

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

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Summer has just started, and your members have probably already stocked up on supplies. But, those hot sunny days extend well into fall, and the importance of sun protection does not go away.

Day care centers and nursery schools need supplies to protect their children when sending them outside to play, and by the end of summer, supplies may be low. So, suggest to your members that when they are replenishing sunscreen for themselves, they purchase a container of children's sunscreen to donate. You might as a club identify a local center, check whether they will accept supplies and if there is a preference for lotion, cream, etc. Adding a child's hat or visor may be welcome too.

And, while you are doing this, how about adding a smile to the children's faces with a replacement outdoor toy, something for the sandbox, a pail and shovel or a soft ball, things that might have been lost or broken with daily use at a busy school or day care center.

If you want to do even more, ask the center if they accept cash donations to purchase cool treats for a hot day. That might bring smiles to the staff as well as the children.

Encouraging your members to protect children on those summer and fall sunny days is a good reminder for them to protect themselves too – winners all around!

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ARTS/CREATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

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JUNE 2018 BULLETIN

Planning next years club programs or projects? Need a project in a pinch? Projects that combine two (or more) community service programs are a good way to engage members and attract prospective members.

- Decorating small flower pots for school children to plant seedlings for Arbor Day or Earth Day and donating them to local classrooms. (Conservation CSP)
- Have experienced members teach a beginner's knitting or crochet class to make scarves for Putting Prayers to Action. (Advocates for Children CSP)
- Purchase coasters/door hangers/pillow kits from a wholesale supplier to construct favors or other items for Meals-On-Wheels recipients. (Home Life CSP)
- Decorate canvas tote bags to fill with coloring books, crayons and stickers for the children at a local shelter. (Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention CSP)
- On a tight budget? Make magnetic book marks from scraps of card stock (2"x4") folded in half with 1/4" strips of flat promotional magnets glued to the inside. Decorate them and distribute on Read Across America Day. (Education CSP)
- Co-ordinate a program at the local children's library to make cards to send to our service men and women for Veteran's Day or another holiday. (Public Issues CSP)

Some of these projects may constitute a "Done-In-One" project, some may involve a little more planning. Don't forget to attach a "courtesy of" label to each donated item and to publicize each project. Just think of the impact these may have outside of the club.

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Think about all of the free entertainment available in your neighborhoods.

Concerts in the park, County wide shows in the parks, etc. For most you just need a chair or blanket to hear bands, string bands, and children's shows, etc. The Free libraries often have movies on summer evenings. Search your Sunday newspapers for festivities that week. Don't forget the new subscriptions for local theaters are renewing soon and some will give a kickback to your club for telling your members about their new lineups.

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JUNE 2018 COMMUNICATIONS BULLETIN

Patricia A Pasquale, Chairman

When thinking about Communications, remember you have two important responsibilities: internal club communications and external community—district, state, and global messaging. The Bulletin is directed toward the first; internal club communications or getting the word out to your members. It should be timely, concise, and accurate. In order to accomplish this, consider a combination of the following three methods; a phone ladder, an e-blast or “planting a seed in the club grapevine.”

For those members who are not computer savvy or do not have computers, you will need to organize a phone ladder; a system whereby you have a coordinator who receives that original message and passes it onto a few women who are assigned members to call. What is an e-blast? The Internet defines it as “an email message sent out to many recipients simultaneously.” In terms of your club, an e-blast is a message sent to all club members at the same time. To make it easy, set up a distribution list in Microsoft Outlook with all club members email addresses so the process becomes “One Click”. (As members join, add them to this distribution list to keep it updated.) Lastly, one of the fastest communications networks is the club “grapevine”; remember the Faberge Organics shampoo TV commercial, “and they tell two friends.” You can successfully use the grapevine to spread the word. You will have a sense of which members have the widest reach of friends. Then “plant the seed” by giving her a call, asking her out for lunch, or stopping by just to say hi!

A combination of any two or all three, the phone ladder, an e-blast and the grapevine, will insure that all members are on the same page and no one member feels ill-informed or uninformed. Be mindful that the word will get back to the top very quickly when there are inconsistencies in the message or if someone did not receive it.

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CONSERVATION BULLETIN

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When at the beach this summer, be sure to dispose of your trash properly. Besides being unsightly, plastics and other debris are dangerous to birds and sea life, which can choke on them or become entangled. You can also make a difference by cleaning up trash you find on the beach. Bring gloves and get your family and friends to help!

You can support butterflies in your garden by planting herbs such as dill, parsley, and fennel, along with nasturtium. Milkweed is an important food source for monarchs. Other colorful flowers provide nectar for honeybees.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND PREVENTION

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Having a new backpack will help these hurting children feel more like the other children in their classroom and make their return to school a little more pleasant.

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THE GREAT AMERICAN READ is an eight-part PBS television series and nationwide campaign that explores the joy of books and the power of reading, told through the prism of America's 100 best-loved books. It is designed to spark a national conversation about reading and the books that have inspired, moved and shaped American culture.

THE GREAT AMERICAN READ, hosted by television personality and journalist Meredith Viera, launched with a two-hour episode on May 22, 2018, and introduced viewers to the full list of America's Top 100 Books, selected through a demographically representative national survey. The chosen books span five centuries, from *Don Quixote* (1603) to *Ghost* (2016). Authors from fifteen different countries are represented, with genres ranging from beloved children's classics such as *Charlotte's Web* to modern best-sellers such as *Twilight*.

Starting on June 4, 2018, and running for six consecutive Mondays, PBS will take the show on the road, to examine concepts common to groups of books on the list. The nation then gets the summer to read before the series returns for themed episodes in the fall, with America's "best loved book" to be revealed on October 23, 2018.

Voting has already begun and will continue throughout the summer. Both the book list and the link to vote can be found at www.pbs.org/greatamericanread You can vote once a day on line, and through hashtag voting, via Facebook and Twitter using #GreatReadPBS.

How many of America's Top 100 Books have you read? Are you willing to write a brief report on one or more of these 100 titles and become an active member of **Epsilon Sigma Omicron**?

Epsilon Sigma Omicron, or **ESO**, is an honorary reading society open to all GFWC and NJSFWC federated members. Joining **ESO** is easy and inexpensive; send your \$2.00 check, payable to NJSFWC to the ESO Chairman. For just \$2.00 more, you can obtain the official **ESO** reading list. Almost all of the **GREAT AMERICAN READ** books are on the **ESO** list. Select the books you have read or want to read and then submit a brief report, using the template found on the NJSFWC website. Certificates are awarded at the NJSFWC Annual Convention to those members achieving various reading levels. If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact NJSFWC ESO Chairman, Joyce Dreger.

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The summer months are a perfect time to update your club's history, if need be. A committee can be organized and each member can concentrate on a specific decade or other time frame.

The Women's History and Resource Center of GFWC (WHRC) has a "Guide for Preserving and Writing Club Histories and a Guide for Recording Oral History that can be downloaded. (www.WHRC@GFWC.org)

When your club is planning programs for the new club year, set aside at least one monthly meeting to display memorabilia from your past, i.e. yearbooks, picture albums, minute books, and scrap books. It's interesting to look through "fond memories" and hear the comments. Long term members will remember some of the events, and the newer members will get a better view of what the clubs have been doing.

Is anyone interested in doing some research over the summer? Thomas Dublin, a professor emeritus at SUNY Binghamton is doing research on NJ Suffragists, and is looking for some volunteers to work on helping to create a database with short 500 word biographies of suffragists from all over the US, and the biographies would be due at the end of August. If you are interested you can contact Lisa Hendrickson at (lhinnovate3@gmail.com)

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BULLETIN

HOME LIFE

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HUNGER KNOWS NO SEASON

When the Autumn and Winter holidays roll around, many of us donate to our local food pantries to help out those less fortunate than we.

But *Hunger Knows No Season*. Why not help your neighbors by donating to an organization such as The Community Food Bank of New Jersey (CFBNJ)? Watch for the September ALMANAC for information about CFBNJ and how you and your club can help.

Meanwhile, take time this summer to investigate your local food pantries. Many towns have them but if your town does not, a neighboring town may. Find out what items are most needed; see if you can volunteer to spend a couple of hours a week or month helping out.

We can help “fill the emptiness caused by hunger with the basic human essentials that people need to survive.”*

*CFBNJ mission statement

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HONORS

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NEWS ALERT!

The Honors Department has included

Honor Roll and Order of the Lily (awarded at Annual Convention)
Honors Book
Memorials Book

Expanded to include:

Cecilia Gaines Holland Award to a Clubwoman
Women of Achievement

Information, such as applications and dates for filing paperwork, for these awards will be included in the ALMANAC under HONORS.

On the **NJSWFC.org** website, under MATERIALS, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENT FORMS you will find information pertaining to Honors, Cecilia Gaines Holland Award, and the Women of Achievement.

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June 2018 International Outreach Bulletin

The International Outreach supplement will be out in late summer. It will be listed in the 2018-2019 NJSFWC Yearbook and on the NJSFWC.org web site. There will be an addition to the supplement - "Days for Girls". This is an organization that empowers girls to take control of their lives through menstrual education and DFG kits. For more information and what is included in the kit please see www.daysforgirls.org. This may be a great project to do during the summer.

Please remember I am here for you, and if you have any questions or suggestions call me at 973-839-0826 or e-mail me at manneback@njsfwc.org.

Have a wonderful summer and I can't wait to hear about all your great projects.

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2018 ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS - It's your club's opportunity now!

FROM: Carole Speechley, Legislation/Resolutions Chairman

Delegates to the 2018 Annual Convention adopted 12 Resolutions, covering a wide range of issues, which now are added to the public policy platform of the NJSFWC:

- ELDER ABUSE COVERED UNDER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (NJ)
- ESTABLISH A COMMISSION ON DRUNK AND IMPAIRED DRIVING (NJ)
- NO WORK, NO PAY (USA)
- NORTHEAST SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (NJ)
- PROHIBIT HOLDING DUAL OFFICES (NJ)
- ESTABLISH TERM LIMITS FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS (USA)
- STOP ENABLING SEX TRAFFICKERS (USA)
- STRONG FAMILIES ACT OF 2017 (USA)
- OPERATING DRONE EQUIPPED WITH A WEAPON (NJ)
- DISCRIMINATION LAW AMENDMENT (NJ)
- ESTABLISH SAFE SANITARY SUBSIDIZED RENTAL HOUSING BILL OF RIGHTS (NJ)
- STOP TELEMARKETING DECEPTIVE PRACTICES (NJ)

Surely these resolutions will appeal to one or several of your members. As members of the NJSFWC, they can contact their representatives and express their views and add that THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE NJSFWC of GFWC. **Please make this information available to your members – they can get this bulletin, along with details about these resolutions under Legislation/Resolutions in the Materials section of the njsfwc.org website.**

As is the tradition of the NJSFWC, the final "Resolved" lists those public officials who have an interest in the topic adopted. It is the responsibility of the NJSFWC Legislation/Resolutions Chairman to forward copies of each Resolution, along with a cover letter, to each named individual. In this way, those individuals are informed of our adopted stand on the topic. Each Resolution states that 7000 concerned women have agreed with the position of the Resolution. One letter announcing the adopted position from the State Chairman on behalf of the NJSFWC carries weight. Imagine the impact that one letter from each of the 7000 concerned women would have! If that stretches your imagination, imagine what even just one letter from each of the 200+ NJSFWC clubs.

Here's how your club and members can participate:

- Each member can access the newly adopted Resolutions, as well as all Active Resolutions, on the NJSFWC website (www.njsfwc.org). Simply logon with your unique user name and password, click the Materials tab and on the left, scroll down to the Legislation/Resolutions to view the newly adopted Resolutions.
- Review the Letter Writing Kit to assist members in formulating an impactful letter in support of Resolutions and other issues. This is available on the NJSFWC website, in the Legislation/Resolutions section under the Materials tab. It is also available for purchase from Headquarters for \$3.
- Addresses of elected officials listed in NJSFWC Resolutions can be located online at www.Congress.gov for the US congressional delegation and at www.njleg.state.nj.us for the New Jersey Legislature.
- Also on the njsfwc.org website in the Legislation/Resolutions section under materials is a link to the **GFWC Legislative Action Center**. With just a few clicks of the computer mouse members can contact their legislators, the Vice President and even the President! They can also research current legislation and read about GFWC's stance on national issues.

Choose all or just one of the newly adopted Resolutions to voice your support. You'll be surprised how simple this project can be, and how effectively your voice will be heard - **What We Do really does Matter.**

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Membership Bulletin

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"Membership Recruitment is Everyone's Responsibility--Make Sure Everyone Has The Necessary Tools"

*Use the summer months to update your membership flyers, tri folds and materials. Consider creating and distributing club business cards to all members

*Prepare an 'elevator speech' for all to use when they want to talk about the club

*Hold a summer social or meet informally at a park, coffee shop or restaurant. Invite the public to attend.

*Hold a membership meeting to plan your recruitment plans and goals for the coming year.

* Always visit the NJSFWC.org and GFWC.org websites for additional information.

Remember that membership recruitment is everyone's responsibility - make sure they have the proper tools!

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We hope you are enjoying the summer!

"National Night Out" - This is a night that is usually held in every township building to promote safety within your township with information from Police Officers to promote safety ideas to children that attend this event. According to the National Night Out website, the date for 2018 is August 7th. They usually have Police Officers with canine police dogs performing various drills. Please contact your local police to find out how you could participate or what the town has planned to recognize National Night Out. It is a very educational and fun event! A great idea is to have your members write out thank you cards to the Police Officers to thank them for the wonderful work they do to keep us all safe. Your club could attend as a group and perhaps have a photo taken with your members giving the cards to the Police Officers. Volunteers in Action!

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Special State Project – Court Appointed Special Advocates of NJ (CASA of NJ)
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CASA advocacy protects children from abuse and neglect that may be prevalent in the homes. A CASA volunteer becomes a voice for the child and the court listens to their suggestions before making a decision to have the child go back to their families. "Every child deserves to have a safe, permanent and nurturing home."

- There are many ways for club women to participate in this special state project. There are volunteers to learn how to become a court appointed special advocate and be the voice for the child. More information will follow.
- Our first statewide event will be collecting new children duffel bags to bring to our September District Councils. When neglected and abused children leave their homes, they leave with nothing. This is why duffel bags are important for them to collect a few things before leaving. Our District State Project Chairs will collect them in September.
- Knit scarves, gloves, or blankets for children. Details on blanket size will follow.
- Distribute CASA of NJ brochures in your community.
Contact: www.casaofnj.org or call: 609-695-9400 Ext. 1
- Districts are encouraged to do a fundraiser to benefit CASA of NJ. Each district has a district chair to coordinate an event. The State Chair would like to know when events are happening in the state. All monetary donations must be mailed to NJSFWC Headquarters, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 and earmarked SSP-CASA of NJ.