

# NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF GFWC

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As the cool weather of fall approaches, it's time to have a pajama party. No, you don't have to ask club members to come to a meeting in their pajamas, but you could use a pajama party theme and suggest they change into slippers once they arrive. You might even offer small prizes for slippers that look most colorful, most comfortable or most "loved". While having a bit of fun, ask members to donate new pajamas for children, reminding them to think of both boys and girls and of ages up through teens. Check with local shelters and organizations serving families with children to get suggestions on sizes. And ask about the need for personal care items such as combs and brushes and any limitations, such as non-liquid or fragrance-free. Pajamas are used daily and children grow quickly. Every child should have the dignity and joy of having their own new pajamas that fit and keep them comfortable and warm.

Keeping with the theme, each club attending NJSFWC State Fall Conference is asked to bring one new pair of children's pajamas to the Advocates for Children display. Non-liquid, non-scented personal care items will also be collected. The donated items will be distributed to the Children's Home Society of New Jersey and to other organizations working with children in need. And, while dropping off your donations, take a few minutes to review the information available to your clubs about programs and projects that work toward happy, healthy and safe environments for our children.

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**SEPTEMBER 2018 BULLETIN**

President Ronald Reagan, in 1986, established the third Monday in January as a Federal Holiday to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. In 1994 the U.S. Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a national day of service and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort.

A GFWC 2018-2020 Initiative is asking each and every club in GFWC to do a service project on that day. GFWC News and Notes will have project ideas for how you can contribute to your community. To subscribe, submit your name, mailing address, e-mail and club name to [gfwc@gfwc.org](mailto:gfwc@gfwc.org). In addition, [www.nationalservice.gov/mlkday](http://www.nationalservice.gov/mlkday) has links for finding a volunteer opportunity and resources for involving students.

**Start to plan your projects now!**

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## *ARTS/Performing Bulletin, September 2018*

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Please consider entering the Creative Writing Contest. The Categories are: Poetry (8-30 lines), Haiku (17 syllables), One Act Play/Skit (15-60 minutes), Short Story (2000 words), or Book Review (2000 words). Please include the word count. The details can also be found in the Arts/Performing Community Service Program Supplement 2018-2020 which is online at NJSFWC.org or in the State Yearbook.

### **Here are the rules you will need to follow:**

1. The NJSFWC Literature Division Chairman Kim Gallagher, (201 Holly Avenue, Runnemede 08078) must receive two copies of each entry no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>. **DO NOT MAIL "REGISTERED" OR "CERTIFIED."**
2. Entries must be written during the contest year.
3. Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
4. Entries must be **typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of 1 inch on all four sides, on 8 ½ inches x 11 inches paper.**
5. **Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page:**
  - a. author's name,
  - b. e-mail address (if available),
  - c. mailing address,
  - d. telephone number,
  - e. name of local club/state,
  - f. category,
  - g. title of manuscript
  - h. professional or amateur (earnings not to exceed \$500 annually) writer
6. Enclose a \$1.00 entry fee to cover all entries sent per person.
7. All entries are judged on content, organization, and form. Decision of the judges is **FINAL.**
8. Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should retain a copy.
9. First Place State Winners in Short Story and Poetry contests will be sent for judging in the GFWC Member Short Story and Poetry contests by the State Chairman. A release form must accompany the entry and the release form must be signed by the author.
10. Winners will be notified.

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### **Communications Bulletin September 2018**

Patricia A Pasquale, NJSFWC Comm Chairman 2018-2020

#### **LET YOUR CLUB "SHINE"**

Why not highlight your club's events and triumphs? Mail your press releases, photos, flyers, memorabilia, newspaper articles, etc. to NJSFWC Headquarters to the Attn: Dawn Pogosaew, Communications or scan to [pogosaew@msn.com](mailto:pogosaew@msn.com). Dawn will be coordinating the NJSFWC Headquarters Bulletin Board (The Board) that is in the Meeting Room. Don't wait...highlight your club on The Board and let others celebrate with you!! If you have any questions about what to send, feel free to reach out to Patricia Pasquale, NJSFWC Communications Chairman, [pasquale@njsfwc.org](mailto:pasquale@njsfwc.org).

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**CONSERVATION BULLETIN—SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Bonnie Dann, Chairman**  
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We can begin this club year by joining with GFWC in donating shoes for the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program or Soles4Souls. Nike's program takes worn out athletic shoes of any brand to make Nike Grind, a material used in sports surfaces and playgrounds. Most Nike retail stores accept donations. You can get more information and also locate a nearby Nike store at <https://www.nike.com/help/a/recycle-shoes>.

Soles4Souls is a nonprofit organization that distributes new and gently worn shoes to individuals in need. You can ship or drop off shoes to one of the three Soles4Souls warehouses in New Jersey (see list at <https://soles4souls.org/warehouses/>). You can also contact Zappos for Good at <https://www.zappos.com/about/zapposforgood/give> to arrange for free shipment to Soles4Souls.

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Domestic Violence and Awareness and Prevention

With schools recently opened, now is a good time to contact your local schools suggesting they might offer a program to their students about teen dating violence. This is a serious problem, and hopefully this could be helpful information to give our youth.

Consider working with the school to sponsor this type of program. Here is information to assist you in this endeavor - contact NJ Department of Children and Families Publication Unit – (609) 888-7915 - or e-mail them at [www.nj.gov/dcf](http://www.nj.gov/dcf) to order literature for you or your schools to distribute to the students.

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**Education Bulletin**

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Voting for **The Great American Read** will remain open until Thursday, October 18, 2018. Six additional PBS programs will commence in September on Tuesdays at 8pm. The winner will be revealed on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 8pm, on your local PBS station. Will your favorite book be number one?

Now is the time to begin working with the schools to arrange the programs that your club will be sponsoring. Contact your high school guidance department about selecting a junior to be the Girls Career Institute Delegate(s) and a sophomore to be the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Delegate. Perhaps you can make this the first year that your club sponsors a local Spelling Bee. All directions are on the NJSFWC website. This too starts with contacting your local elementary school principal.

This year's Banned Books Week is September 23-29. The 2018 theme, "Banning Books Silences Stories," is a reminder that everyone needs to speak out against censorship. The 2017 top ten challenged and banned books, as submitted by librarians and teachers across the country, can be found at <https://bannedbooks.org> It is interesting to note that *The Kite Runner* and *To Kill a Mockingbird* appear on the banned book list and the top 100 list for the **Great American Read**.

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Club Presidents.....By now you should have received your Supplements for the 2018- 2020 club years. The Women's History Supplement will give you some ideas on projects your club can participate in, and ways to archive your Clubs' history. Also, in the Women's History section of the NJSFWC State Yearbook for 2018-2019, you can read the previous Historian's report to see what kind of projects clubs reported about, and get other interesting information.

Please try to remember to support the 1894 Society fund that is used to pay the land rent of our Federation Headquarters building. The forms for the 1894 Society can be found on line, or your ALMANAC issues. Your generosity is much appreciated and necessary to sustain our legacy. Clubs and individuals can also become members in the GFWC "Friends of the Women's History and Resource Center". Donation categories are listed on the membership form. Members receive the WHRC newsletter and a lapel pin. Go to GFWC.org for more information.

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**SEPTEMBER 2018 COUNCILS**

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**HOME LIFE**

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Now that September is here, chilly weather can't be far behind.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan declared September "National Sewing Month." Why not use this month to kick-off a "Warm Up America" effort in your club? Knit or crochet 7"x9" rectangles and create an afghan to be distributed through social and governmental agencies. Go to their website ([warmupamerica.com](http://warmupamerica.com)) for details on how to involve your club members and community. Or distribute afghans in your own community to local shelters or nursing home.

Not a stitcher? Consider making a no-sew fleece blanket. Kits can be purchased at craft stores or buy the fleece separately and follow simple directions found on line on sites such as: [snapguide.com](http://snapguide.com); [cutesycrafts.com](http://cutesycrafts.com); [thefrugalgirls.com](http://thefrugalgirls.com); and [pinterest.com](http://pinterest.com). Search no-sew fleece blankets in your Search Engine for more links and ideas.

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**September 2018 International Outreach Bulletin**

This is the perfect time to support Shot @ Life; as Walgreens will be attending State Fall Conference on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018. Walgreens has a program called: Get a Shot. Give a Shot. For every immunization administered at participating pharmacies and State Fall Conference, Walgreens will donate \$0.22, the value of a lifesaving vaccine, to the United Nations Foundation Shot@Life campaign, up to a maximum donation of \$2,000,000 for immunizations for children in developing countries.

Shot @ Life mission is:

“Shot@Life aims to ensure that children around the world have access to lifesaving vaccines. Through education, advocacy and fundraising we strive to decrease vaccine-preventable childhood deaths and give every child a shot at a healthy life no matter where they live. “

One in five children worldwide lacks access to lifesaving vaccines and every 20 seconds a child dies from a vaccine preventable disease. Let's help to make Shot @ Life be able to reach more children and prevent children dying from diseases that could have been prevented by vaccines. For more information see: [Shot@Life.org](http://Shot@Life.org).

If you are attending State Fall Conference please get your flu shot there, and don't forget to include it on your report.

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](mailto:manneback@njsfwc.org).

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*Be an Important Part of the Federation's History – Write a Resolution!*

**FROM: Carole Speechley, Legislation/Resolutions Chairman**

One of the main goals of the GFWC 2018-2020 Administration is for GFWC members to use legislative action to become a network of grassroots advocates working together to improve the lives of club members, their communities, our nation, and the global community. Our resolutions effect legislation and become part of our proud history – **What we do really does matter.**

At the NJSFWC Convention each year Resolutions are presented to the delegates for their consideration. Many of these resolutions come from our clubs and are presented to the delegates with the club name and the names of the club president and recording secretary. **Think of how proud your club would be to have their resolution presented at Convention! The deadline for submission is December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### Where to get Legislation Information for Your Resolution:

- To view a specific state bill and its status, search 'NJ legislature' and you will find a link to Bills. Follow the link; in the search line type the bill number, name or subject. Or you will find a telephone number that can be called to obtain the same information.
- To view the status of federal legislation, call 202-225-1772 or 202-224-3121 or online at [www.congress.gov](http://www.congress.gov) or [www.statusclerk.house.gov](http://www.statusclerk.house.gov). Another source of information and tracking of a bill's status is [www.govtrack.us](http://www.govtrack.us).

### How to Write a Resolution

A Resolution is really a motion and as such is one continuous statement with a period only at the end of the last RESOLVED. It should always have a title, usually the name of the bill or the subject.

The title is followed by the "WHEREAS" statements, which contain the reasons why the legislation or subject is needed. The text of the bill will usually have a statement at the end providing the information needed:

WHEREAS, (first statement of reason legislation is needed); and  
WHEREAS, (second statement of reason legislation is needed); and  
WHEREAS, (third statement of reason legislation is needed; therefore

The first " RESOLVED" statement gives the action desired and ends with a semicolon and the word "and further". The second " RESOLVED " states who will receive a copy of the Resolution and ends with a period.

RESOLVED, That (name of club), a member of the NJSFWC and GFWC with (number members) concerned women strongly urges the adoption of (bill number/name, or the cause); and further  
RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to (names of those receiving resolution).

Resolutions can be sent to the following people:

- State bill/subject - Governor; Lieutenant Governor; President of Senate; Speaker of the House; Senate Majority and Minority Leaders; House Majority and Minority Leaders; Chairman of the Committee to which the bill has been referred; Members of that committee if bill is coming up for a vote; the legislators from your area or district, the legislators who sponsored the bill; the head of any agency involved with the subject matter of the bill; and the GFWC Resolutions Chairman.
- Federal bill/subject - President; President of Senate (this is the Vice President of the US); Speaker of the House; Senate Majority and Minority Leaders; House Majority and Minority Leaders; Chairman of the Committee to which the bill has been referred; Members of that committee if bill is coming up for a vote; the legislators from your area or district, the legislators who sponsored the bill; the head of any agency involved with the subject matter of the bill; and the GFWC Resolutions Chairman.

**IMPORTANT! You MUST submit your resolutions, in writing, by DECEMBER 15,2018, for them to be considered for the Annual Convention in May, 2019. Submit them to:**

Carole Speechley, NJSFWC Legislation/Resolutions Chairman, 233 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Avalon, NJ 08202

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**Greenlight A Vet** is a campaign to establish visible national support for our veterans by changing one light that is in a visible location in your home or office to green, and keep it glowing every day as a symbol of support and appreciation for our veterans. Green is the color of hope, renewal and well-being.

America's veterans are some of our nation's bravest, hardest-working men & women. However, it is hard to show them the appreciation they deserve when, back home and out of uniform; they are more camouflaged than ever.

Let us honor our veterans not only on November 11<sup>th</sup>, but year-round by changing one light to green. Post your green light on the Greenlight A Vet map(<http://greenlightavet.com>) to make sure every veteran across the country can see your support.

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Special State Project – Court Appointed Special Advocates of NJ (CASA of NJ)  
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Thank you to all who participated in our first state-wide collection of duffel bags for CASA of NJ. The children who are leaving their unsafe homes will be able to pack their clothes and favorite belongings with them. If CASA of NJ does not have duffel bags, the children's belongings are often thrown in a plastic bag. The image of packing clothes in a special duffel bag shows compassion and dignity to neglected children. Their quality of life is important for clubwomen and is the reason why they wanted to fill the bags with new items.

- CASA of NJ will have a table at the NJSFWC State Fall Conference. Check out what is new on the table and buy the new special state project pin for \$5. We will collect \$10 gift cards from Target, Walmart, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, McDonalds, and Burger King for our teenagers.
- Plan to attend a special program on Saturday, November 3, 2018, at 10 AM, "How to become an Effective CASA Ambassador." This training will be held at Federation Headquarters, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. This will be a good time to bring your questions for CASA of NJ, and learn how to promote and educate our communities. Registration is required. If you are interested, please let me know. Our limit is 60 people.
- Remember the children in December with the \$10 gift cards listed above. (Target \$10 gift cards are only available during the holiday shopping.) Thank you in advance.
- January Councils: It is cold outside in January, so we will have a district collection of sweatshirts and sweatpants for children of all ages.