



The Connection

Past - Present - Future

September 2026 Newsletter

The next General Membership Meeting will be held at **Spring Hollow Country Club**, with meetings held from September through December. **Please arrive between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. for registration.** To celebrate the start of our new club year, we kindly ask all members to **wear our club colors, blue and white**, at this first meeting for our group photograph.

Hostesses: Iris Blanche, June Pfluger, Pam Mertz*

Reflections: Pam Silver

**The hostesses will wear blue lanyards. Please see one of them if you have any questions or concerns about the luncheon, lunch payments, dues, tickets, or other related matters.*

Current membership: 88 members and 6 Honorary members

PROGRAM:

Member Orientation & Introduction of the Club's New Emblem/Logo
Presented by President Maryann Gross and Communication Chair Louise Plush

Maryann's Monthly Memo (M&M)

Welcome to the start of our new club year! As we begin the 2026–2028 administration, my vision centers on **“Treasuring Our Connections.”** To treasure a connection means looking beyond meetings and events to focus on why we serve, how we grow together, and the meaningful bonds we create along the way.

Our club is a tapestry woven from your talents, generosity, and dedication. Every volunteer hour, book discussion, committee effort, and laugh shared together strengthens our community and one another.

Your Executive Board worked behind the scenes this summer, from submitting our non-profit paperwork to polishing our club emblem, to help every member feel seen, heard, and valued. Through our new Member and Honorary Spotlights, we look forward to celebrating the heartbeat of our organization: you.

Your presence honors our proud 112-year history while carrying our club's warmth into the future. As we begin this new year, I invite each of you to participate, lift one another up, and help our club shine.

I look forward to seeing a room united in **blue and white** at our opening meeting on September 17! Thank you for your trust, dedication, and friendship.

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 must be paid by cash or check only; Venmo is not accepted for meal payments. If you are paying both dues and meal fees by check, **please write two separate checks**, as separate registration tables will be set up.

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

- **Royersford Community Day:** We need 1 more volunteer to man our table from 12:00 to 1:00, and 1 more from 2:00 to 3:00 (this time will also include tear-down). We will be selling Boscov's coupons and Gift Basket raffle tickets (\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00).
- **Boscov's Coupons:** Available at the September and October meetings for \$5.00 each (100% of proceeds go to our treasury) for the October 21st shopping event. These coupons are valid for in-store and online purchases.
- **Annual Fashion Show** (Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Chadwicks). Theme: **"Hollywood Glitz and Glamour."** **SOLD OUT.** Please bring your gift card donations to our September 17 meeting to help us build our **\$500** gift card tree, along with any bottles you agreed to provide for our wine-and-spirits basket. (See attached flier.) *Final committee meeting: October 5th at 1:00 PM at Ann Marie Wesler's home.*
- **Holiday Bazaar** (Saturday, November 21, 2026, at Sacred Heart Church Gymnasium). We will be collecting "Attic Treasures" (more details at the October meeting). *Next committee meeting: September 10th at 4:00 PM. (Location TBD).*

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 Kate Moore's *"The Woman They Could Not Silence."* Co-Chairs: Maryann Gross or Lorraine Pickell.
- **Storytime at the Library:** The next event is on Saturday, September 26th. Kathy Hagenbaugh will read "Going on a Bear Hunt." Co-Chairs: Katharine Nelson and Kathy Hagenbaugh
- **Zoomers Reading Group:** The next meeting is on October 1. We will discuss Charles Martin's *"Where the River Ends."* Chair: Evelyn Dudonis
- **"Library Club" Reading Group:** Next meeting is on October 6, 2026, at Valerie Hovey's home to discuss Marie Bostwick's *"The Book Club for Troublesome Women."* 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-Chair Eileen McGrory, Co-Chair Faith Rinaldi, and Co-Chair Rita Wanner.
 - **Mahjong Lesson #3:** Monday, September 14, at 6:00 PM at Eileen McGrory’s home. Newcomers are welcome, even if you missed previous lessons! Contact Eileen McGrory.
 - **Jim Thorpe Fall Foliage Trip:** Thursday, October 15 (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM). The Limerick Township motor coach trip is \$45. Contact Limerick Township at 610-495-6432 for details and to book.
 - **Belmont Mansion Historic Excursion:** Wednesday, October 21, 2026. Member carpools will be organized. Contact Kelly Stento.
 - **Longwood Gardens Chrysanthemum Festival:** Monday, October 26 (Time TBA). Tickets are \$31. Member carpools. Contact Eileen McGrory.
- **Project Outreach-Toiletry Collection:** We will begin our monthly toiletry collection. See the email for the list. Support local families in the greater Spring-Ford area facing financial hardship. These donations provide vital assistance to our neighbors because essential personal care products are not covered by SNAP benefits. 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

Welcome to our new historical space in our newsletter, where we look 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.

Excerpt from The Inter-Borough Press, Thursday June 17, 1937



The Art Committee of the Royersford Woman's Club sponsored a card party at the home of the chairman, Mrs. John Fetterolf, Spruce Street, Royersford. The guests enjoyed cards on the lawn. The card party was given for the purpose of raising funds to be used in joining the Art Alliance Lending Library. Through this organization, the club will receive a painting by an American contemporary artist each month. It will be displayed in the public library following club sessions.





WOMAN'S CLUB OF ROYERSFORD

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