

NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF GFWC

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How many times do you find yourself saying, “We could have done that had we known?” Although many clubs do not formally meet over the summer, they have social events, send out newsletters and emails and start planning their calendars for the fall. Here are a few things to share with members.

For crafters – Lion Brand Yarn publishes free patterns to knit or crochet hats, suggesting using crafting to help end bullying. Blue is chosen as the color of awareness and solidarity. The New Jersey facility at 135 Kero Road, Carlstadt, NJ aims to collect enough hats by September 24 to outfit a local school of 1500 to wear the hats during October, Anti-Bullying Month. To learn more and access patterns, visit www.lionbrand.com/hat-not-hate.

For those who sew – Ryan’s Case for Smiles is a volunteer organization founded in 2007, inspired by a young man diagnosed with cancer at age 12, who maintained a positive spirit and would not let his illness define his outlook on life. The organization aims to have 44,000 whimsical pillowcases donated to hospitals each September to give children an emotional boost, one for each child in treatment. To learn more and get directions for fabrics and patterns, visit www.caseforsmiles.

For those who shop – The joy of a child receiving a birthday or holiday gift is increased when it is wrapped, and they experience the excitement of opening it to see what is inside. Organizations that collect gifts for children can also use wrapping supplies: paper, tissue, ribbons and bows. Consider purchasing supplies to add to your donations. For those attending NJSFWC Fall Conference on October 21, donations of gift-wrapping supplies will be collected and delivered to The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey, an organization serving at-risk infants, children, youth and families. Look for those good buys as you browse the stores over the summer.

For those doing the planning - Remember to review the Advocates for Children Supplement distributed to Club Presidents and published in the NJSFWC Yearbook for ideas on events and programs for your club’s calendar.

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Fads are fleeting – trends have staying power. At the 2019 Craft and Hobby Mega Show in California two of the hot trends for 2019 are edible crafts (the second most popular activity) also known as “sugar arts” and personalized journaling systems or day planners which are the “new” coloring books.

We are all aware that fads and trends, interests and time available for crafting may lessen over time. Some clubwomen may remember the years when china painting, basketry, fabric-covered home décor, smocking and sweatshirts or tee-shirts were included in the thirty-two different categories for Achievement Day.

This Chairman has been asked why certain categories or sub-categories have been deleted from the Arts Creative Contest Outline or why there may not have a category or sub-category included in the Outline.

As those past State and District Chairmen know, the Arts Creative (and Conservation) contests take planning. To this end, this Chairman now asks you to let her know what categories (or sub-categories) you would like to see integrated or eliminated from the contests. Please contact her in writing or by e-mail your ideas and suggestions so that she may keep a record of your thoughts. This will enable the 2020-2022 State Arts Creative Chairman to better represent your interests.

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Everything old is new again as the saying goes. The Junior Woman's Club of Arlington brought back an old project. Members bought a small souvenir that represented the place that they traveled to over the summer or where they hoped to travel to on a future vacation. They then wrote a poem with clues about the destination without telling where it was. The poems were read out loud at their first meeting in the fall. Everyone enjoyed figuring out the destination. They then took bids for the souvenirs and it was used as an inhouse mini fundraiser. Of course the poems can then be entered in the **Members Writing Contest!**

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COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BULLETIN JUNE 2019

RACHAEL SALANDRA CHAIRMAN

If your club has not found a project for the contest it is not too late. So how do you go about finding a great new Community Improvement Program Project that addresses a specific unique need in your community? You use your club projects. Following are some ideas.

1. Look through your scrapbooks, press books, webpage/website, ask your historian, project chairmen, look through your club's general meeting minutes.
2. The Project must address a specific, unique need within the community.
 - Did you assist in a local fund drive, American Cancer Society, Heart Association, March of Dimes, etc.?
 - Did you donate dog/cat food to a local shelter?
 - Did you donate books to a library or group home?
 - Did you collect food, clothing for needy families?
 - Did you entertain nursing home residents?
 - Did you clean a park or roadside; build or donate benches for a park?
 - Did you prepare or donate food to shut-ins?
 - Did you plant trees/flowers in the community?

Once you have identified the project, find the application and criteria.

See www.njsfwc.org, "Community Improvement Program Award" for further information or questions contact me at psal6@verizon.net.

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Communications: June 2019 Announcement

Tammy Levinson, Communications Chairman

Congratulations to past Communications Chair Mary Lu Henry for all her work with the Communications Committee. Certainly big shoes to be filled!

My name is Tammy Levinson, I am from the Palisades District and a longtime member of the GFWC Paskack Junior Woman's Club. I am not a stranger to serving on State Board, my last position held was Director of Junior Clubs 2012-2014. I am very excited to be serving on Board again and look forward to working with each of you! Send emails to levinson@njsfwc.org or smilealways@optonline.net.

I am currently looking for District Chairwomen to help ensure all Clubs receive our important information and are able to assist at District Workshops, Fall Conference, and Convention. Please email me if you are willing and able to help this Committee!

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CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM BULLETIN—JUNE 2019

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Fireflies, Butterflies, and Honeybees!

Three festivals early this summer will focus on some of our insect friends. The first is the **Gloucester County Firefly Festival**, on Saturday, June 29, at the Tall Pines State Preserve, on Woodbury-Glassboro Rd. and Barkbridge Rd. in Sewell. The event begins at 8:00 PM and ends at 10:00 PM. It features a ¾-mile trail on an old golf course path, with stations en route to learn about the types of fireflies in our area. Come early and bring a flashlight. Admission is free, but attendees are asked to pre-register by email to Fireflyfest@gcnatureclub.org. (Please give your name and the number of adults and children in your group.) More information is available from the Gloucester County Nature Club at www.gcnatureclub.org. The rain date is June 30.

The **Duke Farms 2019 Firefly Festival** will be held on Friday, July 12, and Saturday, July 13, from 7:30 to 10:30 PM. The trail takes you 1½ miles through woodlands and meadows and has numerous activity stations. Duke Farms is located at 1112 Dukes Parkway W, in Hillsborough. Attendees must pre-register for this free event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-firefly-festival-tickets-63060322121?aff=erelexpmlt>.

The final event is the **Butterfly and Pollinator Festival** sponsored by the Gloucester County Certified Gardeners on Saturday, July 13, from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. See the butterfly house and other exhibits, and enjoy crafts, workshops, and face painting. You can also show up in costume and join the Butterfly and Bug Parade. The event will be held at the Red Bank Battlefield, 100 Hessian Ave., in National Park. Admission is free. For information call 856-307-6456.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Your Summer Project – “First Night Kits” for your local shelter!

Fill a colorful container or basket with items a woman would enjoy receiving the first night she arrives at the Shelter. Can you possibly imagine her anxiety? You could fill the container with a pair of pajamas, a tee shirt, socks, panties, toiletry items, perhaps a note pad, pen, a magazine, a paperback book, the list is endless!

This “gift basket” might help her as she is entering different surroundings and hopefully a better life.

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Perhaps you heard it announced at Convention that the **Arlington Woman's Club**, the **Evening Membership Division of the Arlington Woman's Club**, the **Junior Woman's Club of Arlington** and the **GFWC Arlington Juniores** won the creativity award in Education for their joint participation in the nationwide program 'JumpStart, Read for the Record.'

Each year, Jumpstart selects one book to be the official *Read for the Record* book, to be read on November 7th, to highlight the importance of early literacy and celebrate the power of reading. They work with a publishing partner to create a special edition of the book that includes additional reading tips and guiding questions to help bring the story to life, engage young readers in discussions about the book, and to boost their understanding and enjoyment of reading.

This year the world-wide *Read for the Record* book is ***Thank You, Omu!*** by Oge Mora. It is a story that explains the timeless themes of generosity, community, and gratitude. It is available in both English and Spanish, and can be ordered on-line at on.jstart.org/order

This chairman is aware that there were a few other clubs that were part of this project last year and would like to invite and encourage all clubs to take part this year. Together, we can help all children build the key language and literary skills that they need to take on the world.

As you complete your leisurely summer reading, please take the time to write up a short report and submit it to **ESO**. Please check with Joyce Dreger if you need the report form. Also, many schools plan their calendar in the summer. This may be the best time to schedule with the school next year's Spelling Bee.

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The summer months are a perfect time to update your club's history. 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)

This historian would like to recommend two excellent books for your summer reading, both written by Marie Benedict. The first is **The Other Einstein**, a novel based on the life of Mileva Einstein, the first wife of Albert Einstein, a brilliant physicist in her own right, but lost in the shadow of her husband. The second book is **The Only Woman in the Room**, based on the life of the 1930's and 1940's actress Hedy Lamarr. Not only was she a talented actress, but also a brilliant scientist, who devised an idea to help the war effort against the Nazis. Both books spotlight historical figures whose talents and achievements were overlooked, but you will be surprised at the end results.

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HOME LIFE BULLETIN

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ALERT TO ALL STITCHERS!!!! Fight Bullying!!!!

Lion Brand Yarn is sponsoring a “Hat not Hate” blue hat project. Their aim is to distribute 25,000 blue hats to schools around the country. Blue represents awareness, peace and solidarity and is a symbol of the “craftivist” movement against bullying. Hats can be any shade of blue, from any manufacturer, 14-20” in circumference; close fitting beanies as well as slouchy hats are welcome. Please include a note or tag stating the fiber content since some children have fiber allergies.

Send blue hats to Lion Brand Yarn, 140 Kero Road, Carlstadt NJ 07072 by August 1, 2019. For more information, and leads to patterns, go to <http://hatnothate.org>.

ST. JUDE WALK/RUN

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is holding a walk/run at the Seaside Heights Boardwalk on Saturday, September 21, 2019 starting at 9am. There are many ways to get involved: form a team, sign up as an individual, become a sponsor or serve as a volunteer. Let’s help St. Jude continue their work so that families of critically ill children never receive a bill from St. Jude for anything!

For further information and/or to register for the walk go to Stjude.org/walkjerseyshore.

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June 2019 International Outreach Bulletin

HUNGERSITE: A website was brought to my attention where all you have to do is visit the site GreaterGood.org, in order to donate free food to the hungry throughout the world. The program, "Hungersite," offered through GreaterGood.org is an internet program where you just have to click on "Click here – It's free" and the sponsors fund food for the hungry. The food goes to more than 130 charities working in the United States and worldwide. What a wonderful and easy way to participate in an International Program while feeding the hungry throughout the world. During your busy summer take a minute and participate in this worthwhile program. Don't forget to include this in your reports.

Visit: thehungersite.greatergood.com, when there click: **CLICK TO GIVE – IT'S FREE!** a page will pop up with a box in the top middle that says "**Thank You!** Your click donated _____ cups of food. We funded _____ cups of food yesterday!"

If there is an international program that you would like more information on or would like to see it in the ALMANAC please email me at manneback@njsfwc.org.

Have a great summer!

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2019 Resolutions & Some Project Ideas from the 2018 Club Reports

FROM: Carole Speechley, Legislation/Resolutions Chairman

Delegates to the 2019 Annual Convention adopted 6 Resolutions, covering a wide range of issues, which now are added to the public policy platform of the NJSFWC:

- SUPPORTING REAUTHORIZATION OF CASA FUNDING (NJ)
- BAN SEED-BEARING CULTIVARS OF JAPANESE BARBERRY BUSHES IN NEW JERSEY (NJ)
- COST EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR MEDICARE PART D (USA)
- SUPPORT OF THE LIBERTY STATE PARK PROTECTION ACT (NJ)
- STOP COUNTERFEIT DRUGS BY REGULATING AND ENHANCING ENFORCEMENT ACT (SCREEN ACT) (NJ)
- NEW JERSEY FIRE AND EMS CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES (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.

Every club can write a resolution to try to correct something they feel is wrong. The deadline for submitting them to the Legislation/Resolutions Chairman is December 15, 2019. But it's never too early.

Here are some projects reported by our clubs in narratives on their 2018 annual reports:

The **Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook submitted two resolutions** by the December 15th deadline for presentation at the 2019 Convention. The first resolution is to support House of Representatives HR5228, Stop Counterfeit Drugs by Regulating and Enhancing Enforcement Act (SCREEN Act). The bill addresses the opioid crisis from the perspective of the illegal importation of drugs including fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid, through the mail to avoid detection. The bill would strengthen detection. The second resolution ~~is~~ was not presented at Convention because it passed and was signed on 1/8/2019.

The **Franklin Woman's Club advocated strongly for two resolutions concerning pipeline construction**. The first one opposed the new pipeline that the Williams Company was planning on building that would go under the Raritan Bay and risk re-contaminating it. The second one strongly opposed the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project (NESE) that proposed construction of a gas compressor station and the gas pipeline expansion. A petition was created (and signed in red), letters were written, and public hearings were attended. Members demonstrated with signs before a hearing of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), in a hope to get them to deny the water permits necessary for this pipeline.

The **Woman's Club of Matawan developed a template on how to write to legislators** either as an individual or on behalf of the club. The template, along with the names, addresses and phone numbers of local legislators from the two districts covered by club members were included in the club's yearbook.

The **Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights held their second Candidate's Forum** for the November election of their town council and Board of Education. They collected questions that were given to the candidates prior to the forum so that the candidates would be ready to answer the questions. They streamed the forum live on Facebook for residents who were unable to attend and received over 200 views.

More projects from reports will be in the Legislation & Resolutions Fall ALMANAC articles.

Please describe your projects in your reports – this chairman loves reading about all that you do.

What We Do really does Matter.

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"Fire Prevention Week" - October 6, 2019-October 12, 2019

It's not too soon to start thinking about fire safety week! Here are some tips on fire safety:

- Institute a "no smoking" policy in the house
- Check all cords and replace any that are frayed or have bare wires
- Switch to flameless candles
- When buying a space heater, look for models that shut off automatically if heater falls over.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms monthly
- Replace batteries annually, and change the batteries in your carbon monoxide detector
- Make an Escape Plan, with two ways to escape from each room
- Designate an outside meeting place, a safe distance from the house

The month of October is a great month to have a Firefighter speak at your club meeting about fire safety. You could also donate new stuffed teddy bears to your local Fire Department, for children who are victims of a fire in their home. The teddy bear is given to the child by the Firefighter during this stressful time, as a source of comfort.

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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 state-wide collection of beach towels for CASA of NJ. Foster children will appreciate the large towels to cover themselves after a bath or to take to summer camp. They will own the towel and take it with them wherever they go.

There is a summer luncheon and basket raffle to benefit CASA of NJ on Thursday, August 8, 2019 from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Lobster Shanty, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ. The cost is \$40 and the deadline to sign up is July 26, 2019. Prizes are welcome for the Tricky Tray or Silent Auction. Tell them where they can find more information and the registration form!

Court Appointed Special Advocates work with the Division of Child Protection and Permanency and consult with them when the children are present with foster parents. The advocates requested craft items to be used as a distraction to the adult conversation. Here are the requested items to be collected for our September Council:

- Adult coloring books and colored pencils for our teens
- Coloring books and crayons for the younger children
- Glue, paper, glitter, googly eyes, craft kits, beads, string, etc.

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WEBMASTER BULLETIN, June 2019

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Don't you think it's about time your club had a website?

If your club is going to attract the next generation of women into the Federation, you need a website. If a woman looking for a club googled your town and "woman's club," would she find you?

If you already have a website, good for you! Be sure to keep it current. But if you don't have a site, summer is a great time to spend a little time developing one. There are at least three different places you can create a completely free website, no cost to your club at all. And it's not that hard.

Why not give me a call and talk it over? I have some information that will help you decide what you need to do. I'd be glad to help you, or even develop a page or two for you. Call or email me today!