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President's Message—Mary E. Wolfe

Welcome back! Hopefully you all had a wonderful summer, finding the time to relax and catch up with family and friends. September is the official beginning of the 2019-2020 club year and the second year of this administration. This will be an exciting year as we mark our 125th Anniversary as a Federation! We still have work to accomplish and much to look forward to, and we also celebrate the events that have taken place since our last ALMANAC in April.

It is this Officer's sincere hope that you all enjoyed the 125th Annual Convention as much as she did! Congratulations and thank you to Convention Chairman Darlene Grady, Credentials and Registration Chairman Rosemarie Saviello and their respective committees on a very successful, fun and well-organized Convention, where we joined to Celebrate A Proud Legacy.

Fourteen housemothers, five staff and nine volunteers were on hand to welcome the 186 delegates to Girls Career Institute on Monday, June 3. The high school girls, who will be entering their senior year this month, were given the opportunity to participate in a service project, listen to a variety of speakers, swim, take part in a talent show, fashion show and Zumba, among other things. They joined in with enthusiasm! Many thanks to GCI Director Jill McDonald and her dedicated staff for another successful year. Is it any wonder that they have been selected to receive the Outstanding Volunteers Community Service Award during VIP Specialists 2nd annual You Make the Difference Awards

on Sunday, October 6? All are welcome to attend. More details can be found in this issue of ALMANAC.

Over 30 NJSFWC members travelled to GFWC Convention in Austin and received a warm Texas welcome. GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock presided over an educational and fun-filled convention and is to be congratulated. What a wonderful opportunity to share with our Federation sisters from across the country, as well as representatives from 3 International Affiliates! NJSFWC LEADS graduate Randi Quillici fully embraced her LEADS experience and shares her impressions in this issue.

Congratulations to State Project Chairman Lynn Webb, with help from Corresponding Secretary Vivien Finn, on a successful Luncheon/Basket Raffle to benefit CASA of NJ, which was held in August at the Lobster Shanty in Point Pleasant. Thanks to the generous donations of members, clubs and districts, there were over 75 items for the basket raffle and 5 items for the silent auction. A good time was had by all as we enjoyed delicious food and Federation friendship in a beautiful setting!

Over the summer, some of the Community Service Program and Standing Committee Chairmen updated their supplements and made minor changes. Please pay attention to the Chairmen's articles for updated information and contest rules. The updated supplements can be found in the 2019-2020 NJSFWC Yearbook and on the njsfwc.org website.

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President's Message (Continued)

Don't forget to make your reservation for GFWC Middle Atlantic Region Conference, which will be held October 11-13 at the Parsippany Hilton, Parsippany, NJ. NJSFWC is honored to be the host state this year and, if you've never attended Regional Conference before, you will surely want to take advantage of the proximity. The Call to the MAR Conference is available on the NJSFWC website. Please read the enclosed article from MAR Conference Chairman Jean Revis for the exciting details.

Fall Conference/Program Assistance Chairman Susan Fosdick has planned a Fall Conference that you won't want to miss. Join your fellow clubwomen on Monday, October 21 at the Battleground Country Club in Manalapan. In addition to our speakers, Membership Awards for the Club with the Highest Net Gain in each District will be announced and the GFWC awards received at GFWC Convention in Texas will be presented. The day is sure to be educational and entertaining! Information and registration forms are in this issue and on the NJSFWC website.

Please look around your club or community and consider submitting a nomination for the 2019 Woman of Achievement Award. To be eligible for this honor, a nominee must be a woman who has gained visibility in New Jersey for her distinguished service and outstanding accomplishments. Sound like someone you know? Deadline for nominations is November 15th.

By now you've heard that November 16, 2019 is the 125th Anniversary of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC and has been designated as our Day of Service. What a fitting way to celebrate our service organization and help students who have aged out of the foster care system and are going off to college! Let the shopping begin!

Finally, this Officer is so appreciative of every club or individual club member who has so generously donated to the Shining Future Endowment Campaign, which was initiated to help ensure the financial security of NJSFWC and provide funds to help us support our projects. The campaign will continue until the end of this administration. We are looking outside of Federation for donations and welcome your suggestions for additional organizations that might support to our cause.

In Federation Friendship,

Mary



AWARDS RECEIVED AT GFWC CONVENTION IN AUSTIN, TX

NJSFWC:

- Junior's Special Program: Advocates for Children
- Membership
- Fundraising and Development
- Prevent Child America Partner in Prevention Award
- Certification of Appreciation – UNICEF
- Certificate of Appreciation – HOBY

Clubs:

- Outstanding Achievement in Juniorette Participation – Long Valley Juniorettes
- Signature Program (Domestic Violence Awareness) Fundraising, 3rd Place – WC of Maplewood
- Club Creativity, Women's History – Franklin Woman's Club
- Certificates of appreciation from Canine Companions for Independence – WC of Bloomfield, Past Presidents 11th District and Saddle Brook Woman's Club
- Certificate of Appreciation – UNICEF – Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights

Congratulations to the recipients!

These awards will be presented at State Fall Conference.



NJSFWC PRESIDENT-ELECT**Jan W. Hanson**

Congratulations to Lucy Sanzalone from the Woman's Club of Brielle for being selected the NJSFWC Jennie Award nominee. She will be recognized at the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference in October along with the nominees from New York, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Nominees need to show a commitment to their clubs, their communities and their families.

Lucy has been a member of the Brielle club since 2008 and has served as a Board member since 2009. She has worked with Dottie's House for abused women and children, delivering clothes, food, toiletries, backpacks and toys. Her daughter started a grieving center for children and Lucy cooks for the volunteers. She assists veterans by working with Purple Heart of Jersey Shore, providing personal items for veterans in nursing homes. The Bayberry Garden Club awarded her the Perennial Bloom Award for her work with their organization.

When Lucy was 16 years old her mother passed away and Lucy became in charge of the household, cooking and keeping up with the housework. Later in life she nursed her husband for 14 years. She enjoys helping those in need whether it be her family or her club members.

Do you have a "Jennie" in your club? The next State nominee will be selected in the summer of 2021 and the information sent to the Middle Atlantic Region. Two nominees from the Region will go on to the General Federation of Woman's Clubs where one will be selected as the Middle Atlantic Region Jennie winner and honored at the 2022 GF Convention.

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

One way to keep track of projects and programs that your club holds during the year is to have each chairman write down the details about each project they chair. Included in this ALMANAC is a sample copy of a project report form that clubs can use. This makes report writing much easier at the end of the year. Details are already written for you and you don't have to go back, ask the chairman what they did, or how many participated to figure out dollars and hours. (Thank you to Nancy Levy from the Denville Rockaway Woman's Club for sharing the form her club uses, which I edited)

If you have an idea to share about report writing, please send it to shirleyholly@earthlink.net

NJSFWC THIRD VICE PRESIDENT**Barbara McCloskey**

As you promote the benefits of being a member of your club, do you also promote the benefits of being a member of NJSFWC and GFWC?

Every club and member has the opportunity to receive free materials, which are available on the NJSFWC website, and are designed to help with membership and the operation of the club. Some examples are: Market Your Club Effectively, Retain Your Members Effectively, and an explanation of Federation events.

Every Club President receives a free copy of the ALMANAC eight times a year and GFWC CLUBWOMAN magazine six times a year. Included in these publications is information from your state and national officers, parliamentary tips, sample proclamations and updated project information and ideas.

All members can access the ALMANAC on the NJSFWC website and can also subscribe to CLUBWOMAN magazine on their own.

Also available on the NJSFWC website are hundreds of project ideas which are listed in the NJSFWC Supplements. Clubs can also access the GFWC website, gfwc.org, which offers a GFWC Club manual and many other resources to support and benefit your club.

Another benefit includes the opportunity to become tax-exempt on the Federal level as part of the Federation's tax exemption and the opportunity to get \$2 million worth of liability insurance for less than \$200 as part of the Federation's policy.

NJSFWC THIRD VICE PRESIDENT (continued)

It is important that you share this information with your members! They need to all be aware of the benefits of membership and why belonging to a Federated club, and more importantly, an international organization that has members in all 50 states and a variety of countries can make a difference on a greater scale than just an individual club with no affiliations.

So, the next time your club members ask why we pay \$25 for each member as part of your Federation dues, which is determined by the number of members you report on the blue sheet, you can tell them that that they are getting a bargain for all the benefits they receive!

NJSFWC TREASURER**Joyce J. Fredericks****MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A TREASURER'S WORKSHOP**

WHERE: NJSFWC HEADQUARTERS
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019
TIME: 10:30 A.M.

BRING A BROWN BAG LUNCH AS THE AGENDA WILL GO PAST LUNCH

Christine Donohue from the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission will be in attendance to answer your questions about raffles.

Presentations will consist of:

- 501(c)3 information on how to apply to be under NJSFWC's umbrella
- 990 filing requirements
- Charitable Registration
- How to maintain your 501(c)3 status and what is needed if you lose it
- Time will be made available to answer as many questions as need to be answered.

Please join Financial Secretary Marie DiMatties and Treasurer Joyce Fredericks who will be presenting.

RSVP NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31, 2019 TO EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT PATTI NOTARIANNI 732-249-5474.

NJSFWC FINANCIAL SECRETARY**Marie E. DiMatties**

Summer is almost over, and it is now time to think about the 990 E files.

Club presidents have heard numerous times about the effect of the change in NJSFWC's fiscal year. Your club had the choice of changing your fiscal year to align with NJSFWC's July 1-June 30, or not. In either case, this officer should have been notified.

If your club is changing its fiscal year, the change will affect the filing of your 990 forms which currently are due September 15 of each year. With this change, for the first year only, your club will have to file **TWO 990 forms** - one for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2019 and the other for the two months of the new fiscal year for the period May 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. Please note, the second 990 cannot be filed **UNTIL NOVEMBER 15th** as you will get an error for filing too early. All Filings can be done electronically.

A copy of the page that says "You have successfully filed your 990" needs to be sent to **NJSFWC, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, 08901 ATTN: Financial Secretary**. Remember to print the screen before logging off and keep a copy for your club's files. Clubs who fail to report 3 years in a row will be DROPPED from 501(c)(3) exempt status by the IRS.

If your club has chosen not to align with the new fiscal year (your prerogative) and wants to keep its fiscal year as is, it is your club's responsibility to file its own INDIVIDUAL 1128 in order to maintain your present fiscal year.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact this officer.

COLLEGE DISTRICT**Christina Burlew**

During the summer, the **Woman's Club of Cranbury** held two programs at the local library. **Woman's Club of Clinton** supported the United Way program "Tools 4 School" by collecting school related items and volunteered by sorting and packing pencil boxes. **Franklin Woman's Club** held a "Social" at NJSFWC Headquarters providing the members an opportunity to meet and get to know one another. **Greater Brunswick Area Woman's Club** worked on blankets for CASA NJ and played Bingo at the Ozanam Men's Shelter. **Montgomery Woman's Club** dedicated a Kwanzan Cherry Tree at the Crawford House in memory of deceased member Angela Chang. The Crawford House is a program for women, aged 18 years and over, who are residents of NJ, homeless, indigent, and free from substance abuse. CH was very special to Angela.

The Woman's Club of Hillsborough will hold its annual Basket Auction on Saturday, September 20 with gift baskets, Vera Bradley bags and more. **North Brunswick Woman's Club** will have a Flea Market on September 21 with a possible food truck. **Suburban Woman's Club**, of South Plainfield, will hold its G&C Boutique. Gently used purses, costume jewelry, scarves, gloves, houseware/gift items will be available for purchase. On September 21, **Woman's Club of Tewksbury Township** will participate in the annual Tewksbury Library and First Aid Squad's Harvest Festival fundraiser by having a table full of fun fall crafts for children.

EVENING MEMBERSHIP**Claire J. Hill**

EMD ladies have been very busy during this summer.

The Haddon Fortnightly EMD is celebrating its 80th anniversary in conjunction with The Haddon Fortnightly's 125th Anniversary. The highlight of the yearlong anniversary celebration of programs and activities will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2019. That evening will welcome friends and supporters, together with members, past and present. Join them for a cocktail reception with delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts, featuring local wines and beers and their "signature cocktail".

EMD of Arlington Woman's Club will enjoy hearing from their GCI delegate at their September meeting and will be making Birthday Bags for CASA of NJ.

Woman's Club of Merchantville EMD will also hear from their GCI delegate at their Soup and Salad dinner. Knit Wits are preparing to make items for CASA of NJ and various charities.

Woman's Club of Maplewood EMD held its annual July Summer luncheon at Olive Garden where they assembled school backpacks for the Interfaith Hospitality Network. The September meeting is a book review meeting where the members review several books the members have read over the summer. They also exchange their favorite books which they have read and are ready to pass on. All leftover books are donated to the Friends of the Maplewood Library.

GARDEN DISTRICT**Patricia J. Dahl**

GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly members have been attending various local Community Days by setting up a table with club information to enhance membership. They recently contributed funds to the Burlington County Farm Fair where 100 children were invited to decorate a photo frame using ideas in reference to the Farm Fair and depicted from each 4H child on their vision of what families do at the annual county Farm Fair. Two members judged the frames and picked the two "Outstanding" winners. Beautiful ribbons were awarded.

On Sunday September 30th, the **West Deptford Junior Women's Club** will hold their "For the Cure" 5K Run/1K Walk. This is their second year and all proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society to help aid in research. There will be a photographer to capture some of the best moments! They offer snacks tables and water stations and music is played to rev everyone up! While helping raise money this is also a celebration of life. Cancer Fighters and Survivors will participate for free and the first 100 registrants will receive a T-shirt upon check in.

GARDEN DISTRICT (continued)

Woman's Club of Woodstown filled 4 First Night Kits for the Salem County Domestic Violence Shelter and have begun collecting Soles4Souls. At their Fall Festival on September 28th they will sell soda and used books and also distribute purple ribbons to remind the community that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The Haddon Fortnightly will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary on September 21st with a Gala from 6-8 pm at their club house. Tickets are \$60 per person for a wonderful elegant cocktail party, beverages and entertainment. Please consider attending. They would love to see everyone help them celebrate!

A "Cocoa Exchange Fundraising Event" will be held by **Marlton Woman's Club**. A club member is employed by Cocoa Exchange. She holds the event at her house and donates a portion of the sales back to their club. They also drink chocolate martinis during the event to make it a REAL Chocolate experience.

HIGHLANDS DISTRICT**Judy Filippini**

The women of the Highlands had a busy summer, with many social events, a golf outing, dining to donate fundraisers, manning booths at town days, collecting back to school supplies and collecting items for Operation Yellow Ribbon.

Clubs celebrated special anniversaries – **Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills** – 65 years and **Sparta Woman's Club** – 70 years. Congratulations to all members of both clubs!

A District Special State Project fundraiser, hosted by the **Washington Woman's Club**, lobster lunch and tricky tray was held in August at the Boat House on Swartswood Lake. All proceeds were donated to CASA of NJ

Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills held their 38th Tee Off for Education Golf Classic and Luncheon during July. It was a fun day for all and their largest fundraiser, which benefits their Education Department for all educational projects throughout the year.

Roxbury Woman's Club conducted a Soles4Souls shoe drive. Their first pick-up of the drop-off sites yielded 1008 pairs of shoes with more to come by the end of the drive.

Blair Woman's Club is hosting their kick-off luncheon on September 17th at the Stroudsmore in Stroudsburg, PA with a dynamic speaker, Maggie Wilson, who will speak on "A Study of Heritage through Ceramics". On September 21st they are sponsoring their town-wide yard sale to benefit their scholarship and outreach programs.

Hopatcong Woman's Club participated in Hopatcong Day. At the booth children and adults made cards that will be distributed to the veterans at the Lyons Healthcare Center.

Vernon Township Woman's Club will participate in the Vernon Street Fair in September. As well as distributing information about the club, they will sponsor and judge the Pumpkin Everything Contest.

LIBERTY DISTRICT**Jane Mackesy**

Liberty Ladies are ready for Fall! Some clubs take the Summer off, others hold meetings, but all planned, and stocked up, for upcoming Activities, Anniversaries and Fundraisers. Summer included Ice Cream Socials, Barbeques, Board Retreats, Christmas in July Toy Collections, and the SSP CASA of NJ Luncheon. Members attended plays, and summer concerts, held food and clothing drives, knitted hats, read books, and maintained Community Gardens.

Upcoming events include:

The **Woman's Club of Belleville** is having a Hatchet Toss for CASA of NJ on October 1st.

LIBERTY DISTRICT (continued)

The **Woman's Club of Caldwell** is hosting a Craft and Sip Card Making Workshop on 9/20. They will be making greeting cards, enjoying snacks and filling stockings for soldiers.

The **Woman's Club of Little Falls** is having its annual New Membership Tea, and Jamie Novak, presenting "Keep This-Toss That" on 9/20.

The **Woman's Club of Upper Montclair** will have a Welcome Back Luncheon on 9/25.

The **Woman's Club of Verona** will be participating in the town-wide Garage Sale.

West Essex Woman's Club is hosting a 65th Anniversary Party.

Peninsula Woman's Club will have a members-only Tricky Tray in September.

PALISADES DISTRICT**Marie Sullivan**

The Executive Boards of the Palisades District clubs have been busy this summer preparing for another terrific club year. Many Palisades clubs marched in their respective town's Fourth of July Parades and National Night Out Festivities.

Junior Woman's Club of Rutherford hosted their 14th Annual Lady Bug Festival this summer, along with a creative sidewalk Drawing Contest! This is always a community favorite with active participants.

Woman's Club of Carlstadt starts their fundraiser efforts with the sale of their successful three-month Calendar Raffle. Tickets will be available at Palisades District Fall Council.

Woman's Club of Lyndhurst has planned a Night of Entertainment with well-known comedian Chris Monte.

Woman's Club of Englewood is welcoming The Englewood Garden Club for a Community Information Event. Ken Druse an award-winning lecturer, will speak about Natural Gardening.

In support of Operation Smile, **Cresskill Woman's Club** will host an Oktoberfest.

RAMAPO DISTRICT**Barbara Cook**

Summer is over and while some of us were enjoying some relaxing days, some clubs were busy. Ice Cream Socials were very popular in June which were held by the **Pompton Lakes Woman's Club**, the **Suburban Woman's Club of Pompton Plains** and the **Woman's Club of West Milford Township**. Many clubs gave out scholarships to local high school seniors such as the **Allendale Woman's Club**, **Pompton Lakes Woman's Club** and the **Suburban Woman's Club of Pompton Plains**. **Pompton Lakes Woman's Club** participated in a town wide garage sale with the proceeds going to help prevent human trafficking.

In August, the **Allendale Woman's Club** coordinated "Turn the Town Teal" by displaying teal ribbons on town trees and volunteer yards for Ovarian Cancer Awareness. They also packed meals to be given out for clients at Eva's Kitchen to take home. **Pompton Lakes Woman's Club** participated in National Night Out and said it was a good way to attract members. The **Woman's Club of West Milford Township** started working on items for their Victorian Christmas in December. They also made "mommy bags" for women in the military.

Clubs are working on projects for the fall. **Allendale Woman's Club** will be participating in the Town Wide Garage Sale and is preparing a float for the town parade sponsored by Holiday Observer. They will continue with their monthly recreational activity for special needs adults. They are delivering "Busy Books", a collection of stories by lower grade students that have been collated, printed and bound. The **Suburban Woman's Club of Pompton Plains** is having a "Welcome Back Brunch" on a Saturday to invite potential new members. The GCI participants, along with their parents, are asked to share their GCI experience with the club. They will participate in the town Hoe Down where luminaries with a candle will be available to light on Breast Cancer Awareness Day. All donations will be given to the Susan G. Komen foundation. They will have cards to be colored by children and adults to be given to soldiers.

SHORE DISTRICT**Gwendolyn M. Lewis**

Shore District Lady Diamonds are aligned with love and serving their community. Clubs are serving many organizations in the Shore District. Just to name a few: AIDS Center in Asbury Park, food pantries, backpacks for Dottie's House, rubber-soled shoes for Soles4Soles, blankets for Operation Smile, bra's for Free the Girls, candies and cookies for Visiting Nurses Association assisted by the honor students from Holmdel High, who earn community service hours. Other projects include beach towels, blankets and pajamas for the Special State Project CASA of NJ and Welcome Back Baskets for the faculty of each school in their district. Some clubs are already making preparations to collect items for the stockings to support Operation Yellow Ribbon. Clubs are collecting items to fill the Shore District raffle basket for Middle Atlantic Regional Conference. Some clubs met during the summer to plan for their upcoming club year and club directories.

Woman's Club of Brielle has formed a Therapy Dog Committee. This committee of women is meeting for six weeks of training so they will be able to take the dogs to nursing homes visitation.

Our club ladies are working diligently within their communities at Town Festivals, hosting at Historical and Garden Club Society meetings to attract new members. Many clubs have developed a rapport with their local newspaper by having a press liaison. Also, clubs have improved their communication skills by developing a website. Some clubs disseminated materials at National Night Out. **Woman's Club of Middletown** bought subscriptions to Kind News for all 11 elementary schools in their community.

Clubs are continuing to build relationships with the members through social events to the theaters, restaurants and places of interest. Members are being honored by their clubs for their longevity of service. Clubs also are being recognized by their townships for their many hours of volunteer service. Thousands of dollars in scholarships were handed out to seniors in the district.

Shore District Clubs are swimming in an endless sea of miracles. The Lady Diamonds are naturally brilliant at everything they do, all the time. This DVP is in awe of their Kindness, Service and Generosity.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT**Mary Ellen Cropper**

The Super Southern District is refreshed and ready to begin another club year of activities to brighten the lives of others by helping our communities. At the June Council clubs donated 120 beach towels for CASA of NJ, which were then delivered in Atlantic and Cumberland County affiliates.

Over the summer the clubs participated in many events. The **Millville Woman's Club** chorus is performing at local events and planning a "meet and greet" for new members. **Colony Club of Ocean City** had a "Meet at the Beach" party. **Woman's Civic Club of Hammonton** members worked on the Blueberry Festival and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Festival. **Women's Community Club of Cape May** members judged the Baby Parade. **Woman's Club of Absecon** volunteered at the Field of Dreams and attended the State Project Summer Luncheon and **Woman's Club of Vineland** held a 1920's themed Summer Salad Supper, just to name a few summer events.

September will see the clubs "back in business" beginning the year with welcome back dinners, covered dish dinners, potluck lunches with meet and greets open to invited guests. They will also all be working on big plans for our Day of Service.

Woman's Club of Absecon will be working on Operation Yellow Ribbon in South Jersey and Christmas stockings for our troops

Colony Club of Ocean City is trying something new with a welcome back spaghetti dinner.

Woman's Civic Club of Hammonton will start their year with a welcome back dinner and the GCI representative being their speaker.

Millville Woman's Club will have a Rummage and Meatball Sub sale.

Woman's Club of Vineland members are collecting school supplies and they will be hosting the District Fall Council.

Country Shore Woman's Club is having a community cleanup and a new member's tea party and installation.

THE ARTS/CREATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Gail Kovacs-Felici****The Arts Creative Supplement has been updated for the 2019-2020 club year!**

The Days For Girls project (International Outreach CSP) has been added under Fostering Community Art. The kit components are washable pads (liners) of waterproof shields. These are sewn from brightly colored approved (DFG) absorbent fabrics. These are placed, along with soap, zip lock bags, etc. in a drawstring bag. Members could make just the bags, liners or the shields to send.

The updates in the Achievement Day contests (listed by category) are as follows:

- Jewelry - (2E) rings have been eliminated
- Embroidery - (3) any method of embroidery can be used in (3A) Framed Picture, (3B) Pillow or (3C) Other
- Embroidery (3) and Needlepoint (4) now include Christmas stockings under (3C) other items
- Knitting (6) and Crocheting (7) now have Afghan OR Carriage Blanket combined as listed under sub-category (B); sub-categories (C) Sweater, (D) Hat and (E) Scarf now combine adult, infant or child
- Sewing (8), by member requests, now includes sub-category (D) Quilts – either (8D1) Machine Sewn or (8D2) Hand Sewn
- Computer Art has been combined with Paper Art (9) – name tags and bookmarks have been eliminated; the sub-categories (9A) Scrapbooking, (9B) Greeting Cards, (C) Covers and (D) Invitation or Fliers all can be submitted are either (1) handmade or (2) computer generated
- Tee shirts into ? has been eliminated in Upcycle. It has been replaced by sub-category (10A) Wine Corks into ?. If wine corks are used to make an ornament, the correct category would be (10B)
- Ornaments entered in either Upcycle (10B) or Holiday (11B) must be suitable for hanging and with a maximum size of 8 inches in any direction
- Holiday Christmas Stockings (11C) are either (1) Felt or (2) Other – if they are constructed using Embroidery or Needlepoint, the correct category would be (3C) or (4C) respectively
- The Baking category include no changes to sub-categories (14A) Cakes or (14C) Quick Breads & Muffins; (14B) Cookies – sub-categories are now (14B1) Drop, (14B2) Filled and (14B3) Other; Pies have been eliminated as a sub-category; (14D) Candy – sub-categories are now (14D1) Fudge and (14D2) Other; and (14E) Boxed Cake Mix, Modified – sub-categories are (14E1) Cookies or (14E2) Other
- All painting categories (15) Painting – Oil, (16) Painting – Watercolors, (17) Painting – Acrylic and (18) Drawing have under sub-category (B) Other the addition of Abstract to Still Life, Buildings, Monuments. Abstract is no longer a sub-category
- To be in line with the GFWC outline, the categories for Photography are now (20) Living Things, (21) Scenes, (22) Still Life and (23) Volunteers in Action

The revised Arts Creative Supplement can be found on the NJSFWC website (www.njsfwc.org) listed under the Materials section. A hard copy of this revised supplement will be distributed to all club presidents at the September District Councils. Make sure to check the club's mailbox and share this with your members.

PS – Thank you to all club members who have, to date, taken the time to let this chairman know what you would like to see (or not see) in a subsequent Arts Creative supplement.

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

The **Woman's Club of Haworth** instituted a "Dance for Fun, Fitness and Friendship" for members and the community. They met weekly for 10 months, taking the summer off. This can be used as a membership tool and it's a great way to involve the community. Their town library included the ad in its weekly announcements. The club also advertised in their local paper. This is a continuing project.

The NJSFWC Creative Writing contests are for our members as well as the youth in our community schools. Please check with the superintendent and principal before you start this process early in your club year to have a successful contest. Adhere to the NJSFWC rules and deadlines. An outline for all contests can be found in the Arts/Performing Supplement 2018-2020 which your President will have in the fall and you will find it on the NJSFWC website. Contact this Chairman if you need a copy sent to you. This is a great way to network with your community. Please encourage your members to enter the Creative Writing contests as well. Categories are poetry, short story or book review.

All Creative Writing entries (member and youth) must be mailed and postmarked no later than **February 1, 2020** to: **Literature Division Chairman, Kim Gallagher, 201 Holly Avenue, Runnemede, NJ 08031**

CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Bonnie Dann****We Need to Protect Bees and Other Pollinators from Pesticides**

Nearly 80% of all flowering plants must be pollinated by bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, moths, beetles, or bats in order to produce fruits, vegetables, and seeds. This is vitally important for birds and other wildlife that rely on the berries and seeds. It is also vital for the production of crops grown by humans. Approximately one-third of the food we eat depends on pollination.

Unfortunately pollinators are seriously threatened by pesticides. Farmers of course use pesticides to protect their crops from damage, and even ordinary homeowners use pesticides in their gardens. Many of these pesticides are highly toxic to bees and other pollinators.

Honeybee populations in particular are in crisis. Beekeepers this past winter saw colony losses averaging about 35%, and scientists refer to "colony collapse". Part of the problem involves parasites, disease, poor nutrition, and loss of habitat, but experts agree that pesticide exposure is a major cause.

Gardeners can help by planting pollinator-friendly flowers and reducing or eliminating the use of pesticides. If pesticides are to be used, it is important to first identify the problem pest and use the right product for that particular pest. Instructions and warnings on the label should be carefully observed, and overuse should be avoided.

Clubwomen can also urge government agencies to do a better job of regulating the use of pesticides that pose a danger to pollinators. The US Environmental Protection Agency recently attracted criticism by dropping a ban on the pesticide sulfoxaflo, which is especially lethal to honeybees. Meanwhile, the US Department of Agriculture has announced that it will discontinue its annual count of honeybee colonies as a cost-cutting measure. More information can be obtained from organizations such as the Pesticide Action Network, which has a website at www.panna.org.

EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Ann Ribinsky Brown**

Did you know that there are 36 million adults in the United States who can't read above the third-grade level? That means that one in seven people have literacy issues. People with low literacy skills are four times more likely to have poor health. Those adults have a higher chance of having to go to the emergency room, and that costs U.S. taxpayers between \$106 million and \$238 billion each year! Adults with low literacy levels are twice as likely to be unemployed. Americans with low literacy levels are less likely to be politically engaged or understand what is going on in politics.

Literacy New Jersey is a state-wide program that provides free instruction to adults who need help with reading, writing, math and speaking English. Trained volunteer tutors work with adults one-to-one or in small groups to help them improve their language and literacy skills so they can reach their life goals.

As you set up your club programs for the upcoming year, perhaps you can invite someone from *Literacy New Jersey* to speak to your club. Contact <https://literacynj.org> or 732-906-5456. With knowledge and encouragement, invite your members to get the necessary training and become tutors themselves. There is a \$50 charge for this training. GFWC can help to cover this cost through Focus on Literacy Club Grants.

Literacy Grants of up to \$200 are available to GFWC clubs. In addition to providing training, funds may be used for purchasing books for tutors to use, providing books to children, and/or a variety of other literacy needs. The application is available at www.GFWC.org/membership/awards-contests-andgrants. Applications must be received by the following dates for events occurring in the designated season: Fall, October 1; Winter, January 1; Spring, April 1; and Summer, July 1.

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

Summer has come and is almost gone and Home Life is up and running!

Last October, this Chairman wrote to you about the VIAL OF LIFE PROJECT that gives emergency responders information critical to our health. Sparta club woman, previous Woman of Achievement, and mental health advocate, Marjorie Strohsahl astutely noticed there is no place on their basic information form about MENTAL HEALTH. Marjorie has launched a campaign to encourage the Vial of Life Project administration to add the ability to make that information available to emergency responders. She has solicited support from NAMI NJ and has crafted a letter to encourage the president of the Vial of Life Project to change their form. A copy of that letter is enclosed in this ALMANAC. Why not copy this form and ask your members to each send a letter, too? Let's stand up for mental health!!!

Please remember that ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL is holding a WALK/RUN at the Seaside Heights Boardwalk on Saturday, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 starting at 9 a.m. 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 St.jude.org/walkjerseyshore.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR CLUB'S HOME LIFE ACTIVITY! REPORT FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE WE KNOW IT! See you at Fall Conference!

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Karen Manneback**Club Creativity Entry

The Women's Club of Caldwell with a membership of 31 had a program about LifeStraws. They created LifeStraw coin collection bottles. These bottles were created from recycled small water bottles. The bottles were cleaned, and a small opening was cut in the top to insert coins. A blue paper label (blue paper represented water) was taped to the front of the collection bottle, explaining what a LifeStraw is, how it is used along with instructions for the collection bottles. Members were given the LifeStraw collection bottles at the International Potluck dinner and requested to place their change in the bottle. They were told "coins collected could make a life-saving difference to people in developing countries". Members were given several months to fill the bottles. The club collected about \$165.

There was no cost to the club and members spent 30 hours on the project with a \$25 in-kind donation.

NOTE: The LifeStraw program is being replaced with building wells at community centers and schools under the project name of Green Hub. More information will follow.

PUBLIC ISSUES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Lisa Levin****OPERATION CHRISTMAS STOCKING 2019**

It's that time of year to start making filled Christmas Stockings for the Troops! We have a new nonprofit which is Operation Yellow Ribbon, since Boatsie has retired. **We will have stocking collections at two different locations this year. One location is NJSFWC Headquarters in New Brunswick and another is in Mount Laurel.**

Please bring your filled Christmas Stockings, along with your club donation of \$2 per stocking to help defray the cost of shipping, to one of the locations and dates listed below:

NJSFWC Headquarters, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Tuesday, October 8th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thursday, October 17th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Mount Laurel Location, 132 Gaither Drive, Suite F, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Thursday, October 17th from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Please see the detailed Operation Yellow Ribbon stocking item list on the NJSFWC website

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Jean Battaglia

GFWC has designated the fourth week of October, October 20 – 26, as Advocates for Children Week to raise awareness of GFWC's child advocacy efforts. Clubs are invited to take on projects or plan events in their communities, partnering with groups working with children. Now is the time to start planning for how your club will participate. You might start by looking at the Advocates for Children Supplement distributed to club presidents and published in the NJSFWC Yearbook. There you will find contact information for organizations, ideas for events your club might sponsor, and resources available to your club. To ensure enthusiasm and support, take a few minutes to brainstorm at a club meeting to identify what your club will do, starting by reminding members that needs span all ages, from infant through teen, and are shared by both boys and girls.

Are you still wondering what you might do? Among the projects submitted in 2018 year-end reports was "Sock It to Cancer" from the North Arlington Woman's Club. The project received the Club Creativity Award and was submitted to GFWC. One of the members had learned Miss Texas 2018 was a ventriloquist who made sock puppets and took them to pediatric cancer wards to entertain children. Perhaps your club does not include a ventriloquist or a puppeteer among its members. But you can do what the members of the North Arlington Woman's Club did. They recognized that hospital patient and treatment rooms are often monotone, that floors are cold, and that slipper socks provided by hospitals are not interesting to children. They collected socks with bright colors and fun designs that could be worn under hospital slipper socks and donated them to a local pediatric cancer center. If you decide to do a project like this, be sure to check with the hospital first to determine if in-person visits or deliveries are permitted or if there might be a photo op to get publicity for your club. Even if items must be mailed, know that you have helped bring a smile to the face of a child.

BYLAWS

Carol Swinburne

As the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, we are recognized as the premiere statewide volunteer organization providing community service and making a difference in the lives of others. In order to function optimally, our organization must follow a set of rules outlining exactly how our mission is to be accomplished. This document is our organization's Bylaws, which guide us as we attend to the business of helping others.

These specific written rules describe our purpose, membership, officers and board of directors, committees, procedures, and governance. Each year our Bylaws must be reviewed and amended as necessary to remain relevant and current. Any recommended changes or amendments will be presented to the membership as a printed document called the Proposed Amendments to the NJSFWC Bylaws and included in the Call to Convention. A two-thirds vote of the convention voting delegates is necessary for any amendments to pass.

In order for the Bylaws Committee to complete this process, all clubs and state organizations in the NJSFWC are asked to review the Bylaws and recommend changes they see as necessary. According to Article XVII of our Bylaws, these recommended changes or amendments may be proposed by a club and accompanied by endorsements from at least five other clubs and submitted to the NJSFWC Bylaws Committee **by October 15th**.

Bylaws are the responsibility of our membership. After receiving the new 2019-2020 NJSFWC Yearbook, please review the NJSFWC Bylaws. You may also access the bylaws on the njsfwc.org website. The Bylaws Committee looks forward to reviewing all properly submitted recommendations.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tammy Levinson

Summer is just about over and it is time to kick off the new club year after the summer hiatus. Always be sure you are communicating effectively. September is Back to School season – so our ABCs are a great start.

Ask questions.

Communicating within your club is just as important as communicating with the community! Get feedback on what is going well in your club and what may need to be tweaked! You must listen, observe, and then respond, to ensure everyone is on the same page! How do members prefer to receive club info – newsletter, email, text, telephone calls? Be sure you know so no one is left out!

Be sure your social media accounts all been updated.

Many members and prospective members are tech savvy. Be sure your website, Facebook page, Instagram, & Twitter accounts are all current so when you are sought out, the club messages are current.

COMMUNICATIONS (continued)**Choose press releases.**

These are a great, FREE communication tool!

- Submit a release after each event – large or small – at the end of each release include website and next meeting information!
- Submit photos from events, collection sites, and anything your club is working on. *A photo and descriptive caption reach people too!*
- Invite prospective members through monthly press releases – simply work with your community papers to continually run your monthly meeting release to be sure it's seen!
- Make it fun - set a club goal to publish at least 12 releases each year!

FALL CONFERENCE/PROGRAM ASSISTANCE**Susan E. Fosdick**

An informative day has been planned for our STATE FALL CONFERENCE on Monday, October 21, 2019 at Battleground Country Club in Manalapan.

During the morning Business Session, you will hear from representatives of our Special State Project – CASA of NJ (Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Jersey), Rachel Paulson from Hands on the World Global, and Barbara McCloskey, Third Vice President and State Membership Chairman. The following Community Service Program Chairmen will also speak: Ann Brown, Education; Carole Speechley, Legislation/Resolutions; Susan Chambers, Home Life; Ora Kokol, Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention; as well as Laura Badger, Honors.

The afternoon Keynote Speaker will be Psychic Medium and Author Karl Petry. In his own words Karl tells the story of his amazing gift, from shocking experiences in childhood to deeply moving experiences in today's times.

Please complete the registration form which is included in this issue of the ALMANAC (a copy was also provided to all presidents at the June District Council) and return it to NJSFWC Headquarters along with your check. Please note on outside of envelope **STATE FALL CONFERENCE**.

DEADLINE

Reservations must be received by Wednesday, October 9, 2019.

ABSOLUTELY NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE.

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

Here is a GFWC project you might not be aware of - the "White Ribbon Campaign". Yes, White! This is a global movement of men and boys working to end male violence against women and girls. The organization was formed in 1991 in Canada, in response to a massacre of female students in that country in 1989. More than 60 countries have encouraged their male population to support this movement.

The wearing of a white ribbon is the symbol of a man's pledge to never commit, condone, or remain silent about violence against women.

This is one more opportunity to work with your community, the town officers, police, and your schools and share the information. Make up some cards with a white ribbon to distribute throughout your communities. You can get further information on this program by visiting www.whiteribbon.com. "White Ribbon" month is in November.

Reminder: Remember to get out those purple ribbons and clothing as a reminder that October is Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention month.

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

Girls' Career Institute 2019 is now history, but the experiences that 182 delegates had and the hard work of the 19 full time and 20 augmentation volunteers had will influence each life forever! Even the presenters are asking to come back next year because they felt that they gained as much as the girls. Harmony abounded and much was accomplished.

The delegates and staff were very involved with the Talent Show, Spirit Night, swimming, Zumba, and the special service projects. The major service project was preparing over 50 kits for Days for Girls angled around stage time practice for the "Spirit Night" competition. Judges Linda Carbley, Susan Meeker Paul and Marie DiMatties had the tough job of choosing a winner. During "activity of your choice" time, the delegates chose to tie blankets for CASA, write notes to service members, paint t-shirts, or prepare tray favors for Meals-on-Wheels. Once again, preparing their own Vision Boards was a very popular activity with girls spread throughout the dorm to have enough space.

This year the GCI staff was augmented with the introduction of part time volunteers who joined us for a few hours on a particular day. This adventure was very rewarding for both the full time staff and those who volunteered. Parking and the registration process were greatly improved, decorating bulletin boards, packing goodie bags, judging hallways and doors, help with the fashion and art shows and many administrative tasks were just some of the extra help provided.

Your club should begin now to plan how you and your members will participate in GCI 2020. Over 140 clubs sponsored delegates, offered funds for full or partial scholarships or donated water, snacks, and craft supplies. The reservation fee will remain at \$250 to sponsor one delegate. The form will be included with the dues bill mailing from Headquarters. Reservations are due by January 31.

GIRLS' CAREER INSTITUTE HONORED BY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION & PREVENTION SPECIALISTS LLC

GCI staff will be honored with the Outstanding Volunteers Community Service Award during VIP Specialists 2nd annual You Make the Difference Awards Brunch on Sunday, October 6, 2019. The Brunch Banquet will be held at the Fiesta Restaurant in Bergen from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. Tickets are \$55 each. Reservations can be made by emailing violenceips@yahoo.com or salsacop446@hotmail.com.

HEADQUARTERS**Joanne Mangels**

What is the 1894 Society? The NJSFWC Headquarters building sits on land leased from Rutgers University. Membership in the 1894 Society ensures that funds will be available to pay the land rent. NO DUES are used to pay the rent.

**What would happen if 6,748 NJSFWC MEMBERS each gave \$18.94?
\$127,807 would be raised!**

But how can you afford \$18.94?

- Drink one Starbucks coffee a day? In one month, you will have spent over \$120.
- Dunkin Donuts Coffee? Drink one a day? In one month, you will have spent over \$47.
- Eat out often? One glass of wine averages \$9, dine out 2 times a week, cost per week \$18 plus tip.
- Skip one fast food restaurant meal a week? It will take you less than a month to raise \$18.94.

We appreciate all donations to the 1894 Society and many of our members and clubs contribute more than \$18.94. Even so, in 2018 we only raised \$12,000. We can do better. Help us ensure the future of NJSFWC.

This Chairman challenges each of you to become an individual member of the \$18.94 society!

HISTORIAN**Carol A. Niemiec**

November 16th will mark the official 125th anniversary of the NJSFWC. This Historian hopes that clubs will plan a special event at one of their upcoming meetings to commemorate this historic date, and take some photos for posterity. Check out the GFWC Women's History Website for information on how to keep your club's history current and timely.

Thinking ahead to your report writing for 2019, this Historian would like to share an excellent narrative submitted by the Franklin WC, College District for 2018, which was submitted for the GFWC Club Creativity Award, Women's History category. This Historian added a few words here and there, but other than that, the following entry was mostly verbatim. This chairman hopes reading it will help you with your own report writing narratives in the future.

Notable Women in Society, the Arts and the Sciences.... That was the theme for the 60 member Franklin Woman's Club, College District, 2018 Panoramic Display at the Franklin Township Library. The exhibition was organized and put together in mid-April, viewed by the public for six weeks, and library personnel reported that approximately 22,000 people viewed the display during that time. The club found that the National Women's History Project Organization in California had resource materials for display and study. Several large illustrative posters were purchased to highlight, with faces and names, the women who have made notable contributions in various fields and movements. These were supplemented with photos and articles about four women from a **Time Magazine** special edition of modern women in various walks of life. The four women were the "**FIRST**" women in their fields: Madeline Albright- **First** Woman Secretary of State; Eileen Collins – **First** Woman to command a Space Shuttle; Kathryn Smith – **First** Woman to become a full time coach in the National Football League; and Ann Dunwoody – **First** Woman to rise to a 4-Star General in the US Military. With the addition of props to compliment the fields of endeavor reviewed, the display had the intention of inspiring women, as well as informing all who passed by, via incorporating an engaging panorama like effect. This project took 22 volunteer hours to put together, with an in-kind cost of \$65. The Franklin Woman's Club certainly made apparent that Generations of Women have most certainly moved Women's History forward, with their Women's History Display for 2018.

LEGISLATION/RESOLUTIONS**Carole B. Speechley****GFWC Brand Initiative #1**

At the 2019 GFWC International Convention, International President Mary Ellen Brock announced 3 Brand Initiatives. #1 is that **1,000 calls or emails be made to United States Representatives on September 23rd** urging the passage of HR 2793, the Miranda Vargas School Bus Driver Red Flag Act (formerly Miranda's Law). To find your representative and their contact information, go to www.house.gov/representatives and search by name or state/district. **PLEASE get this information out to your members** – let's see if 1,000 Jersey Girls can be part of this Brand Initiative. **Note:** Save October 23rd to act on Brand Initiative #2, coming to you in your October ALMANAC!

Thank YOU!

Thank you to everyone who joined the GFWC Legislative Action Center (LAC) since July 1, 2018. You are part of the 1,594 members who helped surpass the goal of 1,000. Knowing we can do even better, Mary Ellen wants us to get to 2,500 members! So, if you haven't joined, please join now.

Legislation/Resolutions Projects

The creativity entry that was sent to GFWC is in the September Bulletin distributed to Club Presidents at the September District Councils, and on the njsfwc.org website in the materials section under Legislation/Resolutions.

Here is another project from the 2018 reports:

The **Woman's Club of Arlington** has been advocating for the Ghost Army Congressional Gold Medal Act. The Ghost Army was a special unit deployed in Europe during World War II to create visual and auditory decoys to deceive German troops about the size, strength and location of U.S. forces. This operation was kept secret for 50 years, so these heroic men never received recognition. The club petitioned the Kearny Town

Council to pass a resolution urging the New Jersey US Senators and their US Representative to support this bill, which was introduced in 2017 and has sat in committees since then. Update: It was reintroduced this April.

Please remember to call or email your US Representative on 9/23 in support of HR 2793.

What we do matters.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT**Lynn Webb**

Reporting what your club contributed to our Special State Project is important, so that NJSFWC has an accurate record. This Chairman received blank sheets and sheets with no time reported for 2018. Your time is valuable and needs to be accounted for our crafts, projects and fundraisers.

Report writing is also a way to receive awards. The Special State Project Most Creative Award for 2018 went to the **Marlton Woman's Club** who wrote about their two-day event. Bosco's "Friends helping Friends" was the fundraiser for CASA of NJ. The club sold \$5 discounted coupons and raised over \$1,117. They also handed out 100 CASA brochures. They volunteered 60 hours.

Thank you for donating beach towels for children in the foster care system to use if they are attending camp, swimming or just taking a bath. The total amount of beach towels that were collected at the June Councils was 1,109.

Please save the date for Friday, October 4, 2019 for CASA of New Jersey's 2nd Conference. NJSFWC volunteers will once again be assisting CASA with the conference, which will be held at The Professional Center at DCF, 30 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ. This Chairman is looking for volunteers from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help with registration and video sessions.

There will be an Ambassador Training on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Millville Woman's Club clubhouse, 300 E Street, Millville, NJ 08332. The start time will 10 a.m. This is a great opportunity to learn about CASA of NJ.

If you are interested, in the CASA Conference or the Ambassador Training, please contact this Chairman at webb@njsfwc.org.

WEBMASTER**Denise Hosier****The NJSFWC Website: a WEALTH of Information!**

There has been a drastic change in our website since last year, and it's definitely for the better! We've made the MATERIALS section accessible to EVERYONE! No sign-in required.

- Wondering about our Day of Service project? Check the MATERIALS section under Day of Service.
- Looking for projects for your International efforts? Check the MATERIALS section under International Outreach for the Supplement & Bulletins, full of ideas!
- Want the very latest news from every Community Service Program? Read the ALMANAC, found in... you guessed it, the MATERIALS section.
- Looking for pin order forms, Club President's Manual, sample documents for Communications, GCI Fact Sheet, Community Improvement ideas? All there!

Other pages you should check out:

- The NEWS page, with articles about the latest happenings in our Federation, both at home and around the world.
- The EVENTS page for information on Club, District, State and International events. Be sure to hover your mouse over an event or click on it to see details.
- The CLUBS page to see a map of the districts and a listing of every club in each district.

The website is not just for State Board Members. It's not only for District Chairs or Club Presidents. It's for everyone! Presidents, be sure to tell your members! And if you don't find what you need, email webmaster@njsfwc.org. We will find it for you!

Happy browsing!

WOMEN WHO REACH FOR THE STARS CHAIRMAN**Linda F. Babeuf**

Welcome to the 2019-2020 club year! Does your club have all of your programs scheduled for the coming year? Are you holding a 125th Anniversary event and need a speaker? The members of the Women Who Reach For The Stars Committee would love the opportunity to come and speak to your club or your community.

This is such an exciting time for members of NJSFWC, a chance to celebrate 125 years of commitment to community service in your town, in NJ or on projects around the world. This is a time to brag. The committee members have prepared many interesting facts about the work NJSFWC has done over the last 125 years and would love to share it.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Joyce Fredericks at fredericks@njsfwc.org.

The Shining Future Endowment Campaign continues and we are still looking for contacts. If you know of anyone who might be interested in supporting our campaign, please contact this Chairman at babeuf@njsfwc.org.

Thank you to all of the members who have supported the Endowment Campaign to date and to those who think they might contribute in the future. All donations are welcomed!

DAY OF SERVICE**Annette Bortone**

The 125th Anniversary of the founding of NJSFWC is approaching and, to mark this event, Saturday, November 16th has been designated our Federation Day of Service!

Thank you to all the DVPS and clubwomen who have so graciously stepped up and volunteered to help collect much needed items for college-bound students who have aged out of the foster care system and are now on their own.

All clubs by now have received the presentation and wish list from this Chairman. All districts should have a chairman and a committee.

While Chairmen are busy recruiting a committee and locating a collection site, everyone can be collecting items from the wish list that was distributed at the June District Council. This information is also on our website, njsfwc.org, under the Day of Service tab. Donated items will be delivered to Embrella (formerly Foster and Adoptive Family Services).

Start collecting now while sales are going on! More information to follow.

PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTANT TO CLUBS**Maureen K. Costello**

Welcome back for the 2019-2020 club year! As your club gets organized for a busy and fun-filled year, if you haven't reviewed your Bylaws in the last number of years, NOW is the time to do it, especially if you have new members on the Executive Board or a change in presidents.

Some topics you may want to review: What is your name and the purpose of your club? When do you meet? When does the Executive Board meet? On both boards, what is the quorum needed to conduct business?

When you are looking at your Bylaws, if you are under the NJSFWC umbrella for insurance, your fiscal year must be in "sink" with theirs, which is July 1 to June 30th.

Make sure you have provisions in your Bylaws for how to remove officers who do not perform their duties.

Are the current Bylaws relevant to how your club runs? Who makes up your Executive Board and what are their duties and responsibilities? What is their term? Can they be re-elected? How are vacancies filled? What committees do you have? Are they to be represented on Executive Board by their Chairman?

PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTANT TO CLUBS (continued)

Include what Departments will be in your club. Also, do the Departments have to submit their plans for the year to the Executive Board, and can they enter into projects to raise money? If so, what are the rules?

How do you become a member of the club? Is there more than one type of member? How do you alert a member who is in arrears for dues? How does the member submit their dues payment? How do you reinstate a member who has been dropped?

Your club should follow the Parliamentary Rules in "Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised" and have a Dissolution Clause in your Bylaws, and requirements for amending the Bylaws.

After your revisions and amendments are made, please have this Parliamentary Consultant to Clubs review your Bylaws before you have your membership vote to approve them. Once they have been voted on and adopted, please send a copy to NJSFWC Headquarters. You may always contact this Consultant if you have any parliamentary questions.

CALLING ALL CHEERLEADERS

Just announced at GFWC Convention in June:

*At each 2019 Region Conference,
skits with a cheerleader theme of no more than 2 minutes will be performed,
with no more than two voted by the membership for presentation
at the 2020 GFWC Annual Convention in Atlanta, GA.*

Are you up for the challenge?

Bring your pom poms to Parsippany for the Cheerleader Challenge!

