



THE SEEDER
Newsletter of the Garden Club of Johnstown
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When: MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2023 at **noon**

What: HOLIDAY COVERED DISH/MEETING

Where: WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hospitality Committee: Co-chairs Charlotte Crissey & Sarah Schott; Lois Spory, Joy Twing, & Faith Thomas

Dear Friends,

WOW! You did it again! The “Welcome the Holidays” was a magnificent success. Not only did the community benefit financially, but the club looked so festive in all of its’ autumnal beauty. This was the first time in 32 years that we featured Thanksgiving. And what fun we had before, during & after the event, along with all of the attendees. The few things leftover were given to various organizations & there will be some ribbons & bows on sale at this meeting. Congratulations to Sheri Lowry & all of her committee chairs & members on a job well done!

This December meeting will be a covered dish with members whose last names begin with A-K bringing dessert/ fruits & L-Z bringing a salad or vegetable dish. The Women’s Help Center Shelter Wish List is a GCJ’s tradition to give a little extra to help this time of year. We will collect items in the foyer of the church at the December 11th meeting. **Volunteers** are needed to transport the items after the meeting to the center. WHC is only accepting new item donations. There is a full list of ideas on their website: womenshelpcenter.org. Please consider bringing a friend to the meeting.

We will have a brief business meeting dealing with a possible Flower Show in 2024, considering purchasing a paver at the NGC headquarters in St. Louis, MO, GCJ membership survey, and dues (\$25) will begin to be collected. After this we will share holiday traditions, customs & decoration ideas as we prepare for this special season.

The Nominating Committee (Gloria LaMonica, Sheri Lowry & Karlice Mkuchan) has been appointed by the Executive Committee, according to GCJ’s By-Laws. We are grateful for their dedication. GCJ is a service organization and it will be most helpful to the club and them, if you give serious consideration if they approach you.

There will be no meeting in January, as usual. In February we will begin to think about planting our gardens so bring all of those catalogs & ideas. The hospitality committee co-chairs are Linda Orledge & Diane Taylor, along with Donna Adams, Helen Melnik, Nancy Myers & Marlene Roberts.

Wishing you & your family a joyful holiday season and a happy & healthy 2024.

Fondly,
Mary Jo