Judging by the newsletters received, clubs are back in full swing! This Officer enjoys reading about the many exciting projects and programs clubwomen are doing. Thank you for sending your club newsletters. Please, keep them coming by email or snail mail.

The GFWC Board of Directors Meeting, presided over by GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock, was held in Washington, DC in August and attended by this President along with others from New Jersey: GFWC Parliamentarian Deen Meloro, GFWC Convention and Meetings Chairman Mary Pat Marcello, GFWC Bylaws Committee Member Ann Quinn, GFWC Jennie Award Chairman Anne Redlus, GFWC Special Assistant to the President Linda Babeuf, GFWC Protocol Chairman Dorothy Lowe Greene and GFWC President’s Assistants Jill Passaretti, Jean Revis, Gail Shast and Susan Stenson. Board members were given the opportunity to go on a tour, which included a visit to the Newseum, Hillwood Estates and a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, where GFWC officers participated in a wreath-laying ceremony. There was time to meet with fellow state presidents, attend working sessions and be updated on the business of GFWC. It was an honor and privilege to represent NJSFWC club members!

As the host State Federation, NJSFWC is looking forward to welcoming attendees to the GFWC Middle Atlantic Region Conference at the Parsippany Hilton later this month. If you’re planning to attend, you’ll have a wonderful opportunity to see the “bigger picture” of Federation, as we will also welcome GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC President-elect Marian St. Clair and clubwomen from Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Attendees from NJ are asked to wear their pink flower from President Brock’s installation, if you have one, and visit the njsfwc.org website for a copy of the proposed changes to the MAR Standing rules, which we will be voting to accept.

Just a few days remain to make your reservation for State Fall Conference by the October 9 deadline. Conference Chairman Susan Fosdick is working hard, with her committee, to make this another successful event! Walgreens will once again offer flu shots to anyone interested and is partnering with the UN Foundation Shot@Life “Get a Shot, Give a Shot” campaign. For each person who receives a flu shot, Walgreens will donate the value of a life-saving vaccine for a child. The registration flyer was in the September ALMANAC. Hope to see
President’s Message (continued)

you at the Battleground Country Club on October 21st!

October is the start of our annual Operation Christmas Stocking collection for US military personnel. This year, we’ll partner with Operation Yellow Ribbon South Jersey who will handle the delivery to our troops. Be sure to check last month’s ALMANAC for instructions, as well as drop-off times and locations. What a wonderful way to show our support for our troops stationed overseas during the holidays!

December 15 is the deadline for clubs to submit resolutions to the Legislation/Resolutions Committee. Does your club have an issue that is of importance to them? If so, consider submitting a resolution to be considered by the membership at the annual NJSFWC Convention in May. Contact Chairman Carole Speechley or visit the njsfwc.org website for more information.

Mark your calendar and register early for 2 very informative workshops to be held at NJSFWC Headquarters in November.

- Treasurer’s Workshop, November 6, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Deadline to register is October 31, 2019 by calling Executive Assistant Patti Notarianni at 732-249-5474. Details can be found in the September ALMANAC.

- Parliamentary Procedure Workshop, November 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Deadline to register is November 1, 2019, using the registration form. Details can be found in this issue of ALMANAC.

Please take advantage of these benefits of membership!

In Federation Friendship,

Mary

Happy Halloween
NJSFWC PRESIDENT-ELECT

Jan W. Hanson

As a leader in your club it is your responsibility to develop new leaders, but you need the support of other leaders in your club to assist. The GFWC Montgomery Woman’s Club, Inc. (OH) realized that accepting a leadership role could be daunting so they developed a “Leadership Assistant Program” which allowed members to assist current officers and chairmen for a year, building their confidence to accept future leadership roles. Current leaders met with assistants, provided training and feedback, and invited them to meetings. This gave members a chance to learn what is involved in a position and gave them confidence to take on a leadership role. This project was a GFWC top ten project in Leadership. For more projects check out the GFWC website.

Once someone in your club takes a leadership role, your job is to assist and guide, not dictate. Remember there are many ways to lead successfully, so step back and let people find their own leadership style. Friendly reminders are helpful, complaining after the fact is not. Be supportive, not critical. Your role is still to develop new leaders, but if everyone who takes a position is constantly criticized no one will want the job.

Interested in learning more about how to run more effective meetings, increase your Parliamentary knowledge or improve your club bylaws? See the flyer in this issue of ALMANAC and register to attend the Parliamentary Procedure Workshop to be held Saturday, November 9th at NJSFWC Headquarters.

NJSFWC SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Shirley A. Holly

Many club presidents have asked – “Is it necessary to write a narrative when submitting year end reports?” It’s not a requirement to write a narrative, but clubs are encouraged to write narratives. Without your brief description the report is simply numbers – dollars, hours, projects. Of course, those numbers are impressive and important, but adding a brief narrative brings your project to life on paper! Those narratives give the state chairman an idea of what went into planning the project, and an insight into the overall project. They also help with the judging process! When faced with 2 similar reports – the chairman will always go with the report that had a narrative.

Narratives don’t have to be long! They can be as short as a paragraph or as long as one page. The narrative should explain the initial planning, the number of members involved, dollars spent on a project, whether a profit was received and what impact the project had on your community. One or two paragraphs can give the state chairman enough details to understand the scope of the project.

Clubs do amazing projects all year long. A brief narrative is your opportunity to brag about the amazing work your club is doing!

NJSFWC THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Barbara McCloskey

With the NJSFWC official 125th anniversary date of November 16th approaching, why not use that as an opportunity to plan a special celebration or event for your club members?

Put together some facts about your club and NJSFWC that you can share with your members. This offers a great way to educate and remind your club members of past NJSFWC accomplishments, as well as your own club’s achievements.

What better way to advertise and recruit new members than by creating materials that can brag about your club and the NJSFWC and what benefits of membership we offer!

Consider holding a membership event at a coffee shop, restaurant, the library, or even hold a celebration at a club meeting. This creates a great opportunity to invite friends, guests, the Mayor, reporters, Library Director or any other Officials you feel would benefit from joining you at a club meeting or event.

Post some of your club accomplishments, including some of NJSFWC’s achievements on your website, in your club newsletter, Facebook page or any other social media sources that your town may offer.

You never know where your next new member may come from.

Refer to the Membership Supplement and other Membership materials available on the NJSFWC website for additional information.

Don’t forget to send the names and addresses of your new members to this Officer so they may receive an NJSFWC new member welcome letter.
NJSFWC TREASURER  Joyce J. Fredericks

As you read this article your club should have received a recent mailing that contained the following:

NJSFWC Dues Bill – Due November 1

CHARITABLE REGISTRATION – Deadline was September - $15 check to NJSFWC – Club’s gross receipts must be UNDER $25,000 in order to file with NJSFWC – If gross receipts are less than $10,000, you are not required to file. Instructions came with the letter.

CONTINUING FUNDS FORM – This is not due until APRIL 1, 2020. One check for all the amounts checked should be sent with the form. If you held a fundraiser for CASA, our Special State Project and have not sent in the money previously, this is where you mark what you raised and send in the check for that amount plus any other continuing funds, like the fellowships, etc.

GCI Delegate Registration Form - Form is due to HQ in January 2020, with $250 registration fee.

This letter is addressed to the President of each club. Treasurers should ask their club President for the forms in order to pay the dues bill and submit the Charitable Registration Form for the club. Put the Continuing Funds Form in a safe place along with the GCI Delegate Registration Form until it is time to send it in.

Remember the number of members listed on your dues bill is based on the BLUE SHEET sent in by your President and IS NOT NEGOTIABLE. If you did not send in a blue sheet, the number of members is taken from last year’s blue sheet and is the amount due.

Don’t forget to reserve your space for the TREASURER/FINANCIAL SECRETARY WORKSHOP to be held at Headquarters, November 6th at 10:30 a.m. If there is something specific you wish us to cover, please email fredericks@njsfwc.org and we will try to cover your topic.

NJSFWC FINANCIAL SECRETARY  Marie E. DiMatties

This Officer has planned an event you won’t want to miss - an Afternoon at Giverny with author Aileen Bordman!

Ms. Bordman, President of Monet's Palate, Inc., is someone who grew up immersed in the world of Claude Monet, who then applied her passion for Monet as an artist and a gourmand to create the Monet's Palate® concept and brand. Aileen's mother, Helen Rappel Bordman, helped restore the gardens at Giverny and has been there in residence each spring since 1980 to welcome guests to Monet's oasis; a prominently placed plaque at Museum Claude Monet Giverny is a singular honor to Helen Rappel Bordman.

The Monet’s Palate brand includes the books Everyday Monet- A Giverny-Inspired Gardening and Lifestyle Guide to Living Your Best Impressionist Life and Monet's Palate Cookbook: The Artist & His Kitchen Garden at Giverny which brings Claude Monet's beloved kitchen garden back to life. Ms. Bordman also created a film on DVD, Monet's Palate® A Gastronomic View from the Gardens of Giverny - all of which are based on her insider's firsthand knowledge of Giverny.

An Author Luncheon featuring Ms. Bordman will be held at the conveniently located Somerville Elks on Thursday February 20, 2020. A flier is included in this month’s ALMANAC with additional details and a registration form. Please be sure to share it with club members and plan to join your Federation friends for an Afternoon in Giverny!
COLLEGE DISTRICT

Clubs in the College District are very busy planning various projects and fundraisers.

The Woman’s Club of Hillsborough is planning a Trunk or Treat at GiGi’s Playhouse, which is a Down Syndrome Achievement Center providing free life changing therapeutic, educational and career training programs for individuals of all ages. There are 33 free-standing centers throughout the US and Mexico, serving more than 30,000 participants and families. Programs are offered 100% FREE to all families so that cost will never be a barrier to achievement and acceptance. GiGi’s was founded by Nancy Gianni after the birth of her daughter GiGi to change the way the world views a Down Syndrome diagnosis and send a message of acceptance. The club will be decorating the playhouse and setting up tables in lieu of trunks as it will be safer and easier for participants.

Metuchen Edison Woman’s Club will be participating in the 56th annual Metuchen Country Fair on Saturday, October 5. This year’s theme is “Broadway”, and the club will set up its booth like a Broadway ticket booth. They will be selling baked goods and 50/50 tickets will be available at the ticket window.

Flemington Woman’s Club will be holding its Fall Fundraiser. In 1952 Eleanor Roosevelt came to Flemington and spoke to their club. Linda Kenyon, actress/narrator will portray Eleanor.

North Brunswick Woman’s Club will hold its annual “Scoops for Scholarships” at Haagen Daz at the Shoppes at North Brunswick.

Many clubs will be collecting items and stuffing Christmas stockings for Operation Yellow Ribbon.

EVENING MEMBERSHIP

Woman’s Club of Maplewood EMD will be collecting items for the veteran’s stockings and making plans for their Thanksgiving donation of food containers to be given to the Maplewood Welfare Department.

EMD of Long Valley Woman’s Club is busy collecting school supplies to donate along with the Long Valley Woman’s Club.

A Masquerade Ball is being planned by The Haddon Fortnightly EMD for October 26. Music, dancing and prizes are planned.

Woman’s Club of Merchantville EMD is working with the Borough of Merchantville to collect plastic bags. When 500 lbs. are collected, the company the Borough is working with will donate a Trex bench to the community center. So far Merchantville EMD has collected 300 bags.

An Antiques Appraisals program will be hosted by the EMD and Woman’s Club of Merchantville in conjunction with the local Historical Society on October 9.

EMD of Arlington Woman’s Club is planning an evening with Cathy Gerry who will share her insight into the life of the blind and deaf. Bunco night is also planned on November 15 at the Rutherford Club House.

Little Falls Business and Professional EMD will be learning line dancing in November. They will collect toys for the Paterson WIC program for December.

GARDEN DISTRICT

The Ex-Presidents Club of the Garden District tried something different; they tried having a social evening meeting. It was very successful as they bought in three new members!!

Woman’s Club of Edgewater Park members are supplying refreshments and serving at their local ARC dance as well as helping at their local PTO with their Book Fair by assisting children with selecting and ringing up sales. They are also sponsoring a fundraiser bus trip to Myrtle Beach for a week.
GARDEN DISTRICT

Fundraising is a BIG thing during the month of October for the Garden District. The Woman’s Club of Penns Grove/Carneys Point is having its annual mum sale with a variety of colors. They also are having their GCI and HOBY delegates to their meeting to share their experiences.

Porch Club of Riverton is celebrating a club anniversary of 130 years from when they were organized while also having a Shopping Spree with 25 vendors selling handcrafted treasures. They have planned two trips, one to the Stoneleigh and Manson, and the other to the Brandywine Museum.

Now Woman’s Club of Westville will be doing several fundraisers as well. They will be working with their local Lion’s Club who is having a Yard Sale. A Basket Auction will be held to support all their scholarships and they will be working on Make a Difference Day with their town’s local clean up.

We all know about Designer Bag Bingo, well the GFWC Women’s Club of West Deptford will be holding its fundraiser which usually sells out. They work all year to make this fundraiser successful. They have ten Bingo games as well as Regular and Super Gift Basket Raffles, and a 50/50 raffle. This fundraiser includes a free Dessert Buffet and Beverages which are included. Their profit is over $11,000 every year and they give the proceeds to local groups in need in their area.

HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

The Highlands District is very busy this fall – collections for CASA and Operation Yellow Ribbon, distribution of school supplies for those in need and planning and holding fundraisers to support their philanthropic endeavors.

Congratulations to the Roxbury Woman’s Club for celebrating 60 years of service to their community on October 22nd. Highlights of projects over the years as well as plans for the future were highlighted at the celebration dinner.

Vernon Township Woman’s Club held a Pot Luck Supper at their September meeting and are participating again in a fundraiser at the Heaven Hill farm festival for six weekends. Club members work at the ticket booth and the farm makes a donation to the club for every hour worked.

Woman’s Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills had a membership booth at the Parsippany’s Fall Festival, where they had a Special State Project display. A joint meeting with the Friends of the Library was held which featured a presentation “The Day the World Came to Town – 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland by Vernoy Paolini.

Blair Woman’s Club sponsored a town-wide garage sale and sold maps to help shoppers find the locations. This has been an extremely successful fundraiser for the club.

Sparta Woman’s Club will hold its annual Game Day on October 23rd at the Lake Mohawk Golf Club.

LIBERTY DISTRICT

Woman’s Club of Arlington members are decorating adult Thanksgiving bibs for a local nursing facility, and are planning their 125th Anniversary Event in November.

Woman’s Club of Berkeley Heights is having a Fall Harvest Festival fundraiser at St. Joseph Shrine on 10/15, from 1-4 p.m.

The Woman’s Club of Caldwell invites all to an evening with Actress Linda Kenyon who will be in costume as Julia Child on 10/18 at 6 pm at a Pot Luck Dinner.

The Woman’s Club of Upper Montclair has several events-planned including a program on Lighthouses of New Jersey, a Lunch and Learn Membership informative meeting, and a Benefit Luncheon for Montclair Emergency Services for the Homeless (MESH).
LIBERTY DISTRICT (continued)

Roseland Junior Woman’s Club is running a Halloween Dance for the 5th grade students at the Middle School.

Junior Woman’s Club of Verona, the Woman’s Club of Verona and Verona/Essex Juniorettes are planning their Annual Luminary Project.

West Essex Woman’s Club is making Stockings for the Military at their October meeting.

The Lilies will be having a meeting at NJSFWC Headquarters, doing a Done-in-One collection for the Military.

PALISADES DISTRICT

The new club year has started off strong and enthusiastically! Clubs are sharing their success stories about their membership drives!

Special Kudos to North Arlington Woman’s Club Co-Presidents Barbara Coughlin and Louisa Stringham for their successful membership Meet and Greet! The club doubled with just one event!

It’s not too early to think about the Arts Performing Festival which will be held at the Woman’s Club of Paramus on Friday, December 6th, 2019. We are working very hard to make this Festival a huge success. Please ask your club members to come out and support such an entertaining event.

Woman’s Club of Ridgefield Park has a busy month in October. They will be hosting a Paint Night Fundraiser, a Bake Sale Weekend October 26th and 27th, 2019 at St. Francis Church and their 107th Anniversary Celebration Meeting on October 18, 2019. Congratulations!

Junior Woman’s Club of Harrington Park is hosting the annual Ragamuffin Parade down at Borough Hall. They provide coffee, hot chocolate, munchkins and some light snacks at the Parade.

Paskack Junior Woman’s Club does a Monster Mash at the River Vale Community Center on October 20th. There are games, music, and treats for the children and their parents to enjoy. A Membership Table will be manned by the club members too!

Junior Woman’s Club of River Edge is hosting a Halloween Fundraiser at The River Edge K of C Hall. This is an Adult Only Costume Party; check their website for details www.jwcriveredge.org

Woman’s Club of Paramus will be holding its Fall Rummage Sale at the Clubhouse Parking Lot on October 19.

Woman’s Club of Westwood is hosting a Tricky Tray with terrific prizes on Friday October 25 at their clubhouse. A twist on the evening: Bunco is played!!!!

RAMAPO DISTRICT

With the start of fall, most of the Ramapo clubs will be in full swing. Junior Woman’s Club of Ramsey will participate in the Ramsey Day Parade and have a Ladies Night Out (a Back to School Social). In October they are having a hayride and pumpkin picking event at Secor Farms, with pumpkin painting at the Farmer’s Market. They will continue with their traditional Halloween party at the Woodland’s Senior Center.

Riverdale Woman’s Club is having a Welcome Back Breakfast with lots of delicious food to share. October brings a Wine and Cheese Party and they will continue to stuff “Hug-A-Bears” to give to the local police department. Using a new pattern, they will be making mastectomy pillows for two local hospitals (St. Joseph’s and Chilton).
RAMAPO DISTRICT (continued)

**Woman's Club of Franklin Lakes** is having a Welcome Back Pizza meeting with HOBY and GCI participants who will share their experiences on what is was like being a participant. October they will be having their major fundraiser at the Indian Trail Club featuring Marci Hopkins. Marci, a 2019 Woman of Achievement, is from a talk show "Wake up with Marci" and will be sharing stories about hardships, healing and triumph. There will be a tricky tray and silent auction with the program.

**Woman's Club of West Milford Township** is having a soup night and kicking off the start of a day meeting to entice new members to come.

**Allendale Woman's Club** will organize and host a booth at a community day event and they will continue to host recreational activities at the home for special needs adults.

**Pompton Lakes Woman's Club** is having its first meeting after the summer and their annual Pot Luck dinner.

**Woman's Club of Ramsey** is participating in Ramsey Day. Their first meeting will be in October.

**Suburban Woman’s Club of Pompton Plains** will hold its annual Garage Sale at one of the member’s home/driveway on a main drag of town. Members price everything before items are dropped off. The club banner is prominently displayed so people will recognize them. They will also be hosting their International dinner and ask members to bring something representing their ethnic background.

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SHORE DISTRICT

*Gwendolyn M. Lewis*

Many members attended the State fundraiser for CASA NJ at the Lobster Shanty and several clubs donated baskets.

Many clubs began their club year with Welcome Back Luncheons and Fundraisers. One club’s meeting had a “Hoedown” theme and a member taught the attendees Line Dancing.

One of the clubs featured a speaker from the Monmouth County Sheriff’s Department who spoke on "National Disaster Preparedness."

Our members are focused during the Fall Season on Township Fairs, Fall Festivals and Craft Shows. Many hours of preparation are spent on making their crafts. The dollars raised are donated back into charitable organizations.

Holiday fundraising has already begun with Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends Charity Day.

The Lady Diamonds of the Shore District continue to make empowering choices to serve their community. Ladies allow their bodies and minds to naturally evolve with the turning of the seasons. Be like the leaves and let go. Let us continue to plant positive seeds within our communities.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

*Jane Snyder*

In the Super Southern District reality has set in. Summer is over and clubs are back in full swing with fundraisers, projects for their communities and programs. Most Clubs are participating in the Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends Day October 16th, selling Shop-Rite cards, saving tabs, collecting and donating food to their local food pantry, and doing everything that they can to support CASA.

**Woman’s Club of Absecon** will participate in Operation Yellow Ribbon South Jersey by giving each 3rd grade student at the Absecon School a bookmark reminding them to “Say Boo to Drugs”.

**Colony Club of Ocean City** is busy with participating in Ocean City's Welcome Night, the Halloween parade and a table at the Ocean City Block Party. All of these activities are done to promote the Colony Club and recruiting of new members. In their spare time they’re even cleaning the beach on 16th Street.
SOUTHERN DISTRICT (continued)

Woman’s Civic Club of Hammonton will be holding a vendor/basket auction at Tomasello’s Winery on October 4th.

Country Shore Woman’s Club will have its annual Tea and inauguration of new members, a community clean up and collecting items for the Food Bank.

Millville Woman’s Club has a busy month beginning with an International Luncheon and ending with Halloween Game Day.

Woman’s Club of Vineland is hosting the September District Council. The clubs target for the month of November is to collect used books for a sale at the library and non-perishable items for the food closet.

THE ARTS/CREATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM  Gail Kovacs-Felici

CHRISTMAS IN JULY FUN DAY

Local families were invited to see Santa in the heat of the summer by the GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Arlington. The project was initiated to encourage toy donations for disadvantaged children before the Christmas rush.

While enjoying a cold Italian ice, children were able to make a winter themed craft at one of five different craft stations that were manned by the members. Each featured a project for the kids to complete – Popsicle ornaments, thumbprint art, postcards to Santa, decorating cookies with “sugar sand” and water balloons.

The clubwomen also “shook their cans” to receive cash donations that enabled the twenty-five members of the club to purchase new winter coats for children in need throughout their community.

While this project took fifteen volunteer hours and $100 in goods to complete, the cash donations received of $650 was not the only benefit. The publicity, charitable good will within their community and the name recognition of the GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Arlington had this project reported as the 2018 Outstanding Club Creativity Award in the Arts Creative Community Service Program. Well done ladies!

CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM  Bonnie Dann

Hotel Chains Aiming to Be More Eco-Friendly

While traveling this summer, I discovered that some hotel/motel chains are making efforts to be more environmentally responsible. My attention was caught by a Hampton Inn which featured paper straws and compostable plates and cups at our complimentary breakfast.

It turns out that Hilton Hotels, which owns the Hampton Inns, has a corporate goal of reducing its environmental footprint 50% worldwide by the year 2030. Its efforts include promoting green energy and water conservation, along with reducing waste. Where permitted, the company has donated prepared food to local food pantries and in 2018 alone diverted 3 million pounds of food waste from landfills to composting and food digesters. It has even recycled 9.6 million partially used soap bars. Plastic straws are banned at Hilton properties.

According to a website called Green Vacations, other eco-friendly hotel chains include Fairmont, Hyatt, Kimpton, Marriott, and Starwood (which owns Westin and Sheraton). Besides reducing food waste, these companies use a variety of sustainable practices such as encouraging guests to use sheets and towels for more than a single day, constructing LEED-certified buildings, installing energy-efficient appliances, and using recycled paper products.

We should applaud these efforts and encourage all companies to undertake even more environmentally responsible practices. If your club knows of a local hotel that does not follow these environmentally safe procedures, send a letter encouraging them to follow suit.
EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM  

Ann Ribinsky Brown

When GFWC met last June in Austin, Texas, International President Mary Ellen Brock reported on the totals for the first year of each of her Seven Grand Initiatives. Upon announcing that the goal of 1,000 for four of the Grand Initiatives had been reached, and amid the cheers of “Let’s Go Higher!”, President Brock set four new goals, including the one that falls under Education. As of Convention, 50,716 Dr. Seuss books had been donated. The new goal has been raised to 55,000 Dr. Seuss books be donated. If your club has already completed this project, thank you. If your club has waited until this club year, please help GFWC reach this new goal. This Chairman is positive that many day care centers and primary schools will welcome your donation.

On another note, have you set the date for your local Spelling Bee? We have had an increase in local club participation in this, but greatly encourage even more clubs to take part, especially in the Ramapo and Shore Districts. All directions and necessary forms are on the NJSFWC web site. Help is readily available from State Spelling Bee Chairman Brandi Leigh Miller, as well as your District Chairman. Timewise, local bees should be in January, district bees in February, leading up to the state bee on March 7, 2020. The fee to participate has been raised to $20.00 for the 2019-2020 club year. This fee helps with the District and State prizes.

HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM  

Susan A. Chambers

Did you know that there is a Ms. Wheelchair America? And that New Jersey has had two consecutive titleholders? The mission of this 501 (c) 3 organization is to provide an opportunity for women who use wheelchairs to educate and advocate for the more than 54 million Americans living with disabilities. The title is given to the woman based on advocacy, achievement, communication and presentation to select the most accomplished and articulate spokeswoman.

The most recent Ms. Wheelchair New Jersey, Millie Gonzalez from Union Beach, will compete for the national title in Little Rock, Arkansas on November 3rd this year. She has been involved with school programs as well as her local Office of Emergency Management and has promoted her platform of emergency preparedness for those with disabilities and how to #livefierce.

If you’d like to support Millie, or the organization in general, contact Kathy Ford, State Coordinator for Ms. Wheelchair New Jersey, Inc., at newjersey@mswheelchairamerica.org or 609-335-9376. All donations are tax deductible.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM  

Karen Manneback

Shot@Life

Did you know this year 1.7 million children will die from diseases that have all but disappeared in the U.S. Why? Because one in five children around the world does not have access to the life-saving immunizations needed to survive.

What's the solution? It's simple: vaccines save lives. Millions of children could be spared from measles, pneumonia, diarrhea, polio and other preventable diseases if they could simply get the vaccines they need. When a child begins life with the protection of vaccines, the door is opened to more developmental firsts — first steps, first words, a first day of school. Immunized children are more likely to celebrate their fifth birthday, do well in school and go on to be productive, healthy adults. Expanding access to vaccines strengthens their ability to fight disease globally and keep families healthy here at home, while improving economic stability around the world.

The UN Foundation's Shot@Life campaign educates, connects and empowers Americans to champion vaccines as one of the most cost-effective ways to save the lives of children in developing countries. Shot@Life works to support the UN and vaccine partners around the globe in combating four of the world’s most deadly and disabling diseases: measles, polio, pneumonia and diarrhea.

The vaccines for these diseases are inexpensive and have proven to be effective in reducing the number of childhood deaths. They just need to get the vaccines to those who need them most. Immunizations are one of the world’s biggest public health success stories. But not all communities have the same access to vaccines. Walgreens “Get a Shot. Give a Shot” helps provide lifesaving vaccines to children in developing countries through the United Nations Foundation’s Shot@Life campaign.
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (continued)

We all can help by getting any vaccine at Walgreens, including flu, shingles, pneumonia and whooping cough, and help provide a lifesaving vaccine to a child in a developing country. For more information see: Shot@Life.org.

NOTE: When attending Fall Conference, Walgreens will be there giving out flu shots. What a wonderful and easy way to take part in this program.

PUBLIC ISSUES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM  Lisa Levin

The United States Postal Service has created a new forever postage stamp. There is a series of 4 stamps honoring military working dogs. The new red, white and blue stamps were designed to “honor the nation’s brave and loyal canines”. The stamps will feature artist renderings of four breeds commonly used as working dogs: German Shepard, Dutch Shepard, Labrador Retriever and Belgian Malinois. The U.S. has used military working dogs since World War I for multiple purposes, including explosives and narcotics detection, search and rescue, and security.

Please visit your local post office if you wish to purchase these Military Working Dogs postage forever stamps.

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN  Jean Battaglia

The March of Dimes, a GFWC partner, designates November as Prematurity Awareness Month and November 17th as World Prematurity Day, a day to “LIGHT THE WORLD PURPLE”. Premature birth is a birth occurring before 37 weeks of pregnancy. While many advances have been made in treating and supporting premature babies, when born this early, babies are still more likely to die before the age of one or have hospital admissions or lifelong health problems. The March of Dimes is focused on premature births, working to help mothers reach full term pregnancy and to give babies opportunity to thrive.

Now is the time to start planning for how your club will “go purple” in November. Go to www.marchofdimes.org to get current information on premature births and discuss it at your meeting. Wear purple to a club activity, meeting or community event where your club is represented. Allow club members to share their experiences at a meeting or by featuring the information in your newsletter. Contact your local March of Dimes chapter for a speaker. There are numerous ways to raise awareness and give support.

Are you already planning a project for the December holidays and looking for something new? Many communities and businesses put up wish trees. For the past three years the Woman’s Club of Woodstown put up a “warm tree” in the town library. Patrons were encouraged to decorate the tree by donating hats, scarves, gloves or socks and hanging them on the tree with clothespins from a basket on the table. Club members collected the items as the tree filled and delivered them to organizations serving children in need. Your club might approach the local library or a local business and try this in your community.

As a reminder, new gift wrap, tissue and bows are being collected at the NJSFWC Fall Conference for delivery to the Children’s Home Society of New Jersey, allowing a child the extra joy of opening a wrapped gift on their birthday or at holiday time. If you are attending, please remember to bring your donations.

COMMUNICATIONS  Tammy Levinson

Fall will keep your club hopping with many activities to participate in! Let’s continue where we left off with our A, B, C’s of communicating!

Effectively communicating.

Have you reached all of your current membership with Club information? Have you reached new prospects? If not, you need to revisit how you are doing things! September is the time women are itching to get involved, after their summer hiatus, maybe a new prospect will try attending one of your Club meeting or events – be sure you reach them!

Disseminate/ Document Club information.

Do you have a Club Newsletter? These can be electronic or paper newsletters! Be sure your audience receives it and wants to read it! Name your Newsletter if you haven’t already – something identifying your newsletter with your Club! Feature a member, a recipe…something new & exciting! Try to include a corner at the end for the “non-member” that may read it – so she has a way to get in touch with the Club and attend a meeting/event! Leave a copy of your Newsletter at your local library, town halls, Doctor’s offices or even nail salons.
COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

Document all of your work with a Club Pressbook or History Book. Your Club history can be told here – using press releases to walk you through the Club activities! This is a great way to save that amazing front page coverage for future members! Get a committee of new members together that may want to do something to help the Club, which is less daunting than running an event – documentation is very important too!!

Extend invitations.
Sometimes people just need to be asked! Invite a friend or neighbor to a meeting – sometimes it’s the third or fourth time that gets them in!

Find ways that work best for your Club.
Not all members will Tweet, Snap Chat, use Facebook, Instagram, or even Email – but find what works. Take a survey how members want to hear Club information and respond to their needs! Be ready to find the way that works best for your membership!

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Rachael M. Salandra

The CIP Awards contest will be ending as of December 31, 2019, if your club is planning to enter, now is the time to review the rules for the contest. Listed below are the guidelines and the judges scoring criteria. If you have any questions please contact this Chairman at salandra@njsfwc.org.

- Describe how project is financed.
- Identify media support and process in which it was obtained.
- Recount how you overcame obstacles.
- Provide a list of collaborating partners, including government agencies, other service groups and professional organizations.
- Describe club’s continuing role in the project.
- Explain the project’s long-term effect on the community.
- Identify results and successes
- Describe how the project influenced changes in your community, i.e., increased awareness, willingness to work together, impact, etc.
- Focus on content.

AWARD RULES:
2. Club entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2019 and mailed to the above Community Improvement Program Award Chairman.
3. All entries must include completed Community Improvement Program Award Contest Entry Form/Cover Sheet.
4. Project notebooks containing narrative description(s) and supporting materials must not exceed seven pounds in weight nor measure more than 15”x20” in size
5. Clubs and State Federations must adhere to Contest deadlines and important dates.
6. All monetary awards must be used to further the community improvement.
7. Projects involving two to six GFWC clubs qualify as joint entries. Only one entry form shall be submitted with all club presidents signing the single form. Clubs involved in joint entries are not eligible to submit individual club entries.

Judges Scoring
- Neatness in filling out Entry Form/Cover Sheet
- Clearly identified & defined community need fulfilled.
- Description of Project Selection process
- Explanation of how Club engaged community, collaborating partnerships, government agencies, other service groups and professional organizations.
- Explanation of how project was financed
- Description of club’s continuing role in the project & project’s long-term effect on the community.
- Identified results and successes;
- Description of how the project influenced changes in the community, i.e., community awareness, willingness to work Together, impact, etc.
FALL CONFERENCE/PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

Susan E. Fosdick

The place to be on Monday, October 21, 2019 is Battleground Country Club, Manalapan.

This Chairman and her committee look forward to bringing you an informative day filled with important and interesting data for clubs. 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), Honors Chairman – Laura Badger and Rachel Paulson of Hands on the World Global.

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

The goals of this Conference are to bring members together to network, educate and enjoy.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday, October 21st.

GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT:
DOMESTICE VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Ora M. Kokol

Linen Shower! Check with your local Shelter and inquire if they could use some new linens. If so, hold a “linen shower” at your club meeting. Ask members to bring new linens, be it sheets, towels, face cloths, kitchen towels, etc. Make it a true shower with decorations, games with prizes, and refreshments. Maybe purchase a throw pillow or a colorful sham to brighten up their bedroom, making the room a little homier! Most shelters have twin size beds, so it is best to contact the shelter about the size before purchasing the sheets.

If the shelter is not currently in need of any linens, inquire if any other household items are needed to give the residents when they leave the shelter to go to their new home.

HISTORIAN

Carol A. Niemiec

This Historian continues her series of looking back into the lives of the NJSFWC Past Presidents with the eighteenth President, Mattie Driscoll, 1935-1938, from The Haddon Fortnightly of Haddonfield. Her son, Alfred E., later became the Governor of NJ, 1947-1954. The Junior Clubs were very active, and chose a Student Exchange Plan as their project with the objective of raising $500. These funds would provide “travel scholarships”, one for a student from a foreign college, and one for a student from the NJ College for Women, the exchange to take place during their junior year. The Evening Membership Department was organized to address the needs of teachers, business women and mothers of young children. Federation radio programs were broadcast on WOR radio during this time, and in 1939 NJSFWC was invited by the NY World’s Fair Committee for a special NJSFWC “Day at the Fair” which was enthusiastically accepted by clubwomen.

The nineteenth President of the Federation was Helen Adams, 1938-1941, from the WC of Maplewood. Full day conferences with the District Vice Presidents and Department Chairmen were instituted to develop a feeling of pride in the Federation and to clarify each member’s responsibility as a united Federation. At the NY World’s Fair in 1939, clubwomen served as hostesses, and a newly organized 202-member State Chorus performed. The Conservation and Garden Departments also held many exhibits at the Fair. In 1940, the Latin American Exchange Scholarship was born, and it became a reality when Senorita Marina Orellana from Chile, was the first Latin American Exchange Scholar to attend the NJ College for Women. Her work became so distinguished that in 1992, Senorita Orellana contributed $50,000 to NJSFWC, and with this money many books were added to the NJSFWC Library.

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941, Elizabeth Maddock from the Contemporary Club of Trenton, was the twentieth President of the Federation, 1941-1944. Since food was scarce, the American Home Department kept busy by sponsoring classes in food preservation, canning, freezing, and dehydration. Clubs cooperated with the Red Cross in all phases of their programs. Clothing exchanges for adults and children were established, and club houses were readied for emergency use. Club women collected furniture, radios, recreational equipment, fur coats and musical instruments for the military. Two thousand three hundred filled bedside bags were sent to Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix. One hundred thirty Company Day Rooms were furnished at Fort Dix by club women, the most organized effort in the US. Through the sale of War Bonds and Stamps, six ambulance planes were purchased by the Federation and Junior Clubs fundraised more than $22,000 for the purchase of fifteen army ambulances. Several citations were received from the US War Department in recognition of services provided by the NJSFWC.

To be continued…
HONORS

WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT - The deadline for submitting a nomination for the Woman of Achievement award is November 15, 2019. The nomination form was in the September ALMANAC, with more information on the website. The completed nomination form and supporting information is sent to the Executive Assistant at NJSFWC Headquarters.

Look at your club and community members and you may find at least one deserving candidate. The Woman of Achievement is awarded for making a difference in community/state efforts. The Convention Journal lists all the women who have received this award – you may know some and will think “I know a woman who could be nominated!”

CECILIA GAINES HOLLAND AWARD is presented to a NJSFWC clubwoman for outstanding civic and volunteer work outside of her club work. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2020. Nominations are sent to this Chairman at her home address which is listed on the website, along with information of how and what to submit for judging.

Keep both of these awards in mind when reviewing the attributes of your club members! If you or your club has previously submitted nominees for these two awards you may resubmit them by updating the information and following the instructions, as they may have changed.

You will find information pertaining to Women of Achievement and Cecilia Gaines Holland Award on the NJSFWC.org website, under MATERIALS, HONORS, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENT FORMS.

LEGISLATION/RESOLUTIONS

GFWC Brand Initiative #2

At the 2019 GFWC International Convention, International President Mary Ellen Brock announced 3 Brand Initiatives. #2 is that 1,000 calls or emails be made to United States Representatives and Senators on October 23rd urging the passage of HR 3265 and S 1831, the 3D Printed Gun Safety Act of 2019. To find your representative and their contact information, use the ‘Contact Your Member’ at www.congress.gov. PLEASE get this information out to your members – let’s see if 1,000 Jersey Girls can be part of this Brand Initiative.

Congratulations!

This Chairman is so pleased to report that projects 2 of our clubs reported are part of the top 10 GFWC projects in Legislation/Resolutions! They are:

- Suburban Woman’s Club of Pompton Plains’ Legislative Call to Action to ban single-use plastics which is in the September 2019 Bulletin.
- Woman’s Club of Matawan’s inclusion of a template on how to write to legislators and legislator’s contact information in their yearbook, which was included in the June 2019 Bulletin.

You can find the bulletins under Legislation/Resolutions in the Materials section on our website, www.njsfwc.org. Congratulations and thank you to these two clubs.

Legislation/Resolutions Projects

Here is another project from the 2018 reports:

The Woman’s Club of Woodstown has been trying for 10 years to have a left turn signal attached to a traffic light at a very busy intersection in Woodstown. Last year the state informed them that this intersection was now on their dangerous list, but still nothing was done. The committee met with town officials, letters were written to every State official with anything to do with transportation or safety, again with no action taken. At the Woodstown Fall Festival, they set up a tri-fold with information about the light, had sample letters for people to sign, and gathered over 110 signatures of residents that agreed with them. They attend every Freeholder meeting to show that they are not giving up, even after spending 150 hours on this in 2018.

Please remember to call or email your US Representative and Senators on 10/23 in support of HR 3265 and S 1831 - What we do really does matter!
Now is the time for your club to nominate capable, interested women from your club to assume positions on the NJSFWC Board of Directors in order to participate in the work of the Federation for the 2020-2022 administration.

Club eligibility is determined by:
1. A Woman’s Club must be a member of NJSFWC for at least one year.
2. Clubs with an active membership of fewer than 80 members may propose no more than two members to serve as Trustees during any given two year period.
3. Clubs with an active membership of 80 or more may propose no more than three members to serve as Trustees during any given two year period.

The President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of President.

Candidates for First, Second, or Third Vice President shall have served as a member of the Board of Directors for at least four years at the time of the election, two of which shall be as an elected Trustee.

Candidates for the offices of Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary shall have served as a member of the Board of Directors for at least two years at the time of the election.

A candidate for the office of District Vice President shall be nominated by a club in her District.

Nominations are also being accepted for Chairmen of each of the Community Service Programs.

To be eligible for nomination as a Trustee, each candidate shall have been an active member of the NJSFWC Woman’s Club nominating her for at least one year at the time of her nomination. She shall be expected to remain an active member of her club for the term of office.

On or about November 1, 2019 each club president will receive a mailing which will explain the procedure to follow for the nomination/endorsement of a candidate to serve on the NJSFWC Board of Directors. Included with the letter of instructions will be a white Nomination Blank. It is necessary that all instructions be read carefully and followed precisely. After the club has voted to nominate a member, the Nomination Blank must be signed by the Club President and the Recording Secretary.

Please include the following when returning the Nomination Blank:
1. Name, address, telephone number, and email of the nominee;
2. A black and white passport photo;
3. A narrative, not to exceed 200 words, describing the qualifications of the candidate.

Please return all of the information to Barbara Spillane, Chairman of Nominations and Elections, NJSFWC Headquarters, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, postmarked NO LATER than January 2, 2020.

This is your club’s opportunity to invest in the future of the NJSFWC by nominating a qualified candidate for the Board of Directors of the NJSFWC.

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There is an opportunity to attend a CASA Ambassador Training on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Millville Woman’s Club clubhouse, 300 E Street, Millville, NJ 08332. We will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Learn how to be an Ambassador in your community and spread the word about how to support CASA of NJ.

One way to be a CASA Ambassador is by speaking about CASA wherever you are. This Chairman found out her doctor’s wife is a Court Appointed Special Advocate and she was so grateful to receive the beach towels. Where will you be when you speak about CASA?

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

November is National Adoption Month and clubs can bring their proclamation to their councilman or mayors. A great way for publicity! The sample proclamation can be found in this ALMANAC.
**Don’t Get Scammed!**

I recently received the following email:

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From: Carol Sas <presidentexecutive12@gmail.com>
To: hosier@njsfwc.org
Subject: Urgent

Good Morning Denise,

I need your assistance. Can you help me purchase gift cards and get reimbursed later today?

Regards
Carol Sas
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Some of you may have received an email like this. Obviously this email is a fake, since Carol Sas is gone, may she rest in peace. But you may get similar emails from someone you know and trust. DO NOT RESPOND! Nobody in this organization will ask you to purchase gift cards and read or email the card numbers to them.

Rather, just delete the email. If you want to check, send a separate email to a known email address for the person, or call them. I’ve heard a personal story from someone, a senior citizen in my town, getting scammed in this way and losing over a thousand dollars.

It’s sad that in this day and age we have to be so careful of scammers and spammers. And it’s a shame that we must be so distrustful. But that’s the way of life in today’s electronic world. So be careful and always check!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Fall Conference. Look for me there! I’ll have a table and be available to answer your questions about the web.

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**DAY OF SERVICE**

At the June District Councils, the Day of Service District Chairmen provided club members with the information needed for Day of Service, including the supply list. There is a complete list located on the NJSFWC website.

Please follow the instructions given by your District Chairman in September and arrive promptly at the drop-off site secured for your District at the time specified on the morning of November 16th.

As a reminder, here is a list of the locations and times in each district:

- **College District** – NJSFWC Headquarters, beginning at 9 a.m.
- **Garden District** – First Methodist Church of Glassboro Fellowship Hall, 7:30-9:30 a.m.
- **Highlands District** – Parsippany Library, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **Liberty District** – Woman’s Club of Upper Montclair, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Palisades District** – Lyndhurst Community Center, beginning at 9 a.m.
- **Ramapo District** – Montville Township Senior Housing, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
DAY OF SERVICE (continued)

Shore District – Woman’s Club of Asbury Park AND Stafford Community Center, 8 a.m.-10 a.m.

Southern District – Millville Woman’s Club, 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Evening Membership District – Please use the same drop off location as your woman’s club

It is imperative that items are delivered in time for the committee to log in the donations, load their vehicles and drive the items to the designated spot to meet the truck provided by Embrella. Just to give you an idea of the schedule, there is one truck and it will be meeting committee members at

- Rowan University – No later than 10:30 a.m.
- Rutgers University – No later than 12:30 p.m.
- William Paterson University – No later than 2:00 p.m.

It’s a tight schedule and we’re counting on the club members cooperation to make this all run smoothly! Thank you in advance!!

PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTANT TO CLUBS Maureen K. Costello

There are certain procedures that all Presidents should follow for your meetings. First and foremost, it’s important to have an agenda to make sure all business is covered during your meeting.

HANDLING THE MINUTES: The Secretary will be asked by the presiding officer to read the minutes of the previous meeting. This is something that is done (or should be done) at each meeting, unless the minutes have been previously sent by email or circulated by other means. But just what should those minutes contain (or not contain)? The following are a few facts to help clarify things.

Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) states: In an ordinary society, unless the minutes are to be published, they should contain mainly a record of what was DONE at the meeting; not what was SAID by the members. The minutes should NEVER reflect the secretary’s opinion, favorable or otherwise, on anything said or done. The minutes should be kept in a substantial book or binder. (The word mainly does offer some leeway, however.)

- The first paragraph of the minutes should contain the following information:
  - Type of meeting (regular, special, executive, etc.)
  - Name of organization
  - Date, time and location
  - The fact that the President and Secretary were present (or who substituted for them)

Whether the minutes of the previous meeting were approved or corrected (any corrections are made within the text of the minutes being approved, while the meeting minutes merely state the minutes were approved as corrected)

The body of the minutes should contain a separate paragraph for each subject matter/report. When motions are considered, the name of the “mover” should be recorded but not the seconder. Whether the motion was adopted or rejected must be recorded.

- Correspondence received or sent
- Treasurer’s/Financial Secretary’s Report
- Reports of Officers, Department and Committee Chairmen
- Unfinished (not old) Business
- New Business
- The last paragraph should state the hour of adjournment
- The minutes should be signed by the Secretary. The words “Respectfully submitted” are not essential