character. A grand prize will be awarded for the Best Overall Red-Carpet Look!
- **Boscov’s Coupons:** Available at our October meeting for \$5.00 each (100% of proceeds go to our treasury) for the October 21st shopping event. These coupons are valid for both in-store and online purchases.
- **Holiday Bazaar** (Saturday, November 21, 2026, at Friendship Ambulance Hall). Please sign up at our table for crafts, ornaments, baked goods, raffle baskets, and “Attic Treasures.” *Next committee meeting: October 20, 2026, 6 PM.*
- **New Banner** in the works to proudly display our new emblem.
- **Increased social media** presence before major fundraisers to spark community interest.

INTEREST GROUPS & ONGOING PROJECTS

- **Walking Group:** Weather permitting, the walking club meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM. Chair: Pam Silver
- **Celebrate America 250 Reading Group:** Meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Royersford Free Library. We will discuss Fiona Davis’s *“The Lions of Fifth Avenue”* on Monday, October 26. Co-Chairs: Maryann Gross and Lorraine Pickell.
- **Storytime at the Library:** The next event is on Friday, October 30. Kathy Hagenbaugh will read *Go Away Big Green Monster*. Co-Chairs: Katharine Nelson and Kathy Hagenbaugh
- **Zoomers Reading Group:** The next meeting is on November 5. We will discuss Freida McFadden *“Never Lie.”* Chair: Evelyn Dudonis
- **“Library Club” Reading Group:** We are reading Fiona Davis’s *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* for discussion at the November 3 meeting. The next meeting will be held at Dolores Gilbert’s home. Chair: June McGinn
- **“This is Ram Country” (Public Art Initiative):** The formal dedication ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 5th, at 12:00 noon at Ivy House on Main Street, next to the new Royersford Commons building. Chair: Katharine Nelson

- **Social Outings, Excursions & Winery Tours:** Join our combined activities, organized by Co-Chairs Eileen McGrory, Faith Rinaldi, and Rita Wanner.
 - **Mahjong Mondays:** Mahjong games will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month from 1:00–3:00 PM at Landis Creek Golf Club in Limerick. Bring your Mahjong card and game set, if you have one. Beginner players will be paired with experienced players. Advanced players are welcome. Contact Eileen McGrory.
 - **Belmont Mansion Historic Excursion:** Wednesday, October 21. Member carpools will depart from Ace Hardware at 10:00 AM. Ticket price is \$15. The docent price of \$125 will be split among attendees. Lunch will be available. For further details, contact Kelly Stento. RSVP by October 13.
 - **Longwood Gardens Chrysanthemum Festival:** Monday, October 26. Member carpools depart from Ace Hardware at 9:45 AM. Senior Entrance Fee is \$31. RSVP by October 19. Contact Eileen McGrory.
 - **Michener Art Museum Tour:** Friday, November 13. Depart from Ace Hardware at 10:15 AM. The \$18 senior ticket includes a one-hour guided tour. Lunch at 12:00 at a TBD restaurant in Doylestown. Tour begins at 2:00 PM. RSVP by November 6. Contact Eileen McGrory.
- **Project Outreach--Toiletry Collection:** We will continue our monthly toiletry collection. See the email for the list or visit our website. Support local families in the greater Spring-Ford area facing financial hardship. These donations provide vital assistance to our neighbors because SNAP benefits do not cover essential personal care products. Chair: Maryann Gross
- **Ongoing Collections:** We continue collecting plastic and paper shopping bags in support of Daily Bread Food Pantry (Colleen Pontin). Additionally, Vera Grill will collect Redner's receipts for the Spring-Ford Middle School fundraiser.

TREASURING OUR STORY



Our new historical space in our newsletter looks back to look forward. In alignment with our administrative vision, ***“Treasuring Our Connections,”*** we will feature an article or image each month to honor the Woman's Club of Royersford's incredible 112-year legacy. Together, we will step into our archives to share vintage photographs, forgotten memories, and stories from our club scrapbooks. Our history is a beautiful record of community service, friendship, and

collective purpose that continues to anchor us. We invite you to pause, reconnect with our roots, and help us celebrate the remarkable women who laid the foundation for our bright future.

An excerpt from our Scrapbooks: June 1938

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1938.

PAST AND NEWLY ELECTED CLUB PRESIDENTS

—Photo by Sower
MISS KATHERINE HAWKINS

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MRS. FRANK D. PEOPLES

MISS KATHERINE HAWKINS INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF 'FORD WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. Frank D. Peoples, Retiring President, Thanked Members For Splendid Support During Term of Office; Dr. M. H. Nichols Discussed Life of James Whitcomb Riley

STANDING COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED

The beautiful lawn surrounding the home of Mrs. J. A. Buckwalter, 432 Walnut Street, Royersford, formed a lovely setting for the final meeting of the season of the Woman's Club of Royersford, yesterday afternoon.

The installation of officers featured the busy day as Mrs. Frank D. Peoples, retiring president, relinquished her position to Miss Katherine Hawkins, newly elected president.

A brief message was given by the retiring president before the installation of the new members, in which Mrs. Peoples expressed her delight in working with the club and thanked the members of various committees for their whole-hearted support and cooperation during her term of office.

The installation ceremony of Grace Morrison Poole, past president of the general federation, was used by Mrs. Peoples when she inducted the following officers: Mrs. E. R. Thomas, treasurer; Mrs. Jack Wolfe, secretary; Mrs. Charles Thompson, assistant secretary; Mrs. Frank Peoples, third vice-president; Mrs. Fred Heller, second vice-president; Mrs. Edgar P. Hildreth, first vice-president, and Miss Katherine E. Hawkins, president.

ideal poet laureate."

Mrs. Henry Graber, first president of the club, presented the program.

A program was also given including the following numbers: reading and piano solo, "To a Wild Rose," Nancy Latshaw, who also played a saxophone solo, "The Swan"; trumpet solo, "Silverada," Allen Beck, and a trumpet and trombone duet, "The Carnival of Venice," Allen Beck and Joseph Buckwalter.

The club responding to a communication received from the Borough Council, voted a contribution of \$10 to the new police-ambulance car and \$5 to the quota being raised by the Boy Scouts.

A round table conference for committee chairmen will be held September 15, at Lansdowne; a meeting of the county board at the New Century Guild, Philadelphia, September 22, and a South-eastern district meeting tentatively planned for September 22, at Beaver College, Jenkintown. On October 20, a Montgomery County Federation meeting will be held at a place to be chosen later.

The following are the standing committees for the next year: