

New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC
Women's History Top Projects 2020

- 1. The Metuchen-Edison Women's Club** with a membership of 18, has a member who served on the Women Who Reach for the Stars Committee, which created the Shining Future Campaign. She designed, developed, and donated the funds to create the njsfwcshiningfuture.org website. After researching the extensive NJSFWC history of giving, advocacy and saving the Palisades, along with images from the 1944 Convention, the website was completed. It enabled the public to view the rich 126-year history of the NJSFWC **1 project, 100 hours, \$350 in kind.**
- 2. The Porch Club of Riverton** with a membership of 165, researched the history of Women's Suffrage at The Porch Club. The Porch Club formed a Suffrage Section in February 1904. In February 1907, a meeting was held at the Chairman's home where over 100 attended. The guest of honor was the President of the NWSA, Reverend Anna Shaw. Shaw was later inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame. They were active members of the New Jersey Woman's Suffrage Association and in 1915 offered cash prizes to students for the three best essays on Equal Suffrage. They continued to petition for the enfranchisement of women. The women of Riverton have close ties with Alice Paul, as she came from Moorestown. Several members went and placed flowers on Paul's grave at the Westfield Friends Cemetery on August 26th. **1 project, 55 hours, \$0 donated, \$0 in kind.**
- 3. The Woman's Club of Woodstown** with a membership of 41, honored Women's History Month by the Borough celebrating an over 50-year club member who was the first woman who served on their Town Council and served for 25 years as the chairman of the Beautification Committee. The town selected 2020 to honor this woman to coincide with the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote. Proclamations were read, and a plaque and restored vintage water foundation was placed in the town's memorial garden. Eighty people attended. **2 projects, 15 hours, \$100 donated, \$500 in kind.**
- 4. The Marlton Women's Club** with a membership of 40, honored Women's History Month and the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment by creating a large display in their local library displaying books, information about the suffrage movement and historic memorabilia on loan from the Alice Paul Institute. A whole day of festivities were planned with the club women dressing as suffragists and answering question, with free giveaways and handouts for the children. The pandemic thwarted their efforts for the day. The library has reopened, and the display is there for the public to view. **1 project, 70 hours, \$175 in kind.**
- 5. The Woman's Club of Paramus** with a membership of 66, has been a contributor to the 1894 Society in the past. Realizing the pandemic was causing many challenges for the NJSFWC, they appealed to their club members for help. The club president shared the history of the NJSFWC, the Headquarters building, and the land lease involved. Many of the new members who have not visited Headquarters were interested in the history. Six members joined and the club increased their donation as well. **1 project, 6 hours, \$190 donated, \$114 in kind.**
- 6. The Woman's Club of Upper Montclair** with a membership of 102, had a publication in the GFWC WHRC News, Spring 2020 edition and a copy was also posted on the NJSFWC

Facebook page. The article reflected the club's historic support of the nation's healthcare workers. The club partnered with the Red Cross and offered a course for first aid instructors. They were the first organization in Montclair to assemble Bundles for America, which are packages that contained essential items and were distributed to the troops and civilians alike. They made hospital jackets and surgical dressings. After World War II, they funded scholarship for nursing school students, which is still ongoing. **1 project, 30 hours, \$40 in kind.**

7. **The Sparta Woman's Club** with a membership of 80, celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment through an online campaign entitled **Yellow Ribbon Tribute to Suffragists**. Through emails the members were asked to select a Suffragist, research, and prepare a biography. As each biography was completed, they were shared on email for all to read. The members, in turn shared them with their family and friends. The role of the GFWC was also reviewed with the members. At the September (outside) meeting, the co-presidents were inducted into office, dressed as Alice Paul and Susan B. Anthony. The biographies were on display. The documented history was 89 pages and contained 58 pictures. **1 project, 168 hours, \$4 in kind.**
8. **The West Essex Woman's Club** with a membership of 6, honored National Woman's History Month in March by obtaining materials from the National Women's History Project. These materials were distributed to various libraries (public, high school, college, and their adopted 1st grade class). The materials included bookmarks, publications, posters, and books, all about the "Valiant Women of the Vote". Club members also received bookmarks, magnets, and news publication. They were encouraged to share the information about the Suffragists. They also read about the suffragists during March and shared the information at following meetings. **2 projects, 25 hours, \$272 in kind.**
9. **The Woman's Club of Lyndhurst** with a membership of 42, celebrated their 90th Club Anniversary in February. Local dignitaries and NJSFWC Officers were invited to attend. The members shared in the cooking, baking, and decorating of the venue in red and white for Valentine's Day and Heart Health Month. Eighty people attended and each was given a "Red Dress Pin." Part of the festivities was a short program on the History of the Woman's Club of Lyndhurst. A time capsule was filled with 2020 keepsakes, including some from the COVID-19 pandemic to be opened on their 100th Anniversary. **1 project, 397 hours, \$900 in kind.**
10. **The Woman's Club of Spring Lake** with a membership of 108, had a Spring Lakes Woman's Club History for 2020 presented by the Club Historian in December. It was a detailed report of the things that they accomplished despite the pandemic. To name a few things; they awarded scholarships, fundraised by selling handmade masks and mask holders, sold 50/50 chances, sold holiday pies, made card holders, and notes to be sold, collected for Operation Chillout and the local food pantry. They were occasionally able to meet following CDC guidelines. **1 project, 10 hours.**