

New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

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2019 Resolutions & Some Project Ideas from the 2018 Club Reports

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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.