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President's Message—Mary E. Wolfe

Happy New Year! Another hope, another chance, a new beginning!

Thanks are extended to Headquarters Chairman Joanne Mangels and her committee! They did a wonderful job preparing for our Open House, scheduled for November 15th. The refreshments were prepared and the boardroom was beautifully decorated! Unfortunately, you'll have to take my word for it because, as you may have heard, the event had to be cancelled due to an early snowstorm.

On November 16th, NJSFWC celebrated its 124th Anniversary and we officially began our 125th year! At the same time, the Shining Future Endowment Campaign was launched to help insure the future success of our Federation. Please be sure to visit our website dedicated to this campaign at njsfwcshiningfuture.org. In addition to "how to donate" information, there are some wonderful pictures and information about our history. Thank you to Joanne Mangels for all the work she put into building this website!

Speaking of websites... I'm happy to announce that njsfwc.org is being completely rebuilt and we will soon have an updated, secure website! (As of this writing, the new website is expected to be ready late December-early January.) Because of the age of our current

website and as a result of a series of hacking incidents we experienced over the summer, it became apparent that an update was needed. Many thanks to Webmaster Denise Hosier for the hours she has spent researching and working on this project!

January is traditionally a month when people look ahead and make resolutions for the future. For those of us in the NJSFWC, January is the time to reflect on the events of the past year and proudly document our club activities by writing annual reports. Please take the time to write a few sentences about those projects that had an impact on your community or in your club.

In order to help this Officer report your efforts to GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock, please take the time to complete the simple GFWC Grand Initiatives Statistical Form included in this ALMANAC and mail to the address listed by March 15th.

Best wishes to all of you for a 2019 filled with peace, happiness and good health!

In Federation Friendship,

Mary

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NJSFWC FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**Jan W. Hanson**

As a leader you need to pay attention to your club's viability. If you are becoming stagnate, getting less and less participation and there is a general lack of enthusiasm, it is time to encourage change. If you are doing the same thing because it is what has been done in the past, it is time to re-evaluate. As a leader, it is your responsibility to promote the possibility that some things need to change. Those changes should be agreed upon by the membership, but you need to start the ball rolling.

GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock believes that clubs need to give up a project that is continued due to nostalgia, but is no longer enjoyed by the members of the club. That project should be given a funeral, an idea she promoted as NJSFWC President. There should be a eulogy praising all that the project has done for the club over the years, but realizing its time has come-to go. Once you decide to drop a project you should replace it with another, but that is a conversation for a different time.

A simple example is a club that had a pot luck holiday luncheon each year. It was delicious, but a lot of work fell on the committee, not to mention the members needing to bring a dish. It was suggested that it be catered and charge enough to cover the cost of the food. A vote was taken and it was unanimous to make the switch. There wasn't a lot of complaining, however, it only took one person to realize that the club might be ready for a change. Don't be afraid of suggesting change; just be sure your club members are ready to make the leap.

Monthly Tip: Remember if you don't encourage change you could be President for Life.

NJSFWC SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**Shirley A. Holly**

This is part 2 of the Report Writing Presentation from Fall Conference:

Mary Ellen Brock has Seven Grand Initiatives for GFWC members – Two of them fall under Conservation. One can be reported this year - Soles4souls and Nike Reuse-a-Shoe are looking for 1,000 pairs of shoes to be donated. Soles4souls will donate new or gently used shoes and Nike Reuse-a-Shoe takes old sneakers, grinds them up and uses them for underneath playgrounds. The other initiative is Arbor Day where Mary Ellen is hoping that 1,000 trees will be planted in April. You can't report it this year, we only found out about the initiative in June!

The next one falls under Education – the goal is 1,000 Dr. Seuss books be donated, 500 locally and 500 to Washington, D.C. area schools.

Next is that 1,000 projects be done for Women in the Military – this initiative falls under Public Issues. So please report any project that has to do with Women in the Military so they can all be counted. Also, if you donated anything for the Day of Service – Patriot Paws, Service Dogs of America and Canine Companions for Independence, this also gets reported in Public Issues.

Recognize the Red – How many members joined the Legislative Action Center? And how many acted on Legislative Actions Alerts? It's great to see that you joined, but we are really looking to see your club act on those alerts. The goal is 1,000 and will be reported under Legislation.

Martin Luther King Day is the National Day of Service – the last of the Grand Initiatives to fall under report writing is that 1,000 clubs will do a service project on Martin Luther King Day on January 21, 2019. This will be reported on next year's report but is something that your club should be thinking about right now. What will your clubs' contribution be? These totals are of course what Mary Ellen is hoping will be donated across the country. No one club is expected to donate 1,000 of anything. But this is why reporting is important, so that all of these totals can be added together and look at the impact when we all work together. Each of these Grand Initiatives are very attainable, let's help Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President, achieve her goal!

NJSFWC THIRD VICE PRESIDENT**Barbara McCloskey****Membership Matters!**

As this Officer looks over the flyers, information and materials that she has received from my predecessors and other well-meaning people, she has come to realize that there is no secret to attracting and retaining new members!

ALMANAC articles, some even dated nine years ago (although why people were keeping ALMANAC articles for nine years is beyond me) has confirmed to this Officer that there is no magic solution to the age old membership question, where do we find new members.

The answers in all seem to be the same: create a goal and make a plan, ask someone, bring a guest to meetings, advertise in newspapers, social media, have a table at malls, fairs, and festivals.

The list goes on and on, but the main thing this Officer wants to share with you is you have to do all of these things on a continual basis. You also have to make the effort to try new ways and keep at it. Statistics say people need to see something six or seven times before they react or respond to it.

There is no one step solution for retaining members either. Although fundraising projects and community service activities may be key for your club's existence, offering social gatherings are also important so new and existing members can bond and form friendships. Often, it is the bonds of friendship that keep members coming back to our clubs.

The Membership Chairman cannot be the only member working on recruitment and retaining members. Make sure there are greeters at your meetings, and having someone follow up after a meeting with a prospective or new member is important.

The NJSFWC and GFWC offer all the tools and materials you need to have a successful recruitment campaign, and different ideas and suggestions to retain members. Take the time to review the Membership Supplement on the NJSFWC website or the Membership Enhancement Guide on the GFWC website.

This Officer encourages you to take the time to make a plan and involve your entire club, the future of this Federation and your club depends on it.

January is a great month to start fresh, especially after you complete your Membership Report form, which is due to this Officer by February 1st, 2019. Please try to include a narrative, so we can track your accomplishments on bringing in and retaining those members, and can share them with others.

NJSFWC TREASURER**Joyce J. Fredericks**

This Officer has been asked questions about INSURANCE. RLM in Pompton Lakes, NJ is the official NJSFWC Insurance Company. If your club does not presently have Insurance coverage and wants to come under the Federation policy, give a call to RLM at 973-835-6177 and ask for Linda Fisher.

The policy will only provide coverage for liability and DOES NOT INCLUDE coverage for your members. It is to cover your club in case a NON-MEMBER is injured as a guest of your club. If you own a clubhouse, additional coverage can be obtained to provide coverage for your clubhouse. You will need to ask Linda Fisher all about that.

Also, if you are having a fundraiser, you might need additional coverage for that event. Ask RLM about when that would be needed. Lastly, if you want to protect your Officers from being sued, RLM can provide Directors' Insurance. It is not included in the regular policy and would be an additional cost to your club. NJSFWC does not have umbrella insurance for that type of coverage. This would be on your own.

INCORPORATION

One of the most important legal protections that your club can have is to Incorporate. If incorporated, the club can only be sued for the assets of the club. If not incorporated, then the personal assets of each and every member is at risk.

NJSFWC TREASURER (continued)

If you were incorporated some time ago, but your annual payments are not up to date. Call the State of NJ at 609-292-7962. More information is available on line at www.nj.gov/njbusiness/registration/.

If your club is incorporated, you must file the Annual Corporate Report with the State of New Jersey EACH YEAR. The fee is \$25. Put the item in your budget, as it will serve as a reminder that you need to file.

- a. There is no longer a reminder from the State for non-Corporate Business tax payers at this time. Don't wait for one to renew.
- b. The online filing system is available for use by all business types at www.nj.gov/njbgs; click "file annual reports" in left column.
- c. You will need your EIN (employee identification number), business type (incorporated), and the month/year the club qualified in NJ.
- d. Filing fee is \$25 per year and payment needs to be made by credit card.

NJSFWC FINANCIAL SECRETARY**Marie E. DiMatties**

Continuing with the theme of **Fundraising**.....have you explored the GFWC Fundraising and Development Advancement Guide as a tool to assist in your club's fundraising? This Officer did and this is what she found:

"Fundraising and Development is a more contemporary term for what we traditionally have called Fundraising. Developing funds is more comprehensive and far reaching than just raising funds for a specific club cause or project. It involves using a wide array of approaches as well as allocating monies on an annual basis to an endowment or other fund. Establishing a Fundraising and Development plan will help sustain the financial security and integrity of our Federation, as well as your club, district, state, and Region.

TYPES OF FUNDRAISERS - While there are many types of fundraisers, most fall within the following three categories:

- **Events** usually include food and beverages, a program, and/or entertainment, such as: ward banquets – Style shows – Silent auctions – Competitive or sporting events – golf, bridge, or Bunco tournaments – Walkathons – Bingo games.
- **Sales** – Items produced by club members and sold at events – Merchandise and/or food sold by club members at events – Merchandise sold in partnership with a fundraising product company such as candy, gift wrap, house wares, cookie dough, etc.
- **Direct Soliciting** – Capital campaign such as gathering funds to purchase or renovate a clubhouse – Business partnership such as working with local restaurants, car washes, etc., on a special day where a portion of the proceeds benefits your club's project."

There is a plethora of information in the GFWC Fundraising and Development Advancement Guide to help your club sponsor successful Fundraising and Development projects. This Officer encourages you to check it out! Visit gfwc.org and click on GFWC Resources. You'll find the Fundraising and Development Advancement Guide on the left side under *Browse GFWC Resources*.

COLLEGE DISTRICT**Christina Burlew**

Although the holiday season is over, the members of the College District are keeping the spirit alive with their various programs and projects.

Bridgewater Woman's Club's will have a program on Stimulating Our Five Senses with Plants. Members will also hold a fundraiser at California Pizza and donate the proceeds to the mini food bank at Raritan Community College.

The **Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield** will be donating lap robes to the Veterans Home at Menlo Park.

At the **Franklin Woman's Club** meeting Carol Simon Levin, a Youth Services Librarian, author and storyteller will present a program portraying Abigail Adams in "Remembering the Ladies: Patriots in Petticoats to Presidential Candidates."

Woman's Club of Clinton will have a special presentation from Marjorie Frankel Nathanson, Executive Director of the Hunterdon Art Museum in Clinton.

East Brunswick Woman's Club will have a Mystery Game Night and **Cedar Wood Woman's Club** will have a DIY Craft Night making notecards.

Kalmia Club will have their annual Book Night meeting with members sharing their favorite books. A list will be created and posted on the website so members can enjoy the recommendations.

EVENING MEMBERSHIP**Claire J. Hill**

The **Woman's Club of Merchantville EMD** Knit Wits are very busy making blankets and scarves for CASA NJ and others in need.

The **Woman's Club of Ridgely Park EMD** will host 4 spelling bees in three elementary schools in Ridgely Park and one school in Moonachie.

EMD of Arlington Woman's Club will be participating in a service project organized by the Home Life Committee Chairman. It's a nice change of pace and everyone enjoys the hands on work. They will also be busy in January preparing for their major fundraiser - Designer Bag Bingo. It was a huge success last year and they are hoping to expand upon it in 2019!

GARDEN DISTRICT**Patricia J. Dahl**

Gardens are in bloom even in the winter months in the Garden District.

The **Woman's Club of Edgewater Park** members collected gifts for the homeless veterans and movie tickets for Crossroads Teens in Crisis. They stuffed and sewed pillows for breast cancer patients which were delivered to their local hospitals.

Also, the **Woman's Club of Glassboro** is doing its annual Blizzard Bags for local seniors through Meals-on-Wheels. For a very small club the members are able to donate over 100 bags which include tuna, crackers, soup, breakfast bars, hot chocolate, coffee packs, tea bags, fruit cups, pudding and cookies to name a few. The bags are brought to their Senior Center where they are distributed to those in attendance as well as through the meals being delivered by Meals-on-Wheels.

The **GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly** participates in the town's "Fire and Ice" event, which involves many community activities, by sponsoring a community "Cupcake Challenge" with prizes and ribbons for those who enter. They have different categories in "children" (different ages), "adult" and "professional". The community purchases chips to vote for their favorite decorated cupcake. The club still finds time to have a Bake Sale table of their own during the challenge and their leftover goodies are given to a local men's shelter.

GARDEN DISTRICT (continued)

An annual soup sale is underway for the **Woman's Club of Pennsgrove/Carney's Point**. They take preorders so they will be prepared for their quantity of delicious soups and chili. Many members will start the soup making process for all the preorders. This has been a very successful fundraiser for the club.

HIGHLANDS DISTRICT**Judy Filippini**

The Clubs of the Highlands District had a very busy holiday season. They provided many gifts to those in need, veterans and homebound seniors. Many members served as Santa helpers by writing letters to children who wrote to Santa, hosted Santa breakfasts, and provided Wish Trees in their communities.

Junior Woman's Club of Sparta held their Santa Breakfast which included a hot breakfast, story time, a holiday craft and a visit and photo with Santa.

Sparta Woman's Club, in conjunction with Junior Woman's Club of Sparta, made ornaments for the annual Wish Tree. They provided gifts to the Sussex County Earth Angels who provide gifts for homebound seniors.

Long Valley Area Junior Woman's Club sponsored an annual Gingerbread House contest. The entries were displayed as part of the Holiday Happenings in Long Valley.

Thursday Morning Club sponsored their 38th Annual Le Bazar de Noel featuring unique clothing, gourmet foods and many gift ideas.

Washington Woman's Club members baked many cookies for the Cookie/Candy drive for Meals at Home recipients.

LIBERTY DISTRICT**Jane Mackesy**

The **Eighth District Contemporaries** made Sock Packets for a local Veterans Home, and wrote Holiday Cards to be sent to our troops.

The **Woman's Club of Arlington** has 'adopted' the residents of Alaris at Belgrove Nursing Home. Members lead a Reading Circle each Thursday afternoon. A children's story is read, and discussed, followed by refreshments. Those celebrating a birthday during the home's monthly celebrations are able to choose an item from a basket of small gifts donated by members, bringing extra joy to the celebrants.

The **Woman's Club of Caldwell** will be finishing up an underwear collection for Veterans, and is organizing a Pads for Girls service project. They continue to collect food for the Caldwell Food Pantry.

Break out your spandex for the **Woman's Club of Little Falls** Disco Fever Party on January 18th.

The **Woman's Club of Upper Montclair** will hold its annual Goulash/Rum Raisin Ice Cream Luncheon on January 30, to benefit the NJSFWC Special State Project – CASA NJ.

PALISADES DISTRICT**Marie Sullivan**

The weather outside may be frightful but that didn't stop the ladies of the Palisades District from serving our community during the recent holidays.

Our Performing Arts Festival in December was a day filled with sparkling talent, festive cheer and Federation friendship to usher in the winter holidays. Many thanks to District Chairman Lynn Keim, the **Woman's Club of Paramus** that provided their newly renovated club house and hosted along with the members of the **Woman's Club of Dumont, Book and Needle Club, Woman's Club of River Edge** and **Woman's Club of Maywood**. This lovely day would never happen if it weren't for so very many "elves."

PALISADES DISTRICT (continued)

Paskack Junior Woman's Club, Junior Woman's Club of Rutherford, and Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights will be hosting Spelling Bees.

Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights registered for Soles4Souls and will be collecting used shoes through the upcoming months with the goal over 1,000 shoes! As one of The Grand Initiatives, the club will be holding a **Winter Beach Party** for children at the library on Martin Luther King Day.

Woman's Club of Carlstadt will be hosting New Jersey Sharing Network, which is committed to saving and enhancing lives through the miracle of organ and tissue donation and transplants.

Woman's Club of Leonia will have CASA of Bergen County at the January meeting and will be knitting four fleece blankets to donate.

Woman's Club of Paramus will host a Craft Night Fundraiser to benefit CASA NJ.

Woman's Club of Rutherford will have an Open House in order to showcase The Historic Carriage House and the club's restoration efforts.

Woman's Club of Englewood will host "A Life of My Own", about Eleanor Roosevelt enacted by Linda Kizam.

RAMAPO DISTRICT**Barbara Cook**

Happy New Year to all the clubs as they enter a new year with many great expectations.

The **Past President Club of the 11th District** is planning a Brown Bag auction at their January meeting. They will also be collecting shoes for Soles4Souls during the upcoming months.

Riverdale Woman's Club will have their Home Life Department making mastectomy pillows and donating them to the cancer center at Chilton Medical Center. Their Culinary Arts Department will be having a Pizza night and will be making pizza from scratch.

Pompton Lakes Woman's Club will be making tote bags at their Arts Creative get together. Their members of the culinary program will be meeting at a member's home for a brunch and cookie packing. The club will also have a speaker, Richard Moon, giving a presentation on the Historical Landmarks of Passaic County.

Pines Lake Woman's Club does not have a meeting in January but they have their members filling out a Volunteer Hours Form which is due on January 3rd. This makes it much easier to do the NJSFWC reports due in February. It helps to keep track of ALL the hours that their members volunteer.

SHORE DISTRICT**Gwendolyn M. Lewis**

A brand new year is beginning, a time to reflect on club challenges ahead. A time to be inspired and have gratitude for the accomplishments of the past year. Many clubs of the Shore District have had successful fundraisers; many clubs are attending and supporting each other's events.

Allaire Woman's Club made donations of ShopRite gift cards to needy families through the Wall Township school nurses. They had a successful Paint Party and Avon Sale Fundraiser.

Freehold Township Woman's Club members wrapped gifts at Barnes and Noble. They collected hats and mittens for CASA-NJ at their Holiday Luncheon.

Jersey Shore Woman's Club had a successful Fashion Show/Luncheon Fundraiser.

Woman's Club of Spring Lake had an overnight trip to Hudson Valley, New York. The club celebrated its 100th Anniversary which included letters from local dignitaries, GFWC, NJSFWC, Governor Murphy and Senator Booker. NJSFWC President Mary Wolfe and other Board members attended the event.

Woman's Club of Colts Neck sponsored the Dessert Table at their Local CASA Christmas Party.

SHORE DISTRICT (continued)

Woman's Club of Point Pleasant had a very rewarding Luncheon Fundraiser. The club's monthly service program highlighted Julie Lipari, Co-Creator of the non-profit Guiding Light for Homeless Women Veterans. The club assembled female hygiene kits for the female soldiers.

Woman's Club of Brielle held its Fashion Show Luncheon and its Unwanted Gift Auction which were financially rewarding for scholarships and charities.

Woman's Club of Asbury Park hosted a Covered Dish Luncheon where they distributed annual donations to the local First Aid Squad, Fire Department, Police, Historical Societies, woman's shelter and libraries.

Many clubs have been collecting sweat suits and PJ'S for CASA-NJ. Items will be brought to the January District Council.

Ladies continue to follow your Bliss and be inspired to serving others. KEEP IT SIMPLE.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT**Jane Snyder**

Woman's Club of Absecon will hold a report meeting in January to help each other with writing and submitting the year end reports and will recognize their local police forces by presenting them with large bowls of Lifesavers.

Women's Community Club of Cape May is having a program presented by the Executive Director of the Cape May County Coast Guard Community Foundation. They will be collecting supplies for the Beacon Animal Rescue and have made a donation to Heifer International for a Flock of Hope (chickens, ducklings and goslings).

Millville Woman's Club members have a very busy month planned for January starting with a Pizza & Salad Luncheon and a speaker from CASA. They will be working on their tree of warmth by collecting mittens, gloves, and hats to be distributed to local shelters, and a local faith-based program for children in Center City. Their book discussion group will be reading What I learned from Real Women on 5 Continents About Surviving My First (Really Hard) Year of Marriage, by Jo Piazza. And last by not least, is their Winter Game Day. They celebrate with a Meatloaf Lunch using one of their past President's "famous" recipes.

Colony Club of Ocean City will have a speaker from the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. They will be filling containers of home-baked cookies for their first responders as their day of service event.

Woman's Club of Vineland will be collecting children's winter accessories. The Vineland Library Director will be presenting a program, they will be having a Game Day with an entrée of Chicken Marsala, and holding a Craft night.

THE ARTS/CREATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Gail Kovacs-Felici**

Enclosed within this ALMANAC are the Achievement Day Registration Form and the Photography Form (which is required by GFWC). All entries are to be pre-registered and must have been completed during the past year.

The District Arts Creative Chairman sets the date for the return of the registration forms. Please make sure that you adhere to this date and that the forms are filled out in their entirety. The categories for the contest are printed in the Arts Creative Supplement, the NJSFWC State Yearbook and on the NJSFWC Website.

The levels or classes of the entries are:

- Beginner – up to three years in the medium
- Advanced – more than three years in the medium OR a previous Grand Prize (gold or blue ribbon) at the State Level. If you have been using a specific medium for more than three years, even though you have never submitted an entry at an Achievement Day, the entry is at the Advanced Level
- Professional – teaching the craft professionally or selling the work for income

As always, if there are any questions regarding the levels or the categories under which an item falls, please do not hesitate to e-mail this Chairman at kovacsfelici@njsfwc.org or call her at 201-599-1991.

THE ARTS/PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Debbie Edwards**

It's that time of year again, REPORTS!!! If you don't have a procedure book for your department why not start one now? Get a copy book and write down everything that you and your club members do every month. It makes reporting so much easier. Make sure you report a short message on each project done for your narrative. That helps your State Chairman write her report to GFWC. Don't forget all reports are due by February 1, 2019. The writing contest entries are also due to the Literature Chairman by February 1, 2019.

The McCarter Theatre Center in Princeton, NJ has some wonderful Programs in January 2019. Tickets start at \$25. They have two family events: Saturday, January 19, at 11 a.m. THE VERY HUNGARY CATERPILLAR SHOW and on January 26, at 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. POTTED POTTER *The Unauthorized Harry Experience*. Remember if you and your members attended a Christmas performance, write in your report!

CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Bonnie Dann****Considering Solar Power**

Increasing numbers of homeowners in New Jersey and across the country are choosing to use solar-generated electricity for environmental reasons. Using solar power reduces the need for coal and natural gas, which are still the primary sources of power for generating electricity in the U.S. These fossil fuels, of course, are non-renewable, pollute the air, and contribute to global warming by increasing the greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

There is considerable potential for growth in the solar sector. According to data from the Energy Information Administration, only 1.2% of the electricity generated by utilities in the U.S. is from photovoltaic (solar) systems. If we add in the estimated 24 billion kWh generated by small-scale systems on building rooftops, the percentage rises to 1.8%. In Germany, by contrast, more than 6.2% of the country's electricity comes from photovoltaic systems.

One drawback to using solar power has been cost, but newer technologies and financing methods are making it a viable option for ordinary homeowners and businesses. The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities provides useful information on these subjects, which can be accessed at <http://njcleanenergy.com/whysolar>.

In most cases, going solar means buying and installing solar panels on your rooftop. There are many contractors that will do solar installations. The BPU has a link on its information page to help you locate experienced solar contractors through the Trade Ally Database.

You can pay cash for a solar project (if you can afford to), or you can finance it through a home equity loan, line of credit, or a Solar Loan. According to a 2016 study by *Consumer Reports*, most cash purchasers recover their costs in 5-7 years. Another popular approach is to enter into a lease in which a company installs and maintains the system on your property at the company's expense while you pay to use it. There is also a similar arrangement called a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), in which you agree to buy the electricity that is generated by the system. However, *Consumer Reports* warns against leasing and PPAs, since there is less return to the homeowner and it may be difficult to find buyers for your home who are willing to assume a solar lease or a PPA.

Homeowners should also be aware that New Jersey provides incentives for solar projects by issuing Solar Renewable Energy Certificates, or SRECs, to project owners according to the amount of electricity generated. Utility companies are required to purchase these certificates, which can be bought and sold. According to recent legislation, the SREC Program will be phased out by 2021, but other incentives are expected to replace it.

A relatively new approach called Community Solar provides electricity generated by an off-site solar project. Homeowners pay either by purchasing a share in the solar project or by paying a surcharge on their regular electric bill. The state of New Jersey is currently setting up a Community Solar Energy Pilot Program, so this will soon become an option for New Jersey residents.

EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Ann Ribinsky Brown**

Good luck to all clubs sponsoring a local Spelling Bee this month. Be sure to submit the names of your club's three winners to your District Spelling Bee Chairman, and to support your winners by attending your District Bee in February.

Did you enjoy past book discussions at Convention? Led again by Joyce Dreger, ESO Chairman, this year there will be a workshop analyzing the 2017 novel The Address, by Fiona Davis. This is a compelling novel about the lines between love and loss, success and ruin, passion and madness, all hidden behind the walls of the Dakota, New York City's most famous residence.

The Address is the story of Sara Smythe and Baily Camden, who lived a century apart, and whose tumultuous lives become part of the Dakota's sometimes unhappy history.

Readily available on e-book, and in libraries and bookstores, if you have not already done so, why not read The Address and join the discussion this May in Atlantic City.

HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Susan A. Chambers**

Welcome, Federation Sisters, to 2019! January is National Blood Donor Month and what better way to kick off a new year and serve our communities than by donating lifesaving blood and platelets? According to the American Red Cross, "National Blood Donor Month has been observed in January since 1970 with the goal of increasing blood and platelet donations during winter – one of the most difficult times of year to collect enough blood products to meet patient needs".

The American Red Cross supplies about 40% of the nation's blood. In addition it feeds, shelters and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; teaches skills that save lives and supports military members and their families.

Check with your town or county Board of Health to find a Blood Drive near you; or log onto www.redcross.org to find a drive near you and schedule an appointment to give. Your club can contact the American Red Cross and sponsor a blood drive in your community. They are always looking for groups to host a blood drive.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Karen Manneback****UNICEF Human Trafficking UN.GIFT**

The United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT) was conceived to promote the global fight on human trafficking, on the basis of international agreements reached at the UN. To date, 140 parties have signed the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons especially Women and Children, which supplements the Palermo Convention against transnational organized crime.

"Trafficking in persons" shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.

The Global Initiative is based on a simple principle: human trafficking is a crime of such magnitude and atrocity that it cannot be dealt with successfully by any government alone. This global problem requires a global, multi-stakeholder strategy that builds on national efforts throughout the world.

To pave the way for this strategy, stakeholders must coordinate efforts already underway, increase knowledge and awareness, provide technical assistance; promote effective rights-based responses; build capacity of state and non-state stakeholders; foster partnerships for joint action; and above all, ensure that everybody takes responsibility for this fight.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (continued)

In carrying out its mission, UN.GIFT will increase the knowledge and awareness on human trafficking; promote effective rights-based responses; build capacity of state and non-state actors; and foster partnerships for joint action against human trafficking.

What can your club do? Contact your local library, city council or community center about having a program to increase awareness and knowledge about Human Trafficking and the fact that it is happening in every county in New Jersey.

For more information go www.ungift.org

Don't forget your reports! I can't wait to read about all your exciting programs.

PUBLIC ISSUES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Lisa Levin

The generosity of your clubs and members were amazing with the Boatsie's Boxes project!!

There was a total of 1,720 filled Christmas stockings for the Troops! We can only imagine when these were delivered to our fine military women and men, their hearts were filled with joy and love from home. You also have contributed over \$5,400 which was used for delivery, shipping and any other additional needs for these honorable military personnel. THANK YOU!!

Regarding Public Issues REPORTING, please don't forget to include the number of stockings you filled and approximate cost to fill one. If members purchased the items for the stockings, this is reported as In-Kind Contributions. If your club donated money for postage and other expenses, it is reported under Dollars.

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Jean Battaglia

As you are finishing your 2018 year-end reports and see all that you have accomplished, start the new year by planning for what you can do to continue the good work. Clubs have been asked to do a service project on Martin Luther King Day as one of GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock's initiatives. Many schools or communities plan events for that day. Your club could offer to create small tokens to be handed out, perhaps bookmarks appropriate for school age children in attendance. You could volunteer to assist at the events or to provide refreshments, including children-friendly snacks. Looking beyond January, refer to the Supplement for organizations you might add to those your club supports and check their websites for ideas on how to help. It's not too early, as many ideas tie in to summer needs. If your club does not hold regular meetings throughout the summer, those projects that sound like they would have been fun may pass you by if you don't plan for them in the spring months.

Totals for the number of pajamas that clubs collected and donated locally in 2018 are not available until all year-end reports are in, but the collection at NJSFWC State Fall Conference in October from clubs throughout the state who were in attendance totaled 102 pair, which were distributed to the Children's Home Society of New Jersey and other agencies. Thank you on behalf of all the children who are warm and comfortable in their new pajamas this winter.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mary Lu Henry

Contests! Contests! Contests!

So happy to announce our Newsletter, Scrapbook/History Book, and Press Book contests are back! However, why should you enter? Well before we can answer that question, let's discuss why your club should create any of the above.

Most would agree that your club's minutes are the best resource to document your club's history. Well, so are newsletters, scrapbooks/history books, and press books! What better way to document your club's activities than through a newsletter? Through the newsletter articles you are getting a more personal feeling of *who* your members are, not just the club as a whole. Especially, if you have a personal page of what's happening in the members' lives outside of club activities, like who had a new granddaughter or who recently retired. Years from now your club members will have a glimpse of who these incredible women were. Now, in the scrapbooks, history books and press books, you have their photographs. Don't you enjoy looking at old records and pictures of your club? This is the best way to keep that practice in tact!

COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

By submitting an entry is also a way to brag about your club, or let other clubs get to know you in your District. *"You know, I always hear of the XYZ Club, but I never knew what projects and charities they supported."* Let others know who you are and allow your club to shine and be acknowledged.

Newsletters are great membership tools. Just be sure that if you are creating them for the outside reader, do not fall into the trap of using acronyms such as GFWC, GCI, etc. You will have to initially spell everything out, even only once in the beginning, so that the outside reader can understand your message.

So back to our original question, why should you enter? Why not? Let your contest entry be a voice for your club of who you are and what you do. If you have any questions, this Chairman is here to answer them and guide you. She wants you to succeed! This Chairman encourages all clubs to enter at least one category and let your club shine!

CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION

Rosemarie Saviello

REGISTERING FOR THE 125TH NJSFWC CONVENTION – May 6 – 9, 2019

On Saturday, **February 9, 2019** (snow date, **February 16, 2019**), the CALL TO THE 125th ANNUAL CONVENTION will be prepared for mailing to the President of each General Club, State Organization, Affiliate Club, Member-At-Large, State Board Member and Past State President by the Credentials and Registration Committee. Each envelope will include a copy of the "Official CALL". The envelope will include the following:

- Advance Registration Form listing all registration fees and meal costs
- Hotel Reservation Information Sheet and directions to the hotel
- Checklist to aid the presidents in completing the proper club registrations
- Other necessary information.

Reminder to Club Presidents: Please check immediately the contents of the envelope containing the CALL to be sure you have all the necessary forms. If you have any questions concerning the contents, contact either this Chairman or NJSFWC Headquarters. Do not wait until Convention in May. Any errors or omissions must be resolved before the deadline for Registration and Meal Reservations by **March 29, 2019**.

Delegates and Alternates: The number of Convention Delegates and Alternates to which your club is entitled is designated in the NJSFWC BYLAWS – ARTICLE XI, SECTION 11.2 and is stated on the White Voting Registration Sheet. When completing this form, be sure to list the names of both Delegates and Alternates. No on-site registration for Delegates and Alternates will be available at Convention. Should it be necessary for an Alternate to serve as a Delegate, this change can only be made by the Credentials and Registration Chairman at the Convention Registration Desk.

If you have an EMD, it is the club's responsibility to provide the Department an opportunity to be included in your voting delegation since the EMD membership is included in the total membership of its sponsoring club. Representation is based on membership as recorded in the State Yearbook. If a member of your EMD is representing your club as a Delegate or Alternate, her name **MUST** appear on the White Voting Registration Sheet and her Delegate/Alternate fee **MUST** be included with your Advance Registration Sheet.

IMPORTANT: The President and Recording Secretary of the club must sign the White Voting and Registration Sheet.

No Delegate or Alternate shall be registered to represent more than one Club or State Organization. Therefore, if a member of your club serves on the State Board of Directors, she is considered a Delegate from the Board of Directors and may not represent your club. She will handle her own registration through the State Board.

If one of your members is registered as a Delegate or Alternate from another club, such as Past Presidents Club, she cannot represent your club. However, if she wishes to sit with her General Club for meals, her registration fee should be recorded and paid under the Past President's Club, but her meals should be recorded and paid under her General Club. In these circumstances, a note should be attached to the club's Advance Registration Sheet to alert the Chairman.

CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION (continued)**Registration:**

The registration fee for Delegates, Alternates, Members, Visitors, and Non-Members is \$25 if postmarked by March 29, 2019. Registrations POSTMARKED AFTER MARCH 29TH and no later than April 5th will be \$35 each (\$25 and \$10 late fee). The Daily Registration Fee is \$15 (\$20 if postmarked after March 29th and no later than April 5th) is available for members or visitors who can only attend for one day.

All Registration Fees and Meal Reservations should be paid with one club check payable to **NJSFWC** earmarked **Credentials and Registration**. This form should be completed with all fees for registration and cost of meals. Remember to include the District, Name of Club, and name and telephone number of respondent. The Advance Registration Form should be returned to the Credentials and Registration Chairman with a copy retained for your club records. If any changes to the banquet meals are necessary due to health or dietary restrictions, a note detailing the necessary changes should be attached to the Advance Registration Form. No meal changes will be accepted at Convention, any changes must be made no later than April 5, 2019.

Absolutely no reservations will be accepted after April 5, 2019.

Early Registrations are encouraged. Please read all instructions carefully and comply with the deadlines. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this Chairman at 973-263-1133.

**GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT:
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION****Ora M. Kokol**

REPORT ALERT! Did you know that many of the good works that your club did supporting last administrations Special State Project – Prevent Child Abuse - New Jersey from the time period of May 2018 –December 31, 2018, can be reported on the Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention report form? There is a separate Special State Project form for work done January 1 – April 30, 2018 on behalf of PCA-NJ. Consult the 2018-2020 Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention supplement for these projects i.e. pinwheel display, Period of Purple Crying, etc.

Did you encourage your members to wear purple, distribute purple ribbons, fill back-packs, or place Palm Cards in various locations in your community? PLEASE include all the work you did for your local shelters! Report this! Did you do something different, outside the box related to this department? Report this!

This is your BIG chance to brag (in a narrative) about what your club has done in this Department, and send it to this Chairman postmarked no later than February 1, 2019.

Looking forward to your reports and learning everything your club has done to help all these hurting people.

GIRLS' CAREER INSTITUTE**M. Jill McDonald**

Reservation fees (\$250 per Delegate) for the 2019 Girls' Career Institute are due at Headquarters by **January 31, 2019**. That deadline is fast approaching and there are several clubs interested in sending more than the initial allocation of 2 delegates per club. If your club wants to sponsor more than 2 delegates or you have members anxious to personally sponsor additional delegates, please contact this Director telephonically (856-234-0253) or by email (mcdonald@njsfwc.org) immediately so that we can coordinate these efforts.

NOTE: if your club reserves for one Delegate and at interview finds you have an additional candidate please contact the Director to see if there is an option for you to pay for this second girl or another solution can be worked out.

The GCI Fact Sheet, a letter and flyer for school guidance counselors, parental permission for girls to apply and the actual application form are all available on the NJSFWC website. The Registration Forms for Delegates and Alternates were included in the December ALMANAC and are also available online. If your club GCI Coordinator is new to this position, we have developed a "Guidelines for GCI Coordinators" which includes a detailed timeline and answers to many questions that are frequently asked.

GIRLS' CAREER INSTITUTE (continued)

When interviewing candidates please emphasize the dates of **GCI – June 3-6, 2019**. If your club relies on the school Guidance Department to select the Delegates and Alternates, remind them to emphasize these dates. In 2018 several last-minute issues arose when Delegates enrolled in a College credit course had to withdraw because final review and exam for the course were during that week. Unlike a high school possibly being able to offer alternate exam schedules, the colleges do not.

If the Delegate and Alternate are both taking college courses, the club is left with last minute issues. Another heavy decision maker for Delegates were activities like concerts, awards banquets, and family obligations that would interfere with the requirement that Delegates MUST attend for the entire 4-day event; no one can leave and return to campus.

The GCI team has instituted new procedures to help Alternates understand their role and to notify their sponsoring club and this Director immediately if they are no longer available to attend GCI if called upon. We will be working with club coordinators to reach out to the Alternates periodically. In 2018, nearly 40 Alternates became Delegates!

Remember that Delegate and Alternate Registration forms are due to the Director, Jill McDonald, by March 1, 2019. Clubs are strongly encouraged to select Alternates as several vacancies have occurred the past two years when conflicts in timing arose for many Delegates.

GCI team members are usually available to visit your club, present a short briefing, and answer any questions your members may have. Call on us if we can be of assistance!

HISTORIAN

Carol A. Niemiec

A Happy and Healthy 2019 to all! Will your club mark a special anniversary or other milestone this year? Don't forget to document these events for future reports. Your club's Women's History Report Form for 2018 is due to this Historian postmarked by Feb. 1, 2019, and please include a narrative so it might be submitted to GFWC for recognition. Be sure your narratives provide hours, dollars donated, in-kind donations, and a good description of the event, including, who, what, where, when and why.

Now, a continuation of interesting facts about our past NJSFWC Presidents:

Ida Dawson was the seventh president of the Federation, 1906-1909, from the Contemporary Club of Newark. The Federation was districted along the lines of the Congressional Election Districts, with ten leaders called District Vice Presidents. Clubs were urged to join GFWC, and dues were twenty-five cents per club. The first Federation pin and membership card was designed as a means of public identification. Home Economics and Domestic Science were recommended in high schools, and instruction for the blind, deaf, and impaired children was advocated. Libraries remained an important aspect of club work. Tuberculosis was on the rise, and the Federation acted in the formation of a State Sanitarium in Glen Gardner (College District), in 1907.

Mary Pattison was the eighth president of the Federation, 1909-1911, a "Domestic Engineer" from the Colonia/Metuchen area, and founder of the Borough Improvement League of Metuchen. The major goal of her administration was to establish a Household Experimental Station in her own home, equipped with the latest cooking and cleaning devices. Thousands of women from NJ visited her home, and took away ideas to make their lives more efficient, and this project was recognized in 1912 in the Scientific American Magazine. The Pattison administration strived to improve living conditions for the poor, fewer working hours, prison reform, and abolishment of child labor.

Catherine Warren, the ninth president of the Federation, 1911-1913, hailed from the Province Line Club of Princeton. The first time the "COLLECT" by Mary Stewart was read was at the semi-annual meeting in 1911, held at the Haddon Fortnightly in Haddonfield. Clubs worked for better food (The Pure Food Law), safer drinking water, and improved civic conditions in general. The vision of a State College for women was on the horizon and a committee was appointed in 1912 to work on this project.

HONORS**Laura C. Badger**

Woman of Achievement honorees for 2019 will be recognized at the Monday evening banquet, on May 6, 2019, at the NJSFWC Annual Convention.

Now is the time for you or your club to consider being a patron for the Woman of Achievement Awards. Donations benefit the Women of Achievement Continuing Education Scholarship for a student at Douglass Residential College. Since 1982, NJSFWC has been supporting and partnering with Douglass Residential College in the Woman of Achievement Program. Please consider being a patron for this worthy endeavor. **A Patron Subscription Form can be found on the NJSFWC website and in this ALMANAC.**

CECILIA GAINES HOLLAND AWARD countdown is on!! The February 1st deadline is just a few weeks away. This is an opportunity to honor one of your members for her outstanding achievements in your club and community. Using the information on the NJSFWC website, send the resume and properly documented cover letter to this Chairman no later than February 1, 2019.

HONOR ROLL recipients will be honored at the Wednesday, May 8th business meeting of the NJSFWC Annual Convention. In this ALMANAC and on the website you will find presentation and instruction forms, Honor Roll tribute suggestions and the order form for the Honor Roll Charm. Remember, a member can only be placed on the Honor Roll once.

ORDER OF THE LILY is the honor for a member who has already been placed on the Honor Roll and has continued her outstanding service to your club. She will be recognized and presented a certificate at the Wednesday, May 8th business meeting of the NJSFWC Annual Convention. Forms and procedure can be found in this ALMANAC and on the website. A pin may be purchased for her as a remembrance of this event.

DEADLINE for submitting **Honor Roll and Order of the Lily** nominations is April 1, 2019 sent to NJSFWC Headquarters with the appropriate documents and fee.

On the **NJSFWC.org** website, under **MATERIALS, HONORS, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENT FORMS** you will find information and forms you will need to submit these tributes.

LEGISLATION/RESOLUTIONS**Carole B. Speechley**

Thank you to every club that submitted a resolution. Our Federation has made a positive difference in our world through advocacy – your club is helping to continue this proud legacy.

The Holidays are over and Federation thoughts go to **reporting**. Hopefully your Chairman has been keeping track all year long of what your club has been doing in Legislation so that all that is left to do is review and add up all of the amazing numbers for the projects completed in 2018 in Legislation.

Your report is due to this Chairman **postmarked no later than February 1, 2019**. If you have questions, PLEASE email speechley@njsfwc.org or call 609-368-5243 as soon as you can so that there is time to respond to your question in plenty of time to get your report filed on time.

This Chairman is confident that your club has done SOMETHING in Legislation that you can report.

- Did members of your club send letters or make phone calls to any elected officials?
- Did your club form a Legislative Committee?
- Did any of your members sign up to receive Legislative alerts from GFWC? This is one of GFWC's 7 Grand Initiatives and this Chairman is hoping to get 1,000 Jersey Girls to sign up, so PLEASE report your count.
- Did you have a speaker relating to any Legislative issues of importance to your members?

LEGISLATION/RESOLUTIONS (continued)

Please think about the activities of your club and be sure to include any Legislative related issues on the report form and if you are in doubt if they should be reported, please contact this Chairman **AND PLEASE ADD A NARRATIVE ANYWHERE YOU CAN!!**

- How did you promote the GFWC Legislative Alert Center?
- How did you get your members involved in advocacy?
- What issues was your club interested in?

This Chairman thanks you in advance for completing and submitting a report but more importantly thank you for all the work you have done in Legislation.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT

Lynn Webb

One New Year's resolution is for us to look back at the past and report any monetary donations that were mailed to NJSFWC and earmarked "SSP- CASA of NJ". Remember to report all your club's in-kind donations on the NJSFWC Reporting Form for the Special State Project during January 2018 thru December 2018. The report form includes the Ambassador Training, Court Appointed Special Advocate Training, and a Proclamation for November's National Adoption Month, and purchasing the Special State Project Pins. The Report Worksheet and project descriptions must be mailed to this Special State Project Chairman and it must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2019.

The cold weather is here and that is why we are collecting all sizes of new sweatshirts and sweatpants for the January 2019 Councils. The District Chairmen will deliver them to the CASA affiliates in your communities. Thank you for thinking about the children.

The Ambassador Training was successful in November 2018 so this Chairman is looking forward to do training sessions in the south and another in the north. The program was educational and helpful for those interested in becoming advocates and bringing CASA of NJ information into their communities. The groups prepared an elevator speech on how to speak about CASA of NJ.

The gift card collection from the Fall Conference was 181 gift cards. The total cash amount was \$524.92. All the CASA of NJ affiliates received the gift cards for the teenagers. Thank you for your generosity to all who participated in this program.

There will be two statewide fundraisers for 2019 to benefit our state project. The first will be held at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Thursday, March 7, 2019. See the enclosed flyer for the exciting details! The second fundraiser will be held at the Lobster Shanty in Point Pleasant Beach on Thursday, August 8, 2019. More information on this will follow.

WEBMASTER

Denise Hosier

Protect Yourself from PHISHING

Phishing is the fraudulent attempt, usually through email, to steal your personal information such as usernames, passwords, and credit card numbers.

Phishing emails appear to be coming from a trustworthy source like your bank, credit card company, university, etc. Some of them even have the proper logos and format. They often try to scare you by saying they can't verify your information, or your information has been compromised and you need to log in immediately to fix things. They give you a link in the email, which you're supposed to click on and then enter your username and password, or name and credit card number.

DON'T DO IT!

WEBMASTER (continued)

The first rule of protecting your information is to never, ever click on the link. Rather, if you have an account with the particular bank, credit card company, or other entity that the email purports to be from, do your own typing to go directly to that website. Either use a link you have saved in your favorites or bookmarks, or type in the URL, like chase.com or yourbank.com.

There are several rules that might help you distinguish a phishing email from a legitimate one:

1. **Generic greeting:** It starts, Dear First Bank Customer, not using your name.
2. **Bad grammar:** Read the email carefully. Does it sound like it was written by a foreigner? Maybe it was. But even if it sounds legit, it still might not be.
3. **Forged link:** Even if a link has a name you recognize in it, it might not link to the real organization. Hover your mouse over it to see if the actual link matches the company that is supposedly sending the email. Or read the email in plain text as opposed to html. This lets you see the real link, not the words the phishers linked to.
4. **Requests personal information:** If the email asks you to enter any personal information, it is probably a phishing attempt. Legitimate companies don't ask you to enter personal information via email.
5. **Sense of urgency:** Internet criminals want your info, and they don't want to give you time to think about it. They tell you that you need to act fast to avoid harm.

When in doubt, CALL! Telephone the company's customer service line and ask if your account is in danger. And remember the cardinal rule: **DON'T CLICK ON THE LINK!**

You can report phishing emails by forwarding them to the FTC at spam@uce.gov and to the organization impersonated in the email. You can also report them to reportphishing@apwg.org, the Anti-Phishing Working Group, to help fight phishing.

WOMEN WHO REACH FOR THE STARS CHAIRMAN

Linda F. Babeuf

Sadly, Mother Nature interfered with the November 15th, 2018 kick-off of the NJSFWC Shining Future Endowment Campaign. Snow and high winds made it impossible for NJSFWC to hold the kickoff as well as celebrate the 124th Anniversary and start of the Anniversary year.

Thankfully, the forecast for the Shining Future Endowment Campaign is bright and sunny and extremely hopeful!

Materials have been prepared and are being sent to corporations, as donors or partners, recipients of the Women of Achievement Awards and other prominent members of our communities and to you our members. We need everyone's support!!

As members, at the January Councils you will receive information about what you can do to help us make this a successful campaign, ensuring NJSFWC has a Shining Future.

As mentioned last month there is a new website page dedicated to the Shining Future Endowment Campaign. It can be reached through a link on the NJSFWC homepage or at njsfwcshiningfuture.org. Please visit the site and encourage members and friends to visit it too. The site provides a brief history of NJSFWC but is also a place where you can make a donation to the campaign through PayPal.

Please remember that the committee is anxiously waiting to hear from you! The committee members are prepared and ready to speak to your club members about the history of the Federation and some little-known facts about the amazing work of the NJSFWC since our inception in 1894.

This is an exciting time for NJSFWC and we look forward to working with all of you on this game-changing endeavor.

PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTANT TO CLUBS

Maureen K. Costello

Correcting Mistakes

A meeting might never end if those who were defeated in one vote could repeatedly try to overturn the decision by making the group vote on the same matter over and over. For this reason, it's a rule of parliamentary procedure that once a motion has come up and been disposed of at a meeting, another motion that raises the same question can't be brought up at the same meeting in the normal way.

But every once in a while—either after reflection or because you learn of new facts—you may come to the conclusion that maybe the group did something it should not have done or should have done differently, or that it made a mistake in choosing not to do something it should have done on a motion. There are special procedures for dealing with such cases in meetings.

If a motion has been either adopted or defeated during a meeting, and at least one member who voted on the winning side wants to have the vote reconsidered, such a member may make the motion to *Reconsider*.

This motion can only be made by a member who voted on the winning side. That is to say, if the motion was adopted, the motion to Reconsider can be made only by a member who voted in favor of the motion, or if the motion was defeated, then only by a member who voted against it. This makes sense because, if there is no such person, there is virtually no chance that the result of the vote will be any different on the second go-round. This motion can, however, be seconded by any member, no matter how he or she voted.

Another important thing that you must know about RECONSIDER is that there is only a limited period of time within which it can be made. In the usual case, this motion can be made only on the same day on which the vote sought to be reconsidered was taken. The only exception to this rule is in the case of a session (such as a lengthy convention) in which meetings take place over a period of more than one day. In that event, the motion to Reconsider can be made on the same day the original vote was taken or on the next succeeding day within the session on which a business meeting is held. By and large, however, the thing for you to keep in mind is that if you change your mind after the meeting is over, in the usual situation you can forget about the motion to *Reconsider*. It will be too late to make such a motion.

