



# The Collingswood Junior Women's Club

The Collingswood Junior Women's Club is an organization dedicated first and foremost to making a direct impact on the wellbeing and progress of the Collingswood community. The Club's mission is to provide opportunities for education, leadership training, and community service, all of which are goals of the Club's mother organization, the [New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs \(NJSFWC\)](#).

The Club achieves these goals by sponsoring local events and fundraisers, which first seek to advance Collingswood schools, Collingswood businesses, and the overall Collingswood community, while simultaneously serving the statewide projects and programs supported by the NJSFWC.

In addition, the NJSFWC is a part of the [General Federation of Women's Clubs \(GFWC\)](#), one of the largest and oldest nonpartisan, nondenominational women's volunteer service organizations in the world.

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## **What We Do:**

Our Club provides an opportunity for women from Collingswood, Westmont, and other surrounding areas to join together and make a difference in our communities.

Annually, the Club is responsible for organizing local activities such as the *Fall Fest*, *Santa Brunch (& Lunch!)*, and the *Fourth of July Bike Parade* in addition to many others. The club also participates in local events such as Collingswood's *Green Festival*, *May Fair*, and *Book Festival* to name a few.

In order to help make these many varied events happen, the club asks members to step up and be Department Advisors. These are members of the club who willingly devote their time and energy to a particular aspect of the club's activities, and who help to encourage and facilitate the participation of other club members in our activities and events. The Club's Departments are:

- The Arts
- Conservation
- Health & Home-Life
- Education
- International Outreach & UNICEF
- Public Issues
- State Project
- Donations & Special Projects
- Public Relations

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## **When and Where:**

Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm (with the exception of July and August, when the Club goes on summer break), in the *Peter Childs Room* at the Collingswood Public Library.

## Selected Events at a Glance

**Crafts at Manor Home:** The Collingswood Junior Women's Club hosts a monthly craft, snack, and drink get-together at [Collingswood Manor](#), located at 460 Haddon Ave., Collingswood, NJ. This event is held the second Tuesday of every month from September through May, from 7-8 p.m., sharp.

Every month, the residents of the Manor come out to the event to spend time with the ladies of the club (and any kids that may tag along), while enjoying a light snack, drink, and a craft activity. The club asks for a minimum of three volunteers to attend/facilitate this event (more are welcome, of course!), with one member being responsible for bringing a drink, one member for bringing a snack, and a third member to facilitate the craft project (all craft projects are purchased in advance by the club). This is a relaxed and enjoyable event, and the volunteers who attend get to spend an hour meeting with some of the wonderful residents of the home.



In the month of December, the regular Manor Home craft activity is replaced with a Caroling and Cookie Swap event. All members (and their children!) are encouraged to attend this evening of holiday cheer with a platter of cookies to share with the Manor residents.

For more information on this event, please contact the Health & Home Life Department Advisor.



**Santa Brunch (& Lunch!) for Charity:** Our Club's largest event of the year, the annual Santa Brunch (& Lunch!) for Charity is held the first Sunday in December at the [Collingswood Community Center](#). This event, which consists of two seatings (Brunch from 10-Noon, and Lunch from 1-3 pm) offers families an inexpensive morning/afternoon out, with food provided via donation by many local area restaurants, crafts, entertainment, a gift for the kiddies and a visit with Santa. Proceeds from this event benefit the State Project and other local charities.

As this is such a large event, planning for the Santa Brunch begins almost as soon as the event is completed! Because of the size, every member of the club is asked to assist the day of the event in some capacity. Whether by manning the ticket booth, serving food, acting as MC, or assisting with set up and break down.

In addition, for this event, one member is asked to volunteer to act as chair, while several other members are asked to step up and head the individual committees for the event – such as food donations, decorations, raffle prizes, ticket sales, entertainment, etc. The chair's responsibility is to oversee the individual committees, and act as an overall event planner the day of the event.

For more information on this event, please contact the State Project Department Advisor.