Although October was a hectic month for most of us, this Officer was happy for the opportunity to spend time with Federation friends at several events.

October began with the Middle Atlantic Region Conference held in the Sheraton Parsippany Hotel. New Jersey was honored to be the host state and welcomed GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock and GFWC President-elect Marian St. Clair. This President is extremely proud of the large number of attendees from New Jersey and thanks everyone who assisted in a variety of ways. If you were not there, you missed a great weekend. There were wonderful speakers, along with the sharing of GFWC partner and project information. It was considered by all in attendance to be a success. Congratulations to Jean Revis, who served as the MAR Conference Chairman!

Another successful event was the NJSFWC State Fall Conference. Thank you to Chairman Susan Fosdick and her committee who planned an educational and fun day. Congratulations to the speakers, who shared new information and projects. The hope is that each club heard about at least one new project to share with its members. Thank you to those who participated in “Get a Shot- Give a Shot” by getting their flu shot that day. For each shot Walgreens gave, they will donate to the UN Foundation's Shot@Life program. Congratulations to the Club in each District that was recognized for the highest net gain in membership and to those Clubs and Chairmen that received awards from GFWC!

Once again New Jersey clubwomen are generously providing hundreds of Christmas stockings for our men and women serving in the United States military. This year, NJSFWC is partnering with Operation Yellow Ribbon South Jersey. Also new this year is the addition of a second drop-off location. Thank you to Public Issues Chairman Lisa Levin for coordinating the collection and delivery with Operation Yellow Ribbon.

It’s hard to believe we’re approaching the end of 2019! It’s also hard to believe the variety of deadlines that are approaching. Here are some reminders, so that you can take advantage of the following NJSFWC opportunities:

November 15th – Nominate someone for a Woman of Achievement Award (Judie Gargano, Woman of Achievement Chairman)
President’s Message (continued)

December 15th – Submit a Resolution (Carole Speechley, Legislation/Resolutions Chairman)

January 1st – Nominate a candidate to attend Leadership Education and Development Seminar, aka LEADS (Jan Hanson, President-elect)

January 2nd – Submit a nomination for a position on the NJSFWC Board of Directors (Barbara Spillane, Chairman of Nominations and Elections)

If you have any questions, please contact the Chairman listed above. Their contact information can be found in the NJSFWC Yearbook.

November 16th will be our Day of Service. Clubs across the state are collecting items that any college student needs when starting out. The difference is that this collection will benefit young adults who have aged out of the foster care system and may not have the support of a loving family to assist them as they try to further their education. Club donations will be distributed through Embrella (formerly Foster and Adoptive Family Services).

On November 16, 2019 NJSFWC will be celebrating the 125th Anniversary of its founding! As it says in A Century of Challenge, “It was a cold Friday morning when approximately 150 women met in Union Hall, Orange, New Jersey. To arrive on time for the 10 AM meeting, many of the women left their homes well before daybreak to travel by train, trolley or carriage. Although the majority of them were from the northern part of the state, there were representatives who came from as far south as Salem, Bridgeton, Haddonfield, Vineland and Merchantville. By the time the meeting was concluded, the New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs was an established fact! Margaret B. Yardley of Orange had been elected President and a committee was formed to prepare a Constitution for the organization.”

So much has been accomplished in the years that followed and our Federation will continue to make a difference in our communities, wherever there is a need. If you would like to brush up on your NJSFWC history, please visit our website njsfwshiningfuture.org which was created to promote the Shining Future Endowment Campaign. Once there, you can read about some of the accomplishments of which we, as members, can be proud and learn more about our hopes for the future. Be sure to download the brochure pdf, which is full of information that every member should know about our Proud Legacy and our Shining Future!

In Federation Friendship,

Mary
As a member of the NJSFWC, you are entitled to nominate a member to attend the GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS). If selected she will attend the GFWC Leadership, Education and Development Seminar at the GFWC Convention in Atlanta, GA in June.

The purpose of LEADS is to identify members at the local level who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions in their State Federations and/or GFWC on the national level. Participation in GFWC LEADS can help up-and-coming leaders gain the capabilities, confidence, and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher offices and serve with distinction.

One attendee from each State Federation is eligible to participate in the annual GFWC LEADS program. GFWC demonstrates its commitment to training leaders by funding a portion of the candidates’ expenses. In addition, State Federations also offers to fund a portion of expenses. LEADS candidates are asked to be responsible for a portion of expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment to their leadership development and training.

Candidates should demonstrate leadership capabilities at the club level and a commitment to the Federation. They should be involved in their club’s programs and projects. They should have an interest in pursuing higher leadership positions and be willing to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others. Interested members should not have held positions at or beyond the state level. Members are not eligible to attend more than once.

Applications can be found in the October ALMANAC or on the NJSFWC Website and are due January 1, 2020. This is not limited to club presidents so please share this information with your membership. Contact this Officer if you need further information.

The NJSFWC Supplements were reviewed and updated by the respective State Chairman this summer. Share the updated supplements with club members. Reviewing the supplements together, a club member may raise their hand and say, I’d love to chair that project or you may find a project that is perfect for your club with a minor twist. Brainstorming sessions are one of the most important things a club can do each year. New projects and ideas come from brainstorming sessions, that’s why it’s important to share. Check the NJSFWC.org website for updates.

Also updated this summer by State Chairmen, were the year-end report writing forms. Report writing packets which include the 2019 NJSFWC Report Worksheets were sent to club presidents in late September. Included in the packet was a Valuation Guide to help determine what dollars to associate with in-kind donations and an updated version of “Where Should We Report It” listed by project. There is another version of “Where Should We Report It” with projects listed by department on the NJSFWC.org website.

For the second year, clubs will be able to download the report writing forms onto their computer from the NJSFWC website and type right on the actual report worksheets, print and mail to the appropriate chairman. This makes the process much easier.

Congratulations to the clubs that won a District Membership Award with the highest net gain in membership at State Fall Conference. Also, kudo’s go out to all clubs that had a net gain or maintained their membership. Remember, recruiting and retaining members should be a year-round commitment.

As you recruit your new members, it would be helpful to assign a mentor to help them become acclimated to your clubs’ procedures and programs.
THIRD VICE PRESIDENT (continued)

Find out what their interests and talents are. If your membership form does not include an area asking them about their interests, now is the time to ask them. Create an orientation packet that includes asking them about their skills and what types of projects they may be interested in, or what organizations they may already support.

You may find out about new project ideas or service projects that they can take the lead on.

Consider holding an orientation meeting as well. Club meetings can be overwhelming to new members and holding a separate meeting where they can ask questions and speak to members in a smaller group can be beneficial.

Hold an installation ceremony to welcome them into the club.

Possibly include a short bio of the new members, and even a photo in your newsletter so others can get to know them, and the new member can feel part of the organization right away.

Encourage new and existing members to visit the NJSFWC & GFWC websites to better acquaint them with our rich history, review all the materials, publications and programs we offer, and the support we can offer them and our clubs.

After a couple of months, have the Membership Chairman, Committee member or another seasoned member speak to them, and ask if they have any questions or suggestions. People like to be asked their opinion and input. Some people are quiet or shy and may not express their opinions at a meeting but will share their thoughts on a one to one basis.

At the end of the club year, thank all your members for their commitment and support to the club. Prepare thank you cards and/or certificates to show your appreciation for their efforts.

NJSFWC TREASURER

Joyce J. Fredericks

Recently this Treasurer has heard from a club that they were charged $35.00 for filing their Form 990 for this year with the IRS. The IRS does not charge you to file your 990. So when you file your 990 form and they ask for a payment, double check the website you are on as there is NO FEE FOR FILING the 990.

The website for filing should be www.irs.gov and once there, put in the SEARCH BOX: How to file your 990. You will then be directed to another page. It will give you several places to click into. One is the INSTRUCTIONS on how to file. This is useful information. Here is what it tells you to do to file your 990:


So even though a website might look official or even cite the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs on it, do not be deceived. NJSFWC doesn't charge you to file a 990 nor does the IRS.

CLARIFICATION FOR THE 2 FILINGS, AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR: The deadline for the first filing was 15 September to give your information to IRS for the Fiscal Year ending 30 April 2019; The SECOND FILING WILL NOT BE DUE UNTIL 15 NOVEMBER for the 2 month period of 1 May 2019 through 30 June 2019. Be sure to give the information requested for JUST THESE 2 MONTHS.

The IRS may reject your second filing as the NJSFWC 990 has not yet been filed and when it is, it will alert the IRS that our FISCAL YEAR HAS CHANGED. UNTIL that time, which this Officer will let you know via an ALMANAC article, the IRS will tell you it is not required and will not be required, in any case, until 15 November 2019.

REMINDER: DUES WERE DUE ON November 1, 2019

If your Club has not yet sent in their dues payment, please send to NJSFWC Headquarters.
NJSFWC FINANCIAL SECRETARY
Marie E. DiMatties

This Officer wishes to remind you of the importance of including a narrative when submitting your fundraising report in January. She thought you might be interested in reading the Club Creativity Entry in Fundraising for 2018 submitted to the General Federation.

For the Woman’s Club of Arlington, sponsoring an Annual Author Event is a major fund raiser. They have earned a reputation, not only for their excellent speakers, but also for the quality and quantity of their refreshments and host skills. This year was no exception. A theme helps to set the tone for the occasion and is carried out through flyers or invitations, table decorations room décor, nametags centerpieces, programs, favors and thank you notes. Clubwomen worked together in pairs or small committees to plan and execute the extra efforts to ensure the event is festive and memorable.

The theme of the 2018 Author event was The Ghost Army based on the book and documentary by Rick Beyer. The “Ghost Army” was a special military unit in World War II that was deployed in Europe to create visual and auditory decoys to deceive the German troops. Attendees were introduced to the “Ghost Army” and Rick through a member whose companion was part of the “Ghost Army”. Guests were transported to the fields of war-torn France and Germany through the author’s multi-media presentation. Attendees were even able to view an inflated tank, which was stationed outside the venue, that was used by the army to fool the enemy.

Centerpieces helped set the tone by featuring pictures from the author’s book. Table settings included a china teacup and saucer, appropriate silverware, plates and bowls placed on silver and dark blue tablecloths. Tea was served by young gentlemen pages and young ladies from the Arlington Juniorettes. They served the platters of tea sandwiches and provided refills of tea and coffee in addition to assisting members with the salad and the dessert buffet. Color programs were designed and favors upcycled black and white pictures from the “Ghost Army” archives.

Guests went home having enjoyed a wonderful tea, learning a great deal of the “Ghost Army” which was kept a secret for over 50 years.

The members of the Woman’s Club of Arlington spent 2,210 hours on the 2018 Author Event realizing a profit of $5,169. Members considered it a “great financial success”.

COLLEGE DISTRICT
Christina Burlew

November is the month we give thanks by remembering those less fortunate, honoring and remembering our vets, and paying closer attention to our seasoned citizens.

Woman’s Literary Club of Bound Brook will be collecting monetary donations to purchase Shop Rite gift cards and main entrées for 12 needy families in the elementary and middle schools. The school nurses identify the families.

Bridgewater’s Woman’s Club will have a fundraiser on Saturday, November 2nd at the Somerville Elks. “Fly Me to the Moon” features singer Kevin Gray and the 78 West Jazz Ensemble (5 piece). Music. “Sinatra Style” Buffet Luncheon, 50/50 Raffle, Baskets.

Branchburg Woman’s Club will hold its annual Craft & Bake Sale on Saturday, November 16th at Branchburg Central School from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and North Brunswick Woman’s Club will hold its annual Craft Show/Tricky Tray at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center on November 23rd from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Cedar Wood Woman’s Club will be decorating the NJSFWC Headquarters Holiday Tree.

East Brunswick Woman’s Club is selling tickets for “Bye Bye Birdie” which will be performed on Sunday, November 10th at 3 p.m. at Playhouse 22 at 721 Cranbury Rd. There will be a dessert reception after show.

Franklin Woman’s Club will hold a service night during their general meeting. Members will be making cards for soldiers, filling Thanksgiving baskets, and also filling bags with candy for local nursing homes.

Woman’s Club of Clinton will host its third annual Veterans’ Appreciation Luncheon on November 4th. The attendees are from a local Veteran group called Gen-Vacs located in Clifton.
EVENING MEMBERSHIP

EMD of Long Valley Woman’s Club is still assisting their Woman’s Club with collections for CASA NJ.

The Haddon Fortnightly EMD will hold a Jewelry and Accessory Sale for women and men Saturday, November 23rd at its clubhouse to benefit the Preservation Fund. Get a jump on your holiday shopping and find just the right gift for those fashionable women and men on your holiday shopping list. They will again sponsor the Haddonfield Snowflake Run: Saturday, December 7th at Crows Woods beginning at 9 a.m. Beneficiaries of the event include the American Brain Tumor Association (50%) and other local and national charities (50%). Get your holiday off to a festive start! Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Woman’s Club of Maplewood EMD will be once again fill LARGE plastic containers with the ingredients for a Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner, plus much more, dishtowels and mitts, cereal and about a week’s groceries for ten families served by their local welfare department. The town allows their employees to lug the items into the building and then down to the Welfare Office. A great way for the town officials to see firsthand what this department does for others.

Woman’s Club of Merchantville EMD, in conjunction with the Pennsauken Library, will be sponsoring "A Meet the Authors Night" in November. There will be 4 local authors who will speak about how they got started writing and how hard or easy it was to get published. They will have books available for purchase.

EMD of Arlington Woman’s Club will be quite busy in November starting off with its regular meeting on the 13th which will include a program by Mina Youssef, a 2019 graduate of Kearny High School, regarding her book entitled "Kearny: A Town in the Crossroads". At that meeting, they will also be collecting Holiday gifts for teenagers to help out the local Salvation Army. On the 18th, they will be holding their Read for the Record event at all of the Kindergarten classrooms in the town of Kearny. Members will join with their Woman’s Club to celebrate their 125th Anniversary on the 19th and on the 23rd they plan to kick off the Holiday Season by Ringing the Bells for the Salvation Army at the Kearny ShopRite.

GARDEN DISTRICT

Woman’s Club of Merchantville will celebrate its 125th Anniversary as a federated and chartered member of the NJSFWC. There will be a tea luncheon followed by musical entertainment. Guests have been invited to share in the celebration and the club’s many accomplishments.

November, for Woman’s Club of Pennsville, is Veteran’s Service month. They hold an Honor Garden celebration for the oldest female veteran in their area. Also invited are all female veterans. The oldest veteran is presented with a plaque, gift, a ceremony and luncheon in her honor. Also their families may attend.

Woman’s Club of Pitman is holding a demonstration with Nor Wex, which is an innovative, eco-friendly way of cleaning. It doesn’t cost to attend and their profits will go to their charitable endeavors. They also are having a Bunco night for profit and to encourage prospective members to get to know their club.

GFWC Woman’s Club of Runnemede will be hosting its Annual Basket Auction. This event is their largest of the year and they have been doing this project for over 20 years with huge success.

A Turkey Trot is being held by Woman’s Club of Wenonah. It is run on the local tree-lined roads of historic Wenonah. The course is 5k long with a 1-mile walking course. The event takes place the day after Thanksgiving. As a special treat their neighbors from a local Yoga facility will be holding pre and post-race stretching to help participants to warm up and cool down. All are invited to participate including children, dogs, and wheelchairs.

The Haddon Fortnightly will be holding an Author Lecture by Lorene Cary to hear about her new memoir, “Ladysitting”.

Contemporary Club of the Garden District will be holding an auction with the theme being Pink and Purple bagged items to honor Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Prevention months.

Porch Club of Riverton will be holding its Fall Rummage Sale. Besides the usual array of treasures, this year’s sale will feature a boutique area of gently used brand name clothes and accessories. Their evening department will host an Apple Bake Off open to all. Teams will compete in four delicious categories with a $5 admission fee.
HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

Judy Filippini

Most clubs are busy collecting and filling stockings for Operation Yellow Ribbon, items for the Day of Service, collecting for food banks, holding fundraisers for their philanthropic endeavors and planning holiday activities.

**Thursday Morning Club** is holding its annual LeBazar de Noel on November 15-16 at the Madison Community House in support of their pre-school and before and after care programs at local elementary schools.

**Hopatcong Woman’s Club** is collecting shoes for Soles4Souls through December. They are holding their annual Linen Shower for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Intervention Services (DASI).

**Woman’s Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills** is filling decorated coffee cans for Operation Candy Cookie to be distributed to local nursing homes.

**Sparta Woman’s Club** continues to distribute Vial of Life kits as part of their CIP Project. Members attended back to school nights to inform younger members of their community about Vial of Life.

LIBERTY DISTRICT

Jane Mackesy

Many of the clubs of the Liberty District will be participating in the Day of Service on November 16th for Embrella. They will also be entering a very busy time for clubwomen!

**Woman’s Club of Allwood** will be “Remembering Veterans”. They donated a POW flag to the Avenue of Flags in Clifton. At the November meeting, a speaker will review the origin of flags flown on seven occasions at Clifton City Hall. The Home Life CSP will assemble goodie bags for a VA Home in NJ

**Woman’s Club of Arlington** is celebrating its 125th Anniversary on November 19th at the Kearny Public Library/Museum (founded by the WC of Arlington). An open house will take place from 4-8 p.m., with a program at 6:00 p.m. All of the Arlington clubs will again participate in Read for the Record.

**Junior Woman’s Club of Arlington** will be sponsoring a plot in the community garden, as well as placing a plaque in the center of the Butterfly Garden. They will host their annual Turkey and Toy Drive.

**Woman’s Club of Berkeley Heights** will host “For the Love of Chocolate” on November 19th. Elizabeth Girouard, Certified Holistic Health Coach & Workplace Wellness Ambassador will share the health benefits of chocolate and how it can be a part of your overall health.

**The Woman’s Club of Belleville** will continue its Poetry Contest for students from the 4th-7th grades, as well as a Turkey Drive in collaboration with the local schools.

**The Women’s Club of Caldwell** will be participating in an Opioid Abuse Prevention Awareness Walk on November 2nd. At their November 8th meeting, there will be an Essential Oils presentation.

**The Woman’s Club of Little Falls** will host Jamie Novak presenting "Keep This, Toss That" at their November Book & Author Luncheon at The Barnyard in Totowa, on November 19th at noon.

**The Women’s Club of Maplewood** is having an annual Thanksgiving lunch with all members and will bring desserts to a Senior center. They sponsor a pizza party for their Adopted Classroom in Newark.

**The Woman’s Club of Westfield** donated backpacks and sneakers to Family Promise. They are donating 24 Christmas Stockings to Operation Yellow Ribbon.

**West Essex Woman's Club** celebrated its 65th Anniversary and will be holding a Legislative Letter Writing Workshop at their November meeting.

**The Lilies** will be honoring Women in the Military with donated items.
PALISADES DISTRICT

Autumn has proven to be especially busy for the ladies of the Palisades District. Our clubs are actively supporting our Operation Yellow Ribbon Christmas Stocking project, as well as the NJSFWC Day of Service. The clubs are also generously collecting food for their respective food pantries for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Special Anniversaries in the Palisades District are always a time for proud celebrations. Congratulations to the following clubs for their anniversaries:

- GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Rutherford 95 Years
- GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Hasbrouck Heights 85 Years
- Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights 75 Years

Many clubs in the state, including the clubs in the Palisades District, are looking forward to traveling by bus to Washington D.C. in December. Club members will enjoy the GFWC International Holiday Reception on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. The bus will be making a stop at the Capitol Building for a special visit. Tickets include bus, entertainment and food while traveling. Please contact Annette Bortone of Woman’s Club of Lyndhurst, which is sponsoring the trip, at annettebortone@aol.com

Woman’s Club of Paramus will once again be hosting the Palisades District Arts Performing Festival. Please encourage your members to come out on Friday, December 6, 2019. (snow date December 13th)

On December 6th, Junior Woman’s Club of River Edge hosts its yearly Storytime with Santa at River Dell High School. Pizza, cookies and milk, pajamas and books read by Santa make this event a town favorite. In addition to a photo opportunity with Santa, each child will make a craft and receive a gift from Santa! It’s no wonder they sell out their 300-person max capacity every year! WWW.jwcriveredge.org

Greater Pascack Valley Woman’s Club is hosting an Afternoon High Tea November 17th at the Mansion in Park Ridge from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. featuring tea, scones, finger-food, tiny sandwiches. This is always a fun time to relax and enjoy each other's company.

Woman’s Club of West Milford Township will be having day and evening meetings in November. They will also be decorating the historical Ringwood Manor for a Victorian Christmas. There will be self-guided tours of the house with club members dressed in dresses of the period. Unfortunately, all the concerts have been sold out; maybe try again next year.

RAMAPO DISTRICT

It is hard to believe the holiday season is upon us. It is the busiest time of the year with so many events. Riverdale Woman’s Club will be making holiday wreaths at the Glenwild Garden Center. Their Culinary Department will be meeting at the Cosy Cupboard Tea Room in Morristown and their Arts Creative Department will be making cards for the Fireman’s Home in Boonton. They are even trying some new projects this year, one of which is “Books for Babies”.

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RAMAPO DISTRICT (continued)

Woman’s Club of Ridgewood will be having its Dinner and Dance at its club house featuring the Chorale Society of NJ and Sherma Andrews.

Suburban WC of Pompton Plains will have a program “Christmas at the White House” by Marie Grieco. They will be making Thanksgiving food baskets with gift cards in them for needy families.

Allendale Woman’s Club will collect food for the Food Bank and sponsor the Giving Tree for needy families in town. They will continue to host monthly recreational activities at the home for special needs adults.

Pines Lake Woman’s Club will hold its annual Turkey Drive on the Saturday before Thanksgiving at the Municipal complex in Wayne. Last year they collected 25 turkeys, and over 450 bags of groceries. Members will be making wreaths or centerpieces from evergreens.

Pompton Lakes Woman’s Club will have a program with a Master Gardener. The Social Service Department will be making Blizzard bags for Meals on Wheels. The Culinary Department will be celebrating the 50’s by having the foods from that time period.

SHORE DISTRICT

Thanksgiving thoughts. The Lady Diamonds are thankful because life is a rich experience that includes giving of themselves to others. At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person.

Our Lady Diamond’s participated in GFWC new initiatives making phone calls to their Federal legislators on September 23rd, 2019, in support of Miranda Vargas School Bus Driver Red Flag Act. Calls were made on October 23rd urging the passage of HR 3265 and S 1831, the 3D Printed Gun Safety Act of 2019.

Our Lady Diamonds have already had successful fundraisers such as yard sales, Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends, fall teas and basket auctions.

Our Lady Diamonds have contributed to Mommy and Me bags for women in the military, blankets and towels for canine shelters, Veteran’s Day luncheons, cards for veterans and troops, Christmas stockings for our troops with Operation Yellow Ribbon.

Continued ongoing projects by our Lady Diamonds are collecting rubber sole sneakers and shoes for NikeGrind. The soles are ground up to make playground mats.

Thanksgiving extends far beyond the Lady Diamonds. They bring a grateful Spirit to each step and action they take of giving. Gratitude is the fairest Blossom which continues to Spring back from our communities in appreciation.

A thought as this report closes. Some of our clubs have lost members due to their lights dimming. We the Shore District remember and honor those members. They served years in Federation, gave diligently of their time, talent and monetary contributions. Much love for our Sisterhood.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Fall, winter and all the special holiday events are filling our minds and hearts throughout this month of November. With these thoughts of the holidays spinning around in our heads, the Super Southern District is moving forward with many projects and worthy programs to help fill the needs of others. Clubs are especially focusing on the Day of Service coinciding this year with the 125th anniversary of the NJSFWC.

Woman’s Club of Absecon members are collecting 2020 calendars, baking twice a month for the residents of Absecon Manor, a local nursing home, and shopping to fill wish lists for the Woman’s Shelter.
SOUTHERN DISTRICT (continued)

Colony Club of Ocean City members are collecting nonperishable food for the Food Cupboard of Ocean City and the armchair travel group will be viewing a video of a member’s travel to Russia.

Woman’s Civic Club of Hammonton is hosting, “Give a Needy Family a Thanksgiving Dinner Night”. Contributions are made by the club members and brought to the November meeting.

Millville Woman’s Club is hosting in November a luncheon and fashion show and a very formal Thanksgiving Tea, thanking all club members for work well done.

Woman’s Club of Vineland is having its major fundraiser an antique and collectables sale and focus this month on collecting food items for Code Blue.

All clubs of the Southern District are in the process of planning their Christmas projects, helping needy groups and individuals in the Southern District.

THE ARTS/CREATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Gail Kovacs-Felici

According to Napoleon Bonaparte “Wine is inspiring and adds greatly to the joy of living” and according to Louis Pasteur “Wine is the most healthful and most hygienic of beverages”.

How many of us find these precepts to be true? If this applies to you and your friends, UPCYCLE YOUR WINE CORKS! This is a new sub-category (10-A) in the NJSFWC Arts Creative Supplement. Remember, this is an Upcycle project, so start collecting them now.

Here are some tips to help you along with your project (*any wine corks used to make an ornament should be registered under sub-category 10-B):

- To clean the wine corks: Using gloves, add 2 drops of dish detergent to a small bowl, fill with warm water and agitate to form suds. Use a lint free cloth to wipe each cork down focusing on the end that was in contact with the wine. Then rinse with cool water and place on a hard, clean surface in a single layer letting them air dry for at least two hours.
- To remove stains on the wine corks: Mix one capful of bleach and 3 capfuls of water in a small dish. Wipe down or dip in the ends of the stoppers. To neutralize the bleach – mix 1.5 tablespoons of hydrogen peroxide with 1 cup water and dip the bleached portion in. Wait 20 minutes and rinse the wine corks with cool water and let air dry thoroughly.
- To sterilize the wine corks: To keep the corks from developing an unpleasant odor fill a spray bottle with either hydrogen peroxide OR white distilled vinegar. Spray all sides (just don’t over saturate) and let the wine corks dry about 15 minutes on a hard, clean surface.
- Cutting the wine corks: Before cutting the wine corks, boil them in water for around 10 minutes. This will stop them from crumbling or cracking when you cut into them. Thin to medium wine corks are easiest to cut with a craft knife, the thicker ones usually require a mini-saw.
- Remember: Wine corks are porous, so do not oversaturate in any of the above steps and always let them dry thoroughly.

Happy crafting – this Chairman cannot wait to see what ideas you come up with!

THE ARTS/PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Debbie Edwards

Woman’s Club of Merchantville has both a tap-dancing team and a chorus. They call themselves the “Silver Belles”. They perform at their meetings, nursing homes, luncheons and at Christmas time. They have performed at their Garden District Arts/Performing Day and at the NJSFWC Convention Arts/Performing Showcase. They are very talented women!

Please keep up on your local high school’s performances. Be sure to put the information in your newsletters. They have plays, musicals, one acts, and choral performances. They are very talented and have wonderful shows. They are usually inexpensive. Gather a group of members, purchase tickets and enjoy! Make a night of it with dinner before the show!
CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM  

Bonnie Dann

The Limits of Recycling

Dealing with waste in the U.S. and abroad has become a more pressing problem since China stopped taking much of the world’s unwanted plastics and other garbage in 2018. At the same time, we have discovered that our recycling programs are woefully inadequate as an answer to the problem.

Beginning in the 1990s, Chinese processors accepted enormous amounts of supposedly recyclable trash shipped by waste haulers. Much of it, however, ended up being dumped without regard for the environment, because it was mixed with non-recyclable waste (in other words, contaminated) and could not be feasibly separated. In the meantime, we fooled ourselves into thinking that a significantly higher portion of the waste stream was being recycled than was really the case.

Now that the Chinese have decided not to be the world’s dumping ground, it has become more difficult—and more costly—for municipalities to maintain recycling programs. Many towns in New Jersey are now limiting the plastics that will be accepted for recycling to those coded 1 or 2 (PET and HDPE), which are the easiest to process. As a result, more plastics are going to incinerators and landfills, along with other materials that we might have expected to recycle.

One partial solution is for industry to improve recycling technology to make it more efficient and create more products using recyclables. Methods can also be improved, such as better separation of recyclables by consumers. Incentives like bottle deposits can be mandated. Virtually all of these measures will require government involvement.

Even better would be to reduce the waste stream in the first place. As environmentalists have preached for years, the way to deal with the problem of waste is “reduce, re-use, and recycle”—in that order. We need to produce fewer disposables and less unnecessary packaging, even if it is theoretically recyclable. This not only would reduce the waste stream, but would reduce the environmental impact associated with manufacturing and transportation. And, of course, we can prevent the unnecessary proliferation of disposable products by re-using what we can—whether it be cloth shopping bags instead of plastic, drinking glasses and ceramic cups instead of paper or plastic cups, metal eating utensils instead of plastic, etc.

An insightful article on the recycling problem can be found in the July/August 2019 issue of Sierra magazine. It is also available online at https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2019-4-july-august/feature/us-recycling-system-garbage. Get this information out to club members and your community. The more people are educated the more we hope they will recycle!

EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM  

Ann Ribinsky Brown

Reach Out and Read is a nonprofit organization started in 1989 that gives young children a foundation for success by incorporating books into pediatric care and encouraging families to read aloud together. The research shows that the best opportunity to influence a child’s future is in the first five years, a critical window of rapid brain development that does not occur at any other time.

When families read aloud to their young children, they can give them a better start to life. With unparalleled access to families with young children, Reach Out and Read medical providers give books to families with young children at their well-child visits from infancy until they start school. Pediatricians encourage families to read aloud and engage with their infants, toddlers and preschoolers every day.

Research shows that in families served by Reach Out and Read:
- Children’s language development is improved by 3-6 months.
- Parents are 2.5X more likely to read to their children.
- Parents are 2X more likely to read to their children more than three times a week.
- Families are 2.5X more likely to enjoy reading together or have books in the home.
- Children’s language ability improves with increased exposure to Reach Out and Read.
EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (continued)

Books are the core of the Reach Out and Read program. New books to be given to patients, as well as gently used books for the waiting room, are always welcome. Our state has over 200 local sites already utilizing this program, which can be found online at www.reachoutandread.org.

Last year, Pines Lake Woman’s Club members supported St. Joseph’s Family Health Center in Paterson through book donations and volunteering to read to patients in the waiting room. Does this sound like something your club might be interested in doing?

HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Susan A. Chambers

November 28, 2019 is the day set aside by our government to recognize all of that for which we are thankful, a day when family and friends gather to celebrate life’s blessings. But let’s remember that some people are alone and lonely. Why not invite a neighbor or friend, who may not have someone to share with, to join you and your family and friends for your celebration? Loneliness, especially at the holidays, can be painful for many people. Extend that invitation on November 13, which is World Kindness Day. There is no better way to show kindness than to include someone in your Thanksgiving and let him or her know you care. It will bring smiles to those you help …. and to you as well!

Remember, too, that November 14 is World Diabetes Day (so gobble that turkey but go easy on the stuffing and mashies). November 12 is National Happy Hour Day … but let's give it a new meaning! Combine it with Kindness Day and do something nice for someone you know that will give that person – and you! – a Happy Hour!

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Karen Manneback

Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan’s Purse

Junior Woman’s Club of Jefferson Township brought this program to my attention. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan’s Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities. They ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease in more than 100 countries; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

To create the shoebox:

Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately.

Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2–4, 5–9, or 10–14.

Select a medium to large “wow” item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the child’s attention the instant he or she opens the box. (A list broken down by age and girl or boy can be found at: www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box)

Do Not Include

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during National Collection Week, Nov. 18–25, 2019. These locations are posted on their website.

You can follow your box and discover the destination of your shoebox by making the $9 donation per shoebox online, which provides for collection, shipping, and delivery. Just go to the website and print and attach your unique shipping label to your shoebox gift.

More information can be found at: www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child.
PUBLIC ISSUES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Lisa Levin

Election Day is Tuesday November 5th. Please remember to exercise your right to vote; encourage others to do the same. Volunteer to drive an elderly relative, neighbor or friend to vote at their local voting booth.

Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday December 14th. This is a day to remember, honor and teach by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery as well as Veterans Cemeteries in New Jersey. Please visit their website for New Jersey locations and complete details to honor a Veteran.  wreathsacrossamerica.org

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Jean Battaglia

There are several updates to contact information for the GFWC Juniors’ Special Program: Advocates for Children partners. The contact in the March of Dimes organization is Amy Richardson, Director of Volunteer Learning and Development. And, any club donations of items such as Blankets for Babies, baby hats, or NICU Mom Care Packages should be sent to March of Dimes Fulfillment Center, 9483 Main St, Suite B, Dansville, NY 14437. Be sure to include your club contact information with your donation. St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital has a new direct contact for clubwomen, Rich Peterson, Senior Liaison for National Groups & Organizations. This contact information has been updated in the 2018-2020 Club Manual found at www.gfwc.org.

What is a NICU Mom Care Package? While their babies receive special care in a NICU, moms need special care too, during what is a difficult time. The March of Dimes distributes Mom Care Packages to moms who may be unexpectedly staying with their NICU baby. Clubs can collect toiletry items such as lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, and shampoo and conditioner and create a care package. Clubs can send these to the March of Dimes. Or, they may want to explore NICU services at a hospital in their community and determine if care packages would be used and what items should be included. Remember to take this as an opportunity for club publicity, perhaps arranging for a press photo when the care packages are delivered.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tammy Levinson

How has your club been communicating so far? Let’s continue where we left off with our ABC’s of communicating!

Get the word out! Press releases, emails, phone chains, so many ways to reach our members and prospects! Event flyers – try making a template for ease of creating new event flyers!

Hear what your members are saying and asking for! Communicating is a two-way street! Some members may not use email or texting – be sure you are listening to how they will best respond!

Investigate new ways to use Social Media! Facebook seems to be widely used throughout clubwomen and Twitter and Instagram are being used too! Let us know if you need help! Consider asking a special teen in your life – they can help immensely.

Join in all activities…you are recording information for your club newsletter, press releases, and club history books – be sure you are part of these activities when possible, so you can speak from actual experience!

And remember to send the 125th Anniversary Proclamation to your town halls! Such a GREAT way to continue our history and recognize the Federation’s contributions over the last 125 years in each of your communities!

Did you purchase a State Yearbook!

If not – form can be found on the www.njsfwc.org website.

$30 if picked up - $35 if mailed
CONVENTION

Ora M. Kokol

It might be early for you to be getting exciting about “Celebrating the Stars of A Shining Future” - But not this Chairman! Having recently been appointed the 2020 Convention Chairman for the 126th Annual Convention, we are in the process of planning informative programs and fun projects with you - “The Stars” of our Federation always in mind!

Back by popular demand! We are again having our District Luncheon on Monday May 4th prior to the opening Business Session. You also will be getting another opportunity to wear your colored District shirt you purchased last year! The Head “Stars”, your District Vice Presidents will be reporting (and bragging) about all your outstanding accomplishments this past year.

What better way is there than to begin our convention than by having a time of fellowship with your Federated sisters!

More details will be coming, and we will be keeping you informed of all the other happenings on May 4th – 5th – 6th, at the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City!

GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Jean L. Revis

Please share this information with the young ladies as well as the young gentlemen in your lives.

Teen dating violence is the physical, sexual or psychological/emotional (or violence) within a dating relationship among adolescents. It is often a learned pattern of behavior which begins in the teen years and often progresses as the offender ages. Unfortunately, the level of violence often escalates as well.

The following Characteristics of Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships is from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Healthy Relationships share certain characteristic that teens should be taught to expect. They include: mutual respect, trust, honesty, compromise, individuality, good communication, anger control, fighting fair, understanding, problem solving, and self-confidence.

Unhealthy Relationships are marked by characteristics such as disrespect and control. It is important for youth to be able to recognize signs of unhealthy relationships before they escalate. Some characteristics of unhealthy relationships include: control, hostility, dishonesty, disrespect, dependence, intimidation, physical violence and sexual violence.

It is important to educate youth, both Girls and Boys, about the values of respect and the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships before they begin to date. Maintaining open lines of communication may help them form healthy relationships and recognize the signs of unhealthy relationships, preventing the violence before it starts.

Some websites to visit for information or help are: loveisrespect.org, thehotline.org, or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1–800–799–7233 or TTY 1–800–787–3224. Materials can be requested to share with your local junior high or high school during Teen Violence Awareness Month in February.

Let’s stop Domestic Violence before it starts!

GIRLS’ CAREER INSTITUTE

M. Jill McDonald

Planning for Girls’ Career Institute 2020 has already begun. The staff held a wrap-up meeting to capture reactions to GCI 2019. Many new ideas as well as some actions to refresh the tried and true were very motivational. The staff is already anticipating accommodating more delegates, needing additional housemothers and presenters. We always welcome suggestions from club members.

Hopefully many clubs have already begun their search for high school junior girls who are anxious to have a four-day mini college experience while attending workshops and activities designed to enlighten them about new career options and variations on careers they may have already considered. This should begin with contacting local schools; consider public, parochial, private, and vocational/technical high schools in New Jersey.
GIRLS' CAREER INSTITUTE (continued)

Recently the Co-President and GCI Coordinator of the North Arlington Woman’s Club arranged a meeting with their School Superintendent, High School Principal and Head of Guidance. GCI Director McDonald and Assistant Director for Recreation Lewis attended. The Head of Guidance had spoken with nine interested candidates just that day. In the evening the GCI staffs, ten potential delegates and several parents attended the NAWC General Meeting and all learned more about the institute.

We are asking every club to send the name and contact information for their GCI Coordinator to mcdonald@njsfwc.org immediately. The Guide for Club GCI Coordinators has been revised to include more helpful information and timelines. It is available on the njsfwc.org website or can be mailed if necessary.

Girls’ Career Institute 2020 will be held June 1-4 at Douglass Residential College on the Rutgers University New Brunswick campus. These dates are locked in stone based on the availability of dormitory space. The club reservation form was sent to clubs with the NJSFWC dues bill in September. The reservation deadline for payment of the $250 fee for each delegate to be sponsored is January 31, 2020.

Each club is initially authorized two Delegates and two Alternates. If you anticipate wanting to sponsor additional girls, please contact the Director, Jill McDonald, immediately so that your club can be entered on the “waiting list.”

Now is the time to print the Fact Sheet, Letter for School Counselors, Application and Parent Permission forms that are already loaded on the NJSFWC.org website. Your GCI Coordinator should contact the schools your club intends to work with and distribute the packets of information. If your club has requirements that candidates be from specific towns or submit essays, be sure these facts are made clear to the school guidance personnel.

Revised Delegate and Alternate Registration forms will be added to the website in November and will be printed in the December ALMANAC. The DEADLINE for submission of Registration forms to the Director is March 1, 2020. Prepare your timeline NOW so that you can meet that deadline, taking into consideration exams, snow days, holidays, and standardized testing.

Additional ways that clubs can become GCI supporters are by helping to recruit housemothers and per diem volunteers, providing full or partial scholarships for candidates from underserved areas, as well as supplies, snacks, and bottled water.

HISTORIAN

Carol A. Niemiec

As this Historian continues to read about NJSFWC Past Presidents, we are now up to Louie C. Francisco the twenty-first President, 1944-1947, from the Woman’s Club of Little Falls. World War II was in its’ third year and departments in all clubs were geared to war service. Christmas and Hanukkah gifts numbering 16,000 were distributed to camps and hospitals, and gifts for nurses were distributed at Tilton Hospital at Fort Dix. The quota for the drive for the Air Armada of the Navy was $1,000,000. The amount credited to the NJ Federation was $1,169,338, so this entitled the club to arrange a meeting with the NJ Garden Club, planted dogwood trees along a 5 mile stretch of the Rt. 22 corridor between Mountainside and N. Plainfield, known as “Blue Star” drive. The first Citizenship Institute for Girls now Girls’ Career Institute, was held in June, 1947, at Montclair Teacher’s College and the cost per delegate was $5.25 for 2 days.

The twenty-second President of NJSFWC was Alice Cornelison, 1947-1950, from the Somerville Civic League. The addition of 13 general clubs and 20 junior clubs increased enthusiastic work during this administration. Mrs. Cornelison served on several committees representing NJ club women…..State Aid for Schools, Adequate Welfare and Educational Buildings, the Citizens’ Committee for a $75,000,000 Bond issue for Schools, Institutions and Agencies. The NJ College for Women had an important place in club projects. As State President, Mrs. Cornelison served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers University and she established a Policy Committee to help solve any problems that might affect the autonomy of the Women's College. More than 70 newspapers covered Federation news, keeping the public aware of the activities and influence of Women’s Clubs in all areas of endeavor.
HONORS

WILL A MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB BE THE 76TH RECIPIENT OF THE
CECILIA GAINES HOLLAND AWARD?

Challenge for 2019-2020

Every club should:

- Consider nominating an outstanding member.
- Invest the time to gather information.
- List your nominee’s contribution to her community.
- Itemize your nominee’s qualifications.
- All nine districts should participate!

Guidelines

And all

Information is on the

NJSFWC website at njsfwc.org under Materials where

Every

Step in the nominating process is covered.

Hope to see your Club nominate

One outstanding

Leading member who has contributed

Lots of service

And do not forget the

Nomination

Deadline is February 1, 2020!

(adapted from September 2009 ALMANAC article by Pat Mignella)

Nominations are to be mailed to this Chairman at her home address which is listed in the current yearbook and on the website, postmarked by February 1, 2020.

LEGISLATION/RESOLUTIONS

Carole B. Speechley

GFWC Brand Initiatives

Thank you to everyone who participated in GFWC Brand Initiatives, making calls and sending emails in support of Miranda’s Law on September 23rd and the 3D Printed Gun Safety Act of 2019 on October 23rd. As of this writing the first calls are still 3 days away. The results will be reported in a future ALMANAC.

REMINDERS:

The DEADLINE for submitting Resolutions is December 15, 2019 – send them to Carole Speechley, 233 65th Street, Avalon, NJ 08202. This Chairman would be happy to help you write your resolution or see the Legislation/Resolutions section in the Materials section of the njsfwc.org website for information on writing resolutions. This Chairman looks forward to reading your resolution at Convention.

Legislation is one of the 7 Grand Initiatives of the GFWC 2018-2020 Administration!

They are called “7 Grand Initiatives” as each of them has 1,000 as a goal. The 5th Grand Initiative is “That 1,000 members join the Legislative Action Center”. This is an easy way to stay informed on important issues and to participate in resolving them. Just go to gfwc.org and search on “Legislative Action Center” to join. If you haven’t joined, why not do it today?

Legislation/Resolutions Projects

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.

Thank you for supporting the Brand Initiatives - What we do really does matter.
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Barbara Spillane

On or about November 1, 2019 each Club President will receive a mailing which will explain the procedure to follow for the Nominations/Endorsement of a candidate to serve on the 2020-2022 NJSFWC Board of Directors. IF you do not receive this by November 10, 2019 please call this Chairman, Barbara Spillane, at cell number 201-207-4524.

Included with the mailing will be a letter of instructions with a white Nomination Blank. It is necessary to follow the instructions precisely as listed in the NJSFWC Bylaws in the Yearbook - Nominations pages 224-225 and NJSFWC Standing Rule 5, page 228. After the club has voted to nominate a member, the Nomination Blank must be signed by the Club President and Recording Secretary and sent to this Chairman.

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.

Candidates for the office of District Vice President shall be nominated by a club in her District. Nominations are being sought for College, Garden, Highlands, Liberty, Palisades, Ramapo, Shore and Southern District Vice Presidents.

Chairmen are also needed for each of the Community Service Programs. Nominations are being sought for Arts/creative, Arts/Performing, Conservation, Education, Home Life, and Public Issues CSP Chairmen.

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.

Please include the following when returning the Nomination Blank:

1. Name, address, telephone number, and email address of the nominee
2. A narrative, not to exceed 200 words, describing the qualifications of the candidate including positions held in her club and/or Board of Directors
3. A black and white passport photo (headshot only, JPEG format) must be emailed to this Chairman at spillane@njsfwc.org.
4. Nomination form

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.

Thank you for taking part in the nomination process for ensuring outstanding leadership for our Federation’s future.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT

Lynn Webb

Clubs and districts have been busy planning fundraisers to support CASA of NJ and preparing to put wish trees in public places like banks, post offices, and libraries. NJSFWC works with the community making suggestions for the collections. Some examples are duffel bags, blankets, board games, small stuffed animals, towels, hats and gloves, and $10 gift cards. Ask your local CASA affiliates what the need is and plan a party to accommodate their requests.

Invite a Court Appointed Special Advocate to speak at your club. Each advocate has different skills and they love to share their stories. Lisa Roll, a potter and a CASA advocate, spoke to this chairman’s club and shared her story with pottery. Lisa sold Christmas decorations, matches that ignite with the pottery edge for the fireplace and other small items. All the money from Lisa’s collection goes to her local CASA.

There is a beautiful shore-themed quilt in colors of brown/beige/peach/blue with pillowcases and 2 throw pillows made by Carole Nelson, Joy Dixon and members of the Hightstown Woman’s Club that will be raffled off at the Annual Convention in May 2020. Quilts are a labor of love and this Chairman appreciates the time to create this masterpiece for CASA of NJ. We will be selling raffle tickets for $10 each or three for $25.

For the January District Councils - CASA affiliates requested nightlights for children and teens. Children are placed in homes with strangers and they face their fears about being in the dark. There are children nightlights in shapes of animals, rainbows, and even a dump truck. The older teens would benefit with any nightlight. This will be the last time for a district-wide collection for CASA of NJ at the January Councils. Please bring nightlights for children and teens to give comfort and light in their bedroom.
Keep Your Website Up to Date!

A local woman’s club recently received an inquiry from a woman age 30, asking if there were any age limits on membership. The club responded that no, there are no age limits, but there is also another club in the township whose members are closer to 30.

The woman replied, “Yes, I looked at their website and it hadn’t been updated for six months, so I didn’t think they were active.” A prospective member was lost to the club because of an out-of-date website.

Is this you? Is your website six months out of date? If so, do something about it! And if you’re having trouble updating, contact the webmaster. This Chairman will be glad to help you update your site or your page.

Remember, update at least monthly if you are putting dates and events on the website. If that’s too hard, make your website more like a brochure with basic information and place a prominent link to your Facebook page or Twitter page for current news. Or set up a blog that is updated weekly or monthly and link to it.

Remember, your website represents your club. Make sure it’s an accurate representation!

WOMEN WHO REACH FOR THE STARS CHAIRMAN

Linda F. Babeuf

Clubs often struggle to keep long time members engaged and new members informed. It is a difficult but important balance to keep a club relevant and its’ members invigorated.

At this important time in NJSFWC’s history, its’ 125th Anniversary, it is the perfect time to focus on what we have done to help shape where we go from here.

In this Administration, the Women Who Reach For The Stars Committee was formed to help celebrate this special milestone. One of its responsibilities is to share information on our amazing history.

Let’s take this short quiz to see how much we each know about the history of NJSFWC. Maybe after you complete this quiz you could bring it to your club and see how many members know this information.

a. What honor was bestowed on NJSFWC, April 30th 1929?

b. What was the original name of Douglass Residential College?

c. What was the dollar campaign?

d. Who was the first President of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs and what club did she belong to?

e. NJSFWC was active in World War I and World War II. What are the most significant things we did in each war?

f. Why are the Margaret Yardley Fellowships named after our First President?

g. GCI has been around since 1947 but careers were not its’ initial focus. What was the name and initial intent of the program?

h. Who initiated the building of NJSFWC’s current Headquarters?

i. Why was the 1894 Society started during the 2002-2004 Administration?

j. Why are we holding the Shining Future Endowment Campaign?

The answers can be found at the end of this ALMANAC

If you would like to hear more about NJSFWCs’ amazing history why not schedule a speaker for a club 125th Anniversary Celebration? The members of the Women Who Reach For The Stars committee would be happy to speak to your club and share more amazing information about our beloved Federation.
DAY OF SERVICE

Annette Bortone

Our 125th Anniversary and Day of Service are almost upon us! The excitement is building and we are all looking forward to November 16th. This Chairman knows that every club has done a lot of shopping to make our Day of Service project a success.

Drop-off sites and times in each District have been confirmed. Contact your District Day of Service Chairman with any questions. All drop-off times and locations were in the October ALMANAC.

Remember, all items must be new, and you can also confirm what items were requested by visiting the NJSFWC website.

Embrella (formerly known as Foster and Adoptive Services) will be receiving your donations and will be using them to provide assistance and support for those students who have aged out of the foster care system and are attending college. Your donations are so important as they provide the basic items to allow these young people to focus less on survival and more on reaching their goals.

This Chairman cannot thank you enough for your time and commitment to make this Day of Service a success!

PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTANT TO CLUBS

Maureen K. Costello

How do you deal with a “friendly” amendment?

On occasion, while a motion is being debated, someone will get up and offer what she terms a “friendly amendment” to the motion, the maker of the original motion will “accept” the amendment and the chair will treat the motion as amended. This is wrong. Once a motion has been stated by the chair, it is no longer the property of the mover, but of the assembly. Any amendment, “friendly” or otherwise, must be adopted by the full body, either by a vote or by unanimous consent.

If it appears to the chair that an amendment (or any other motion) is uncontroversial, it is proper for the chair to ask if there is “any objection” to adopting the amendment. If no objection is made, the chair may declare the amendment adopted. If even one member objects, however, the amendment is subject to debate and vote like any other, regardless of whether its proposer calls it “friendly” and regardless of whether the maker of the original motion endorses its adoption.

Want To Get Away?

Join your Federation Sisters on a Federation Trip.

Discover Mackinac Island featuring the Grand Hotel and the Tulip Time Festival
May 5-12, 2020

Spotlight on Tuscany
October 21-29, 2020

Spotlight on San Antonio Holiday
December 3-7, 2020

For trip information – visit www.njsfwc.org or contact NJSFWC Headquarters.