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President's Message—Jan W. Hanson

Welcome back! Hopefully you were able to catch up with old friends, reunite with family members and reinstate some summer traditions. Things are still a little uncertain as we continue to fight the Coronavirus, but I know you will continue to make smart decisions and continue to follow safe practices. As more people get vaccinated, we will be able to conduct business as usual with a greater appreciation of what is important. With all the volunteer work we do, the greatest gift we can give our family, friends and even strangers is to get vaccinated. The life you save maybe someone you love.

We have much to look forward to this year, but this President was thrilled that 147 members were able to attend the Summer Conference in Atlantic City. We were finally able to recognize the 2020 and 2021 Cecilia Gaines Holland Awardees, Jane Mackesy and Marie Sullivan. The 2020 and 2021 Women of Achievement Winners were honored, including our own Mary Ellen Brock. The deadline for nominating next year's Women of Achievement winners is November 15, 2021. The District Vice Presidents pulled out all the stops when bragging about their clubs. And the 2020 and 2021 Honor Roll and Order of the Lily recipients had the opportunity to receive their tributes. NJSFWC Past President Mary Wolfe was properly thanked. We could not have gone "Back to the Future" without the hard work and enthusiasm of Convention Chairman, Susan Fosdick and Credentials and Registration Chairman, Cynthia Blumenkrantz and their committees. Those in attendance were the first to receive the beautiful Tribute Book, thanks to Karen Manneback. Copies will be available at the September District Councils.

Congratulations to Vivien Finn and her committee on a successful Luncheon/Basket Raffle at the Lobster Shanty in Point Pleasant to benefit the Federation. It took an extra year,

but it was worth the wait. Thank you to all the generous club members who donated baskets. Win or lose, everyone had a good time.

Over the summer some of the Community Service Program and Standing Committee Chairmen updated their supplements and made minor changes. Please pay attention to the Chairmen's articles for updated information.

The GFWC Convention was postponed to August 28-30th and moved to Atlanta, Georgia. This Officer hopes to have many GFWC awards to announce at Fall Conference on Monday, October 18th at the Battleground Country Club. Information and the Registration form is in this ALMANAC and can be found on the njsfwc.org website. Membership awards for the clubs with the highest net gain will be announced along with the NJSFWC grant winners. Interesting speakers have been lined up and there will be an opportunity to write to your representative.

Congratulations to Jill McDonald, Garden District Vice President, who is the NJSFWC Jennie Award Nominee. Her name and information have been submitted to the Middle Atlantic Region for further judging. Look for more information in next month's ALMANAC.

Raffle tickets for our beautiful, hand-made quilt will be available at the September District Councils. The winner will be drawn at the 2022 Convention and proceeds benefit the Special State Project, Operation Chillout.

This Officer is excited to be back with so many wonderful things going on. She is looking forward to meeting you off Zoom.

In Federation Friendship,

Jan

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NJSFWC PRESIDENT-ELECT**Shirley A. Holly**

Here's a list of actionable leadership tips. Some are relatively basic, but are important reminders.

Lead by example - Leaders need to show, not just tell. Treat all club women with courtesy and respect. Set the tone and your club members will follow it.

Keep club meetings productive - you should want to limit tangents and other time wasters during meetings.

Know your limits - Even the kindest, most caring leader has limits. Set your boundaries and stick to them. Knowing what you will not tolerate can save everyone in the club a lot of frustration, and keeping boundaries clear means there's no confusion.

Find a mentor - No woman is an island, as they say. The best leaders out there know when they need help, and they know where to turn to in order to get it. Consider asking a Past President of your club for advice, she's been in your shoes and understands. Most Past Presidents won't speak up unless they are asked directly for fear of stepping on toes.

Never stop improving - Great leaders are constantly learning and always trying to improve themselves. There's always something that you can work on or a new skill to master. Be sure to keep your mind open to new ideas and possibilities from club members.

Be emotionally aware - Clubs are about relationships between people. To make these relationships last, you need to be emotionally intelligent - to be sensitive to different points of view and different backgrounds. When using your head to do what's best for your club, don't forget to have a heart.

A little humility goes a long way - There's a difference between a leader and being bossy! While both are in charge, a leader shares the spotlight and is comfortable crediting others. While it might seem counterintuitive, being humble takes more confidence than basking in glory. Your club members will appreciate it.

NJSFWC SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**Barbara McCloskey**

2020 will certainly go down in history as a year to remember or to totally forget!

However, think of all the things you learned over that year. Clubs found new ways to communicate, socialize and even to fundraise.

You should be proud of what you were still able to accomplish, even if it was on a smaller scale.

2021 should be no different. Use your new skills to expand your fundraising, community service projects and programs with your club members and the community.

Whether you receive an award at spring conference or convention, you are all winners. Winners - because you documented your club history by reporting! Reports are not just the history for the future, but the accomplishments of your club year so that club members can celebrate the positive difference they are making in their communities. Why else do we report?

Reports are great recruitment tools as you share your accomplishments with potential members, guests and speakers. Reports can also be a great retention tool as they spotlight programs, projects and even the chairman or committees that brought projects to fruition.

By the time the end of the year comes, we often forget about those projects we did last winter. Reporting brings all of those projects back to the forefront and reminds of how far you have come in a year. Reviewing reports from year to year reminds us of how projects have grown over time and have become more successful. This could also be a benefit to know when a project is no longer relevant to your community if you see declining participation.

When we add the statistics of the clubs from across New Jersey we realize the impact New Jersey Club women make every single day. These numbers are used when we apply for grants on the state level and then again GFWC adds

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the statistics from states across the country to receive national grants. Current partners look at yearly statistics to evaluate the relationships.

Did you know that about only half of our clubs' report? There is strength in numbers and we make a big impact when we report. Start keeping track of your projects, dollars and hours now so you can be counted at the end of the year. Report to document your history and report to be part of the statistics!

Report Writing Tip:

The key question to ask in deciding where something goes is "What is the purpose of this project?" Based on your answer there may be more than one place to put a project and that is okay. The important thing to remember is that you can divide a project up into more than one program. However, you can only report the information once. More information will be coming out in the months to come.

Remember, it is important to keep a record of what your club is doing!

NJSFWC THIRD VICE PRESIDENT**Susan Chambers**

NJSFWC Membership Grant funding is once again available through the Shining Future Endowment Campaign to underwrite membership recruitment and retention efforts. We're offering six \$100 grants for Club Member Recruitment and retention activities.

Please describe your need for the grant in 500 words or less; include the goals as well as the strategies and activities you will use to achieve your recruitment and/or retention goal. Then send that information, as your application, to NJSFWC Headquarters, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, Attention: Membership Grant Application.

Also include on your application:

- Club name and district
- Membership # as stated on your 2021 Blue Sheet
- Contact Person name, telephone and email address

Deadline for applications is October 1st, 2021; winners will be notified by October 15th, 2021 with the grants awarded at State Fall Conference on October 18th.

Let's give a hearty welcome to NJSFWC's newest members:

Montclair Women's Club

Noreen Antonelli
Susan Mack

Woman's Club of Cranbury, Inc.

Linda Kent
Pamela Ornberg
Arlene Munkacsi

The Woman's Club of Upper Montclair

Ellen Levine

Thursday Morning Club, Inc. – Madison

Meyra J. Green
Pauline Morris
Mary Beth Hansbury
Donna Carr
Kathy Claxton
Arlene Lloyd
Lou Ann Woerner

Millville Woman's Club

Luba Bodulow
Ruth Kane
Ellen Booz
Margie Perrotti
Carol Coffee
Jean Curnow
Cheryl F. Brisbane Powell
Albertine Jolly

Woman's Club of Merchantville

Rosemary Conners

Woman's Club of Penns Grove/Carneys Point, Inc.

Gloria Marandola
Susan Mitchell

Woman's Club of Bloomfield

Meg Dean
Patricia Russillo

NJSFWC TREASURER**Linda Babeuf**

This Treasurer would like to remind club Presidents and Treasurers of some important housekeeping they should review. Most of this was probably done in May or June, but just in case it was not, now is a good time to get it done. This review will help ensure that your club will have all the necessary documentation up-to-date and in good order in case you need to present it to conduct business. The documents you should review include the club's:

- Raffle License (re-issued every 2 years)
- 501c(3)(are you listed under NJSFWC or on your own, is it up to date?)
- Charity Registration (if you raise money from the public you must register)
- 990 (tax return with the IRS)
- Incorporation renewal
- Budget (one should be done each year and approved by the membership)
- Internal Audit (done at the end of each year)
- Insurance (all clubs should carry liability insurance whether under the NJSFWC umbrella or outside coverage)

All clubs are not the same and some of these documents may not apply to you so please be sure to update the licenses, tax filings etc. that pertain to your club. Once some of these documents have not been updated for several years, you may lose your filing status and your club may have to re-apply and you do not want that to happen!

The first week of September, all Presidents should receive a mailing from NJSFWC Headquarters. The envelope will contain:

- The Dues Bill for the 2021-2022 club year. Your club dues are due to Headquarters on or before November 1st, 2021. If your club submitted the Blue Sheet on time, the bill will reflect the number of members your club reported. If the blue sheet was not received on time, your club will be billed for and is responsible for the number of members reported in the 2020-2021 club year regardless of your current membership.
- The Charitable Registration Form for 2022, which is due September 30th, 2021 and the cost is \$15.00.
- The Continuing Funds Form for 2022 which is due April 1st, 2022. Along with the Continuing Funds Form is the Explanation of the Continuing Funds.
- The Girls' Career Institute Delegate Registration Form for 2022. The registration form is due January 31st, 2022

Although the information is sent to the club President, a copy should be made for her files. The President should record the deadlines and give the envelope of forms to the club Treasurer. This will enable the Treasurer to have the correct information she needs to ensure that the checks are sent to Headquarters by the deadlines.

As always, if you have any questions please call me at 732-687-3443 or email me at babeuf@njsfwc.org.

NJSFWC FINANCIAL SECRETARY**Christina Burlew**

This Officer is so excited that we will all be able to get back to attending meetings in person, plan programs and projects, and achieve our fundraising goals.

While last year presented many challenges, it also gave all of us an opportunity to think outside the box. Clubs found different ways to raise money. Perhaps some of the newly discovered fundraisers will be back this year. Those oldies but goodies fundraisers may be able to return to their original format.

One way to explore new fundraising ideas is to attend your District Council Meetings where Club Presidents and members share information about their programs, projects, and fundraising events. Also, the ALMANAC is another source of valuable information. All of the District Vice Presidents write a monthly article about the programs, projects, and Fundraising events in their District. Share this information with your members. The ALMANAC is also on the NJSFWC website. Do you receive the weekly eConnection from our President? If not, please sign up on our website. The sign up is next to the Materials information.

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Have you checked out the top 10 Fundraising Projects for 2020? If not, go to njsfwc.org, click on Materials, and choose Treasurer & Fundraising Top Projects 2020. As part of the Materials information, you will find the GFWC Fundraising Newsletter which contains additional ideas. Our website contains a wealth of information, and you do not need a password.

This Officer wishes all of you a very successful year. Remember, the first 3 letters of Fundraising is FUN.

COLLEGE DISTRICT

Mary Lou Bak

The Club Presidents and members of the College District attended the June District Council on Zoom. They welcomed the opportunity to hear about the upcoming Summer Conference, Fall Conference, and Day of Service. They found the presentations on being an NJSFWC Board member and Advocates for Children both inspiring.

Clubs found time during the summer to deliver meals, treats, and cheer to their communities. Cooking up kindness and lasagna trays, the **Glen Gardner Woman's Club** delivered the trays to families in need as repercussions of the Pandemic continue to affect others. The Club also donated to the Kona Ice Truck to deliver cool, sweet treats to residents of Veterans Haven North for their Memorial Day and July 4th BBQ's.

Summer travel took on a virtual twist for the **Woman's Club of Cranbury**. Participating in a monthly Zoom meeting called "Great Decisions" hosted by the Cranbury Library, members heard discussions about foreign policy issues facing the U.S. around the globe. Members also enjoyed a monthly social and gourmet gathering at a variety of restaurants.

A celebratory gathering occurred for the **Branchburg Woman's Club**. They commemorated their 60th Anniversary and welcomed members back for this special party. Plans to bring members back together included a summer social for the **Franklin Woman's Club**.

As Clubs began to plan their meetings as in-person events, in many cases they searched for new venues to safely bring back members. Some clubs had their meetings in outdoor settings, and others were able to meet indoors. The **Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield** met at the American Legion Hall, which welcomed them for both their Board and General meetings. The Club will be holding "Member Guest Night" on October 7th, with a goal of recruiting new members from among the guests.

GARDEN DISTRICT

Jill McDonald

The Garden District is growing. Extensive use of websites and active Facebook pages have increased publicity of activities. Some clubs have been on hiatus this last year, but most are reporting planned gatherings and activities beginning in September.

We welcomed four members to new leadership roles. Shawn Schaffer has become Co-President of Medford Woman's Club. She joins Kathy Cullen who has taken on the additional role of Arts and Culture District Chairman. Hillary Brennan was recently installed as the new Porch Club of Riverton President. Garden District Chairman for the Day of Service is Lucille Petrillo from Pitman Woman's Club.

Most Garden District clubs are currently participating in or setting goals and developing plans for Operation Smile, Operation Chillout, Yellow Ribbon, and Day of Service projects. Collecting school supplies for the needy, contributing staples to food banks, and recycling plastic bags to be made into TREX benches have all gained community support. Preparing meals and treats for Ronald McDonald House, Cathedral Kitchen, and as thank you notes to community service workers have all been popular projects. Partnerships with other community organizations have brought forth huge displays of support. Flower and hoagie sales, and special promotions with local restaurants have kept scholarships funded.

The Farmers' Market operated by the Wenonah Woman's Club has seen a major increase in vendors and customers. They have added special days to support other community organizations and promote health and wellness.

GARDEN DISTRICT (Continued)

As an outgrowth of our Civic Engagement and Outreach Day, several clubs are collecting items to supply a resource closet at Veterans Haven South. Household goods a veteran would need when moving into an apartment are requested.

Plan ahead for our September Council meeting to be held at The Haddon Fortnightly Clubhouse on Thursday the 16th at 6:00 p.m. A light meal and delicious desserts will be served.

HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

Nancy Levy

The Highlanders have been busy! **Blair Woman's Club** collected and shipped four cartons of bras, panties and feminine items to "I Support the Girls". The **Woman's Club of Boonton** held a dress and gown sale, and partnered with a hair salon to collect diapers and baby wipes to be donated. The **Woman's Club of the Denville-Rockaway Area** made over 200 Books for Babies gift bags for new mothers.

The **Hopatcong Woman's Club** planted a garden in a local park and collected items for its ongoing support of "I Support the Girls". The **Long Valley Junior Woman's Club** continues to run its very successful thrift shop, Racks in the Valley. The **Long Valley Woman's Club** held its 10th annual picnic for a local Domestic Violence Shelter. The **Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills'** ongoing support of Project Linus included a workshop via Zoom where members made 24 no-sew blankets. **Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club** donated gifts to nursing home residents for Project Sunshine.

The **Roxbury Woman's Club's** "Spring into Summer" project filled baskets of needed items for two group homes. The **Sparta Woman's Club** painted decorative flower pots and planted them with annuals, which were donated to senior citizen facilities, and also collected items for bingo prizes. **Sussex Woman's Club** donated grocery and gift cards to their Domestic Violence Shelter.

The **Thursday Morning Club** had a tour and wine tasting at the Villa Rose Wine School. Also, one of the club's members who had passed away had been an artist, and her estate donated her artwork, which the club sold at two art sales as a fundraiser.

The **Vernon Township Woman's Club's** knitting group had a reporter interview its members. The **Washington Woman's Club** continued its collection of coffee, detergent pods and personal care items for Veterans Haven North.

LIBERTY DISTRICT

Ellen Lund

The Liberty District is ready to forge ahead! Here are what some of the clubs are planning to do. The **Junior Woman's Club of Arlington** hopes to resume in person meetings come September. They will work with the newly formed "Kearny Giving Network" to provide meals and gifts for local families in need.

The **GFWC Arlington Juniores** have resumed their award winning "Flo Initiative" feminine hygiene products collection and will be packaging the products in discrete packages to be made available through the local school nurses offices. Also, they will be collecting school supplies. The **EMD of Arlington Woman's Club** will be collecting items for Arts and Crafts for Children's Specialized Hospitals for Advocates for Children. They are also planning a book exchange and a Flower Power Sale. To honor the 20th anniversary of 9/11, a Flag Ceremony is being planned.

The **GFWC Junior Women's Club of Belleville** is excited to be able to relaunch the Junior Women's Club of Belleville. Their summer fundraisers were already a success. They will be holding their first Spelling Bee in October. The **Woman's Club of Belleville** collected items for Operation Christmas Stocking and school supplies for their local schools. **Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights** will be hosting a Meet and Greet Ice Cream Social in September for all members and potential new members, to learn what their club is all about.

Eighth District Contemporaries are having a garage sale in early Fall. They continue to save hygiene products and bras for "I Support the Girls". They hope to meet in person in September and will make sock packages for the Veterans and will support Operation Yellow Ribbon.

LIBERTY DISTRICT (Continued)

Liberty District Past Presidents will have their fall meeting on October 14th at the **Woman's Club of Upper Montclair**. Their project will be Brady's Buggies. If you are not a member and are interested in attending please contact Barbara Spillane at baspill@aol.com.

Maplewood Woman's Club will be donating filled backpacks to the children served by Family Promise. **West Essex Woman's Club** continues to collect expired coupons for military families and aluminum tabs for Ronald McDonald House and books for the Domestic Violence Shelter. A program on National Parks will be held. Art supplies will be donated for Advocates for Children. A financial donation will be made to Family Promise.

PALISADES DISTRICT

Debbie Cibelli

As the summer solstice comes to an end, our District clubs have been busy getting back to the new norm with many plans for the future. **Woman's Club of Paramus** fall plans include a Mega 50/50 Raffle, a Parking Lot Rummage Sale and inducted 6 new members at an in-person General Membership Meeting in September.

Cresskill Woman's Club have two planned activities for September including, sponsoring a blood drive on September 16th and selling 4 pack LED light bulbs to benefit Operation Chillout. The **Woman's Club of Ridgefield Park** is still collecting used sneakers and when the church opens up they are planning their large cake sale.

The **Woman's Club of Carlstadt** had their installation and awards and in addition, they were able to start up collecting for our food bank again. The **Woman's Club of Norwood/Northvale** is sponsoring a Beefsteak Dinner on October 15th. **Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights** held a successful summer barbecue mixer held on August 25th.

Woman's Club of River Edge made a \$375 donation to River Edge Library in memory of 16 of their deceased members. **Woman's Club of Lyndhurst** collected used eyeglasses in partnership with the Lions Club. They also donated new books to grades K-3 to encourage "Read Across America".

Woman's Club of North Arlington ran a mega 50/50 fundraiser over the summer. A pet adoption event is planned for the fall. **Woman's Club of Westwood** is planning a basket raffle this fall and held their military bridge. **Book and Needle Club** had an opening lunch in September and resumed in person gatherings. **Woman's Club of Leonia** will hold its annual hot dog luncheon at its September meeting. **Woman's Club of Rutherford** is holding a Pocketbook Bingo on October 16th at 6:00 p.m.

RAMAPO DISTRICT

Marie Sullivan

The **Ramapo District** clubs are ready to get back to in person meetings, programs, and fundraising. Lots of planning over the summer went on and nailing things down was more challenging than expected, but our Ladies are resilient!

The **Allendale Woman's Club** will be holding a Fall Town-Wide Garage Sale. Participants are charged a fee, then maps are made up of addresses of all the houses participating. This is one of several big fundraisers planned!

The **Montville Woman's Club** participates in Montville Day by hosting a table to help their membership drive. Club members wear their club logo shirts, hand out giveaways and brochures with information on their club. They also sell canvas bags with their logo to continue promoting their club while encouraging less plastic bag use. They will also hold a large Raffle with 3 prize winners at the event. The **Ridgewood Woman's Club** will be hosting a Financial Planning Workshop for Members and the Community.

The **Saddle Brook Woman's Club** was very busy this summer planning the entire year's events. Not only did they participate in National Night Out but they donated all the desserts for their Town-Wide Picnic held on August 28th. Both events were a chance at membership drives. Their September meeting will be a Dinner Meeting to welcome the in-person meetings!

RAMAPO (Continued)

Pines Lake Woman's Club hosted an International Luncheon at the end of August in lieu of their September meeting. **Woman's Club of Ramsey** held their Summer Luncheon in August as well, including members and their spouses.

The **Junior Woman's Club of Ramsey** hosts a Back to School Ladies Night Out for members, friends, and neighbors. They participate in Ramsey Day on September 11th and are hosting a Designer Handbag Bingo on September 30th. The **Woman's Club of West Milford Township** continues to have a table at Farmer's Market.

SHORE DISTRICT**Randi Quilici**

The Shore District is excited to be back. The **Woman's Club of Brielle** is having their number one fundraiser, Brielle Day Craft Market, Sept 11th, at Green Acres Park, Union Lane, Brielle, with over 150 crafters of handmade items.

GFWC Woman's Club of Matawan is holding two fundraisers - a Games Luncheon on Thursday, Sept 9th, and a Sensational Salad Luncheon on September 23rd. They are also planning a Membership Open House and their project is backpacks for teenagers at 180.

Little Silver Woman's Club is promoting their fundraiser event "Got Sneakers". Members also collected over 300 gowns, accessories, and evening shoes this summer to donate to the military in September. Many thanks to the **Montville Woman's Club**, and **Spring Lake Woman's Club** for collaborating with this project. **Woman's Club of Middletown** members are having a joint Welcome Back Luncheon along with setting plans in motion for the coming year.

Past President's Club of the Shore District meets twice a year, March, and September 22nd. If you are a past president of a GFWC club and have recently moved to Monmouth or Ocean County, please call Betty Murrison at 732-920-8297 for more information. They would love to have you join them.

Woman's Club of Point Pleasant is holding a Fall Flea Market at their clubhouse in September. They also have a table at the Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce Fall Fest with membership information, club cookbooks to sell, and breast cancer keychains for a fundraiser providing dolls to Alzheimer's patients.

Woman's Club of Spring Lake is looking forward to a great "in-person" year. With many new members, each member will share one thing about themselves at the September meeting which is both interesting and fun.

Stafford Township Woman's Club is having a back-to-business lunch with pizza and an antipasto salad.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT**Pamela McNamee**

The clubs of the Southern District have plans to get club happenings back to normal. We are looking forward to meeting our friends and working to improve our communities and other needy groups.

This District Vice President took part in the **Woman's Club of Vineland's** yard sale and used book sale. The members really put forth a lot of effort to make this a successful event.

The **Millville Woman's Club** has plans for their annual Meet and Greet and are looking to interest prospective new members in the works of their clubs. They are also making plans for their famous meatball sub sale.

The **Woman's Club of Absecon** has plans for a covered dish dinner and is looking forward to taking part in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends sale.

The **Colony Club of Ocean City** started the year with an informal get together on the beach. They are collecting items for CARA (Coalition Against Rape and Abuse). The Ocean City Police Chief, Jay Prettyman, will be their speaker at the September meeting.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT (Continued)

After a summer of taking it easy, the **Woman's Community Club of Cape May** is working on the ongoing plans for their 100th Anniversary. The recently started a book club and is ready and excited to discuss their second book. The members are glad to be able to meet at Price Hall again this year.

THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Lynn Webb

Fall is a season to participate in outside activities and being creative. Apple picking begins in September and your club can photograph luscious baskets of apples. Can you imagine making faces on the apples or have a baking party? Have you thought of a pie eating contest? Which club member will make the best pie ever?

This Chairman encourages clubs to work together on projects that make a difference in their communities. The **Woman's Club of Rutherford** and the **Junior Woman's Club of Rutherford** worked together on "Pumpkin People in the Park". The clubs contacted the town's Recreational Department and the Department of Public Works for approval. Participants were separated with a bale of hay using pumpkins for decorations. Each 8 by 10 feet space was labeled for businesses, organizations, family, or an individual's name. A clever decoration provided by the Junior Club was Junior mints pouring chocolate painted pumpkins out of a box. Please contact the clubs on the dates of this event and watch for the Pumpkin People in the Park this October.

The **Woman's Club of Rutherford** also held a virtual "Edible Book Festival" last year and hopefully this year they will be able to hold in-person activities. It is important to reach out to the community and businesses to make an event successful.

"Contestants created 'edible books' depicting book titles with edible ingredients and materials, submitted the entries virtually and were judged online by a panel of various Arts Creative and Food Industry related individuals, such as a restaurant owner, a bakery owner and manager, and a food tour company owner. Cash prizes were donated by a local bank and were awarded for the prize categories of Best Book Depiction, Most Creative, Most Whimsical and People's Choice. Each winner received \$50 cash prize. The revenue of the event was made possible by the people's choice tickets sale." 'Edible books' would be fun for any club to do as a fundraiser, interact with another club, or use these ideas in a game. Let your imagination stretch outside the box of your club's activities. Having fun with clubwomen is contagious!

THE ARTS/PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Rosemarie Saviello

Welcome back to our new club year!

Everyone is excited now because we can finally meet in person. We have our club meetings and many different projects to work on as a club or individually. Get ready, because now we can have our District Arts Performing Day.

Since this Chairman has received feedback about not being able to locate the Arts Performing Supplement, here are the instructions:

1. Go to the njsfwc.org website, Click on Materials
2. Click on Arts Performing & Creative Writing Youth
3. A drop-down box will appear with the heading of Materials
4. Click on the first bullet "2020-2022 Supplement Arts Performing"
5. (The word supplement means this document will provide more information. In this case it will provide suggestions for Arts Performing projects and rules for the Creative Writing Contest).

You can also find the Creative Writing Youth Contest rules listed separately under the title "Creative Writing Youth and Member Contest." Note: the rules for the Member Writing Contest can be found within the Arts Performing Supplement that also lists projects and suggestions as previously mentioned.

Also located in the drop-down box you will find the "Creative Arts Waiver." You will need this if you submit a writing entry in the Creative Writing contest.

ARTS/PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (Continued)

In addition to finding the writing contest rules in the Arts Performing Supplement, the October ALMANAC Article will present the rules and procedures for the Writing Contest for your convenience. You may also contact the Arts Performing Chairman for questions and concerns, saviello@njfswc.org.

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Congratulations to the winners of the Writing Contest! All entries were so good that the Literature Chairman had difficult decisions to make.

POETRY

FIRST PLACE: Kathleen Rizzo, "My Prayer Walk", Woman's Club of Carlstadt – Palisades District

2ND PLACE: Lene Marie Jacobs, "Mother and Daughter Hope", The Woman's Club of Caldwell – Liberty District

3RD PLACE: Rebecca Christy, "Birthday Kisses from Heaven", Millville Woman's Club – Southern District

Honorable Mention: Phyllis Rodgers, A Porch Club Pandemic Holiday - Porch Club of Riverton – Garden District

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FIRST PLACE: Kathy Strack, "Geese," The Woman's Club of Belleville – Liberty District

2ND PLACE: Phyllis Kent, "Visions of Winter", The Woman's Club of Caldwell – Liberty District

3RD PLACE: Pat McDermott, "Friends," Porch Club of Riverton – Garden District

Honorable Mention: Ellen Lund, "Bear Hugs," Woman's Club of Belleville – Liberty District

SHORT STORY

FIRST PLACE: Mary Ann Trail, "Snowball Diplomacy," Woman's Club of Absecon – Southern District

2ND PLACE: Genni Fardella, "An Immigrant Story," Marlton Woman's Club – Garden District

3RD PLACE: Gerry Horne, "The Red Door," Woman's League of Mount Holly – Garden District

Honorable Mention: Barbara Hall, "Boys at the Beach," Pines Lake Woman's Club – Ramapo District

BOOK REVIEW

FIRST PLACE: Joyce Dreger, *The Girl Who Wrote In Silk*, North Brunswick Woman's Club - College District

2ND PLACE: Barbara Spillane, "Hiroshima," Woman's Club of Belleville - Liberty District

3RD PLACE: Terry Cavanaugh, "Live Like Sean, Important Life Lessons from My Special Needs Son," Suburban Woman's Club of Pompton Plains – Ramapo District

It's never too soon to start thinking about a writing entry for next year's contest as well as a performance for your District Arts Performing Day.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Gail Kovacs-Felici

The U.S. Congress designated September 17th as "*Citizenship Day*" and the week beginning September 17th and ending September 23rd of each year as "*Constitution Week*." *Constitution Day* (September 17th) commemorates the founding and signing of the U.S. Constitution by 39 brave men on September 17th, 1787 recognizing all who are born in the U.S. by naturalization, have become citizens. Of the 39 signers, 3 are from NJ.

David Brearley – (1745-1790) Born in Lawrence Township, Brearley attended the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) and read law. He served in the Continental Army from 1776 to 1779, after which he was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey from until 1789. He was a delegate from New Jersey to the Constitutional Convention of 1787, which drafted the United States Constitution. He was a presidential elector in 1789.

Jonathan Dayton – (1760-1824) Dayton was born in Elizabethtown (now known as Elizabeth) He graduated from the local academy, where he was a classmate of Alexander Hamilton. He left the College of New Jersey in 1775 to fight in the Revolution. He was the youngest person to sign the United States Constitution and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, serving as its third Speaker, and later in the U.S. Senate. Dayton was arrested in 1807 for treason in connection with Aaron Burr's conspiracy. He was never tried, but his national political career never recovered.

William Livingston - (1723 – 1790) In 1772, he moved to Elizabethtown and started construction of a large country home. Known as *Liberty Hall*, the house still stands today. Livingston served as one of New Jersey's delegates to the Continental Congress from July 1774 to June 1776. When he was not reappointed, he was offered the command of the NJ state's militia, which he declined and instead relied on his previous commission as a brigadier general of the New Jersey Militia. In August 1776, he was elected Governor of New Jersey and served as such until 1790. Liberty Hall was

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frequently visited by British troops or naval forces since there was a substantial reward for Livingston's capture. For much of the time between 1776 and 1779, the family was located in Parsippany for safety. One attempt to kidnap him took place in mid-June 1779. False information about Livingston visiting his second home in Parsippany resulted in a raid by Loyalists and their subsequent capture. The family returned to Liberty Hall in 1779 to begin restoring their looted home. He was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1782.

A Sample School Proclamation for Constitution Week 2021 is in this ALMANAC. Contact your local school system to coordinate a Constitution Week project.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Brandi-Leigh Miller

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Many communities are returning to in-person classes in September while others will have a hybrid or totally virtual learning. In addition to your club's usual school supply and backpack drives, reach out to local schools and teachers to inquire if additional supplies or resources would be helpful for virtual or hybrid classroom students. Consider sponsoring a collection to address these specific needs.

READING TO COPE WITH LOSS

Books can be wonderful tools to use with children (and adults) who have experienced difficult times such as trauma or loss. Reading or being read to and talking with others can help children to understand and cope with feelings in a developmentally appropriate way. Reading also offers a great way to spend time with together, reinforce a sense of normalcy and security, and to connect, all of which are important to recovery from a traumatic experience.

Project ideas:

- Club members can purchase books that deal with the loss of a pet and donate to a local veterinarian's office or clinic. Books can be distributed to families who experience the loss of a pet.
- Donate books that deal with loss, anxiety, or change to your local library.
- Create a children's bookshelf in a local community center, family resource center, school or church library with books for children of varying ages and on various topics of grief and loss.
- Donate a book on a particular topic in memory of the family member or pet of a club member to your local library.

Following is a list of books that are recommended by educators and grief and crisis experts working with children. Parents and caregivers who want to find other books should look for titles that address children's grief and loss, natural disasters, anxiety, loss of pets or family members. This Chairman recently received several of these titles as gifts after the loss of a beloved pet and can share from experience that reading them was a comfort during the grieving process

- ***Dog Heaven*** by Cynthia Rylant; a comforting and playful exploration of a beloved dog's journey after a happy life on Earth. From expansive fields where dogs can run and run to delicious biscuits no dog can resist, this story creates a warm and affectionate picture of the ideal place God would, of course, create for man's best friend that perfectly captures an afterlife sure to bring solace to anyone who is grieving.
- ***The Invisible String*** by Patrice Karst; a comforting story about two siblings who learn that everyone has an invisible string connecting them to everyone they love — anywhere, anytime — through separation, anger, and even death. "Even though you can't see it with your eyes, you can feel it deep in your heart, and know that you are always connected to the ones you love.
- ***Wherever You Are My Love Will Find You*** by Nancy Tillman; a beautiful, heartfelt exploration of the unconditional love that a parent has for a child, even when they cannot be together. While death is not explicitly mentioned, this book is a lovely resource for offering reassurance to children who have experienced the loss of a parent.
- ***The Goodbye Book*** by Todd Parr; explores the range of emotions and responses when we experience loss in *The Goodbye Book*. Parr guides young readers through the feelings most commonly felt when struggling with a goodbye, with the reassurance that with time things will get better, and a reminder that they are always loved.
- ***Lifetimes*** by Bryan Mellonie; gently examines the life cycle of every living thing, including plants, animals, and people. Children will learn that death is simply a part of life and not something to be feared.
- ***Nana Upstairs & Nana Downstairs*** by Tomie dePaola; a tender story of love and care for an elderly relative through the eyes of a young boy named Tommy. We see Tommy helping his grandmother care for his 94-year-old

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great-grandmother, and the close bond he shares with both women. When his great-grandmother (and later his grandmother) dies, the story shows Tommy's reactions to the deaths of these beloved family members.

- ***Ida, Always*** by Caron Levis; the beautiful story of two city zoo polar bears, Gus and Ida, and their feelings when Ida becomes sick with an illness that cannot be healed and later dies. It beautifully explores the turbulent range of emotions felt when a loved one becomes terminally ill, with a focus on making the most of the time we have left with sick loved ones.
- ***The Journey*** by Francesca Sanna; inspired by stories of actual refugees, this book is about a family who suffers a terrible tragedy when war comes to their country. The family embarks on a long, difficult journey to a new home where they can find peace.
- ***A Terrible Thing Happened*** by Margaret M. Holmes; Sherman Smith is a young raccoon who saw something awful happen. He tries to forget about it, but over time it bothers him and makes his tummy feel sick. So, Sherman starts to meet at school with sweet Ms. Maple, and he learns to talk about his feelings with her, which helps him feel better. The story never goes into specifics about what "terrible thing" Sherman saw, which makes it helpful for discussing everything from natural disasters to school violence to child abuse — whether experienced personally or heard about on the news or through the grapevine.
- ***Sad Isn't Bad*** by Michaelene Mundy; guides children through the process of grieving, talking about emotions and feeling less alone.

REMINDER: NJSFWC ESO BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Regular book discussions will resume in the fall. Watch the NJSFWC Facebook page and eConnection for announcements.

To join the ESO Honorary Literary Society or to suggest a book for future NJSFWC book discussions, contact ESO Chairman Pat Trainor by email at pattee217@aol.com.

Reminder! You can now submit your ESO Book Report online: <https://tinyurl.com/ESONJSFWC>

If you are on Facebook, be sure to search for **GFWC 2020 2022 ESO Book Club** and click the "join" button to be added to this private group. Don't miss out on the exciting and fresh ideas to energize your club projects!

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Dawn Pogosaew

Celebrate the earth this fall by recognizing one (or all) of these internationally recognized days to help the environment and some great projects from our clubs:

September 18th – World Clean Up Day – Join a local cleanup day or start your own – you can create and publicize it by signing up at: worldcleanupday.us

The **Woman's Club of Pitman** held two Community Clean-up days. They picked up trash and recycling, and raked leaves. They helped to improve two borough park areas and a stretch of railroad tracks in their community.

September 21st -- Zero Emissions day – Plan a day without using fossil fuels! It is harder than you think. Don't use your car for the day, walk or take a bike. Take a break from all electronics and shut them down including your phone....Enjoy your family or friends for the day and find ways to connect without using any electric, or just spend the day enjoying the outdoors or a good book. See if you can "unplug" for one day.

The Last Sunday of September – World Rivers Day – Contact your local Watershed Association to find out if they have any events going on near you. Visit: thewatershed.org to find an event near you.

At the **Woman's Club of Point Pleasant**, a members' husband created and produced a Science Fiction movie demonstrating possible consequences from over pollution of our water sources. They opened the viewing up to the public and had a question-and-answer session after the showing.

October 4th – World Animal Day – Why not see if you can help an animal today! Contact your local animal shelter or wildlife preserve to see what they may need even a donation.

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (Continued)

The **Woman's Club of Runnemede** worked with their Municipality and a local Animal Hospital to host a free rabies clinic and collected donations to benefit the Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center. They also created 100 bookmarkers to give out to pet owners that participated.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Claire Hill

What are the most important health benefits of walking?

- **Helps Reduce Chronic Health Conditions-** Regular walking can help reduce your risk of chronic diseases. Promotes weight loss-. Needless to say, regularly doing any form of exercise can aid weight loss. ... Regulates Blood Pressure-. ... Strengthens your Bones-. ... Improves Immune Function-. ... Reduces Cancer Risk-. ... Helps Ease Joint Pain-. ... Reduces Anxiety.
- **Relieves Depression.** ...
- **Improves Self-Confidence.** ...
- **Feeding Your Brain.** ...
- **Getting Better Sleep.** ...
- **Being More Productive.** ...
- **Saving Money.** ...
- **Enjoying Great Outdoors.** ...
- **Taking Control of Your Life.** ...

With the nice fall weather coming, why not take a walk. Get a team together and walk and also gather donations.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has Light the Night walks scheduled in October. In Verona on October 16th, Long Branch on October 23rd, and in Morristown in Morris County on October 23rd. Check the website to get information www.lightthenight.org/ and register your team.

Alzheimer's Walk scheduled for the fall include:

1. Point Pleasant Beach, September 25th, corner of Arnold and Baltimore Ave.
2. Duke Island Park, Bridgewater October 17th
3. Paramus, Bergen Community College, October 24th

Contact alznj.akaraisin.com/ui/walktofightalzheimersnj2021 to register your group to walk. Email me for copies of posters for Alzheimer's walks at hill@njsfwc.org.

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Jane Mackesy

President Jan Hanson suggested an Arts and Crafts Collection, for Children's Specialized Hospitals, at our September District Councils, and/or State Fall Conference. NJSFWC has had a long-time connection with Children's Specialized Hospitals. They are thrilled to be able to accept donations again, after COVID. Many of the suggested items, are on sale, during back-to-school time, so you can stock up!

Some suggested, arts and craft items, include:

- Ink pads for baby hand and footprints
- Acrylic Paint
- Markers (skinny or thick, packs of 8 or 10 would be great)
- Colored Pencils (small packs of any amount would be great, but would prefer packs so that they can hand out when an older kid is unable to leave their room)
- Sand art (bottles or sticker boards, **anything but the sand**)
- Canvases
- Wood art projects
- Card stock paper
- Pony beads
- Fuse beads and fuse beads peg boards (large square and/or various shapes)

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN (Continued)

They also have an Amazon Wish List, if you prefer to donate online, at: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16TZ4STPM5UGQ?ref=wl_share

Just be sure to keep track of what you donate through the Wish List.

If you are making plans to do activities for Advocates for Children Week (October 24th -30th), be sure to fill out the "GFWC Stick Your Neck Out" Award form, found on the NJSFWC.org website, in the September Advocates for Children 2020 Bulletin. Let me know if you apply mackesy@njsfwc.org

BYLAWS

Vivien S. Finn

On April 27th 2021 this Chairman presented twenty-seven Proposed Amendments to the NJSFWC Bylaws at its Annual Convention via Zoom. All Club Presidents received a copy of the Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws with the CALL to Convention with ample time for the Delegates to study them. A two-thirds vote of those present and voting passed the Proposed Amendments and they were adopted.

Our Bylaws are the specific written rules that describe our purpose, membership, Officers and Board of Directors, committees, procedures, and governance. Each year our Bylaws must be reviewed and amended as necessary to remain relevant and current.

In order for the Bylaws Committee to complete this process, all clubs and State Organizations in the NJSFWC are asked to review the Bylaws and recommend changes they see as necessary. According to Article XVII of our Bylaws, these recommended changes or amendments may be proposed by a club and endorsed from at least five other clubs and submitted to the NJSFWC Bylaws Committee by **October 15th**. The Committee will also be reviewing the Standing Rules.

After receiving the new 2021-2022 NJSFWC Yearbook, please review the Bylaws and Standing Rules. The Bylaws Committee looks forward to reviewing all submitted recommendations.

COMMUNICATIONS

Carole Speechley

This Chairman is so impressed with how well our clubs have embraced NJSFWC President Jan Hanson's theme, **Let Our Voices Soar**, and all this during a global pandemic! Here are a couple of 2020 projects reported by our clubs:

The **Branchburg Woman's Club** was able to have their food drive table at their town's shortened Country Fair. At the table they had a promotional giveaway. It was a prepackaged tea bag labeled "Branchburg Woman's Club and you...A perfect blend! When you are feeling sad and blue...sit down and have a cup of tea...feel the troubles melt away and start you on a better day!" The label included the club's name, contact information and website address.

Our newest club, the **West Orange Woman's Club**, started their first full year in action with a big marketing splurge. They got graphic design services donated for help with their logo design, Facebook banner, event jpegs and the artwork for a large banner to be used at events. Their logo is eye-catching – a multi-pastel-colored circle with the club name around the outside and inside above several raised hands is "Volunteers in Action". The banner was used for a membership drive at their local farmers market and they successfully signed up several new members.

Being out of isolation gives you more ways to promote your club. **Display a club banner** at all that your club does: at your club table at town days, in parades, etc. Take pictures of your members and banner at all you do, including social service projects, and post them on your club's website, Facebook page and other social media.

Thank you to the ALMANAC Committee for giving up a summer day to ensure this ALMANAC reached you by early September.

FALL CONFERENCE/PROGRAM ASSISTANCE**Patricia Mignella**

The 2021 State Fall Conference will be held at the Battleground Country Club, Manalapan, NJ, on Monday, October 18th. The Cost per person is \$45. Registration by District is from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Vendors will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and again from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Adjournment will be at 3:00 p.m.

The Morning speakers include Chris Sienkielewski, NJSFWC Legislation/Resolutions Chairman, Jim White, Executive Director of Covenant House NJ, and a representative from NJ No Harm Reduction Coalition Needle Exchange Program. The Afternoon Keynote Speaker is Eric Nelson, Museum Technician for the Palisades Interstate Park Commission. His topic, The Historic Kearney House, will cover two centuries in the history of the Hudson River and the Palisades Cliffs. GFWC and Membership Awards will also be presented.

Walgreens will be offering Flu, Pneumonia, and Shingle Shots. Those interested must bring appropriate insurance information.

For attendees who wish to stay overnight at the Radisson Hotel, 50 Gibson Place, Freehold, and a block of rooms has been reserved for Sunday, October 17th, at the room rate of \$159 plus tax. For a room reservation, call the hotel at 732-780-3400 and refer to NJSFWC 2021 State Fall Conference to receive our rate.

Registration Forms are in this ALMANAC and also on the NJSFWC.org website.

DEADLINES: RADISSON HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Monday, August 30
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION: Monday, October 4th.

By attending the 2021 NJSFWC State Fall Conference we will Let Our Voices Soar

**GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT:
DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION****Joyce Fredericks**

Consider starting to plan for a Healthy Teen Relationship Forum today so in February 2022 you can have an excellent turn out for your event.

GFWC offers information about how to plan an event. You can start identifying possible experts for your club's Healthy Teen Relationship Forum. We *can* stop many domestic violence cases before they occur, if every club has an expert to educate teens about the warning signs of abusive relationships at a Forum.

Finding an expert now allows you to start getting the word out soon after the school year starts. With several months of promotion, your club's Healthy Teen Relationship Forum is more likely to be well attended! Your local social service agencies are excellent resources for finding a certified domestic violence, rape crisis, or sexual assault expert to speak. Speak with other clubs in your area and suggest that you plan this Forum together.

GFWC News and Notes July 15th, 2021 had some excellent information. This Chairman would like to share a project reported in the GFWC Report as follows:

The **GFWC Gloucester County Women's Club**, a club of 29 members were informed of the GFWC Domestic Survivor's Scholarship and made 10 copies of the application and provided it to the Center for Family Services Center. At the same time the shelter informed the club they were in need of underwear, 77 pairs of women's and girl's underwear, and 6 boy's underwear was donated by 11 members, 11 hours of service and in kind donation of \$308.

The club also discovered that each time a new person comes into the shelter that they need a new pillow, so the club donated 19 pillows (7 members. 7 hours' in-kind donations of \$190. Lastly, finding out the shelter was in need of PJ's, 12 members' donated 36 sets of new pajamas (14 hours, in-kind donation of \$432.) This club did 5 projects, 34 hours, \$50 in donations and in-kind donations of \$930.

There are so many things a club can do for shelters. One phone to your local shelter can be a start to an interesting project so give a call and discover what your club can do for them.

GIRLS' CAREER INSTITUTE**Mary Kay Tokar****GCI – What is it? Who makes it happen? Can I be a part? How is it funded? Where to find out more.**

What is it? GCI stands for Girls' Career Institute, which will celebrate 75 years, is a 4-day mini college experience for girls who are completing their junior year of high school. Delegates, who are sponsored by clubs, spend these days at the Douglass Campus of Rutgers University. They stay in dormitories, eat at the cafeteria, and attend career workshops and motivational seminars in university classrooms. Delegates also enjoy time at Zumba, swimming, doing crafts, participating in service projects, and more. Additionally, girls have the opportunity to bring their Artwork to exhibit, to bring a prom outfit to model in our Fashion Show, to enter our Talent Show, and to join the GCI Chorus with their voices and/or instruments.

Who makes it happen? This cannot happen without a dedicated staff of dedicated clubwomen, which consists of a Director and Assistant Director, a Nurse, Desk Attendant and Recreation Coordinator. And, most importantly the Housemothers. Two Housemothers are assigned to each group of girls. At the last GCI we had 14 Housemothers and were looking to possibly expand. We also use a team of part time volunteers.

Can I be a part? Please consider joining our staff and ask your fellow clubwomen as well. The Director would be happy to provide job descriptions and speak with possible volunteers. If you want to know more about staff positions, contact GCI Director Mary Kay Tokar at 201-320-8403 or tokar@njsfwc.org. Our highest priority at the moment is a nurse. Please ask your members.

How is it funded? This also cannot happen without money. Clubs can sponsor a delegate from their local high schools for \$250. Clubs may also choose to donate funds to fully or partially sponsor a girl from underserved areas. There are also items clubs can donate – more on that in the future.

Where to find out more Up-to-date Information will be on the www.njsfwc.org website as soon as possible.

If your club would like to know more, contact the Director, she would be happy to schedule a presentation at your meeting.

As you know, due to the Covid Pandemic, GCI was not held in 2020 or 2021. We fully expect to hold GCI in 2022. At this writing (in July) we are waiting for confirmation from Rutgers. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this (September) we will have that confirmation.

HEADQUARTERS**Karen Manneback**

Headquarters is open!! Clubs are welcome to use headquarters once a year for a club meeting. There is no charge for the use of Headquarters for that meeting. All you have to do is call Headquarters to reserve the date, complete the Headquarters Request Form, (The form can be found on the NJSFWC.org under Material/Forms/Headquarters/Request for use of Headquarters Building and in this ALMANAC.), and return it to Headquarters.

The following are a few general housekeeping rules when using headquarters. After all, Headquarters is our federation home:

1. If you take something out of the closet or drawer, wash, dry and put it away. Do not leave it in the dishwasher or on the counter.
2. If you use the coffee pots, they must be cleaned and put in their proper place, not left out to dry.
3. If you spill something, such as on the floor, cabinets or counters, clean it up.
4. If you use the microwave or oven, wipe it out when you are done.
5. Wipe out or rinse the sink before you leave.
6. Before leaving anything in the refrigerator, check to make sure someone will be using it.
7. There is no garbage pick-up so please remember to take your garbage with you.

Let's continue to keep headquarters in its pristine state. Thank you for being so understanding.

SAVE THE DATE HEADQUARTERS OPEN HOUSE IS NOVEMBER 30TH 2021

HISTORIAN**Maribeth Hugelmeyer**

As the new club year is beginning, hopefully most clubs will be meeting in person again and with that, clubs will once again be saying *The Collect*. I would like to share with you the history of this prayer. *The Collect for Club Women* was written by Mary Stewart in 1904, when she was 28 years old. The word Collect comes from the Latin word *collecta*, which is “the gathering together of the people.” A Collect is a short prayer expressing the needs of that group. *The Collect for Club Women* has been used by women’s clubs worldwide as a prayer to either open or close their meetings.

Mary Stewart was born in Ohio in 1876 and grew up in Georgetown, Colorado. Her first job out of college was that of a high school principal in Longmont, Colorado. She held several special teaching posts in both Colorado and Montana. She held the position of junior guidance and placement officer in 1921 in the U.S. employment services. She also wrote for American newspapers and magazines.

Stewart belonged to the Fortnightly Club in Longmont. The club later became known as the Business and Professional Women’s Club. Women’s organizations were growing at this time, and she felt that a prayer like this would help to unify the women. The General Federation of Women’s Clubs was the first women’s organization to use the Collect.

In 1927 the University of Colorado, Stewart’s alma mater, bestowed upon her an honorary degree in recognition of her work in education, social and civic service. She was active in the women’s suffrage movement and attended the meeting in St. Louis when the National Federation was begun. She was elected the organization’s first Corresponding Secretary and served as chairman or member of numerous committees. She was active in women’s clubs for the remainder of her life. Mary Stewart died on April 1, 1943, in Ohio, at the age of 67.

Just a reminder to keep working on the preservation of your club’s history. On the 2020 Annual Women’s History Reports, twenty-seven clubs reported spending 661 hours working on their club’s history. Every event that you have or project that you work on adds to your history. Thank you for continuing to make HISTORY!

HONORS**Marie DiMatties**

Congratulations to Marie Louise Sullivan of the Woman’s Club of Paramus, Palisades District, and the 77th recipient of the prestigious Cecilia Gaines Holland Award. Marie has a long history of community service, selfless acts of philanthropy and a life of giving back.

Marie has been an active member of the Federation for over 15 years serving her club in various officer positions including President. Within the Federation she served as District Vice President for not one but two Districts – Palisades and Ramapo.

Marie has volunteered for the Center for Hope and Safety, a battered women’s shelter where she was instrumental in organizing a food drive to stock the pantry. She reached out to other groups to donate gift cards and had a much-needed freezer donated.

Marie organized a coat and clothing drive for the shelter residents, collected and wrapped costume jewelry for the children living there to give to their moms at the holidays.

Within her community, Marie was a volunteer children’s swimming instructor, religious education teacher, and Little League & volleyball volunteer and assumed leadership roles in her PTA.

During the pandemic, Marie organized a sewing brigade making and donating over 20,000 face coverings which were donated to hospitals, nursing homes, senior centers, women’s clubs, veteran’s homes, homeless shelters and special education classrooms.

Marie is an Applied Behavior Analysis Therapist offering advice and compassion to parents of children with special needs.

Congratulations to Jane Mackesy, the 76th recipient of the prestigious Cecilia Gaines Holland Award. Jane is a member of the Evening Membership Department of the Woman’s Club of Arlington in the Liberty District.

HONORS (Continued)

Jane was a health and physical education teacher for 18 years; retiring after 13 years as an elementary school counselor. She is founder and currently works part time as project coordinator of the local Prevention Coalition, a youth-focused campaign to reduce substance abuse.

Jane is a fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; serves on the JDRF Liberty State Park Walk Committee, is a Family Team Chairperson, and mentors families of children newly diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes.

Jane is a past president of the County Genealogical and Historical Society and as part of her membership gives lectures on exploring family ancestry and presents the "Ask Granny" program to school groups and at the local library

Jane's participation in her church includes serving as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister, a Trustee, President of Rosary Society, coordinator of the Town Hall Lunch program, the Christmas Giving Tree and Easter Giving Cross as well as a co-chair of the Pillars of the Parish Committee.

In Kearny, Jane is instrumental in the Annual Town Wide Clean Up, is a member of United Irish Parade Committee, a 20 year volunteer for Municipal Alliance, assisted in organizing city wide planting of trees, is a charter member of the local chapter of AWAKE whose mission is protecting Kearny's waterways and local environment by reducing water pollution, and was recently appointed to ACES (Advisory Committee on Environmental and Sustainability).

Jane was the V.F.W. Citizen of the year in 2017 and Deputy Grand Marshall of the 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade. She is a member of Kearny Interfaith Network and Friends of the Library.

NJSFWC, the Liberty District and the EMD of the Woman's Club of Arlington are very proud to have such an outstanding member as Jane.

It's not too soon to begin looking around your club to see if their just might be a member deserving of the 2022 *Cecilia Gaines Holland Award*.

LEGISLATION/RESOLUTIONS

Chris Sienkielewski

This Chairman would like to highlight some creative ways clubs used to stimulate their members to become involved with issues of importance around their communities, state, national and international.

The **Franklin Woman's Club** (College), the **Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights** (Palisades) and the **West Essex Woman's Club** (Liberty) all formed legislative committees in their clubs, but each utilized their committee in ways that were beneficial and constructive to their membership. The Hasbrouck Heights committee began their club year with discussions of issues that might be considered as Resolutions from the club. The issues were distributed to the committee members who then investigated the issue and reported at club meetings on the pros and cons of each issue.

While Franklin Woman's Club legislative committee felt their goal was to inform and educate their members at club meetings on active NJSFWC and GFWC resolutions, The West Essex's legislative committee created a clipping service dedicated to resolutions. The committee held a 'Stay At Home' workshop in the summer and, in November, another workshop was held that showed how to communicate with legislators through email and regular mail. The clippings from local, state and national newspapers were shared with their members.

Members of the **Marlton Woman's Club** (Garden) were educated on how to utilize the GFWC Legislative Action Center. Through a Zoom meeting, and utilizing the screen share component, demonstrations were given on how to sign up for legislative alerts, finding their federal legislators and other information that is located on the Action Center sight.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Linda Carbley

Fall is upon us which is a beginning of a new club year. Now is the time for your club to begin to think about nominating capable women from your club to assume positions on the NJSFWC Board of Directors to continue the work of the Federation for the 2022-2024 Administration.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (Continued)

A woman's club must be a member of NJSFWC at least one year to be eligible to nominate a candidate. 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. 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.

Candidates are needed for First, Second, and Third Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary. Also, District Vice-Presidents from College, Garden, Highlands, Liberty, Palisades, Ramapo, Shore, Southern Shore, and Community Service Project Chairmen for Arts and Culture, Arts/Performing, Environment, Education and Libraries, Health and Wellness, and Civic Engagement and Outreach are needed.

On or about November 1, 2021 the club president will receive a mailing detailing all of the information necessary to nominate a candidate. Please be sure that all rules are followed, and deadlines adhered to.

Invest in the future of the NJSFWC by nominating talented and capable leaders from your club for the Board of Directors.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT

Patricia Dahl

We are in the second year of our Special State Project and our GOAL is raise as much money as possible for Operation Chillout so a large donation can be awarded at the 2022 Convention.

This Chairman would like to thank all the clubs and members who donated to the Summer Campaign. If you didn't get the opportunity to participate, please send your club check directly to Headquarters made out to NJSFWC, earmarked Operation Chillout.

We have many things to do on the calendar. We will once again be selling tickets for our beautiful Quilt, with all the profits going to Operation Chillout. The quilt ticket prices are 1 for \$10 and 3 for \$25. The measurements of the quilt is 96" by 106" which will fit a king size bed. The tickets will be available until Convention 2022 where the winning ticket will be pulled for the lucky winner. Get YOUR TICKETS!

November 18th at 11:30 a.m., we will be having our first of two State Fundraisers. The first will be the Southern Fall Fashion Show Luncheon at the Pennsauken Country Club. There is a registration form in this ALMANAC with all the details. Reservations will be on a first come basis. The cost is \$42 a person. The fashions will be from Chico's. Meal choices will be filet mignon, crab cakes and chicken, vegetarian and gluten free will be available upon request.

Our second State Fundraiser is still in the planning stages but will be in the north on Sunday afternoon, March 13th, 2022. So mark your calendars.

Our District Chairmen are very busy planning their District Bunco Fundraisers. Please have your club help and participate in any way they can. If you don't know how to play Bunco don't worry, directions will be explained at the fundraiser, anyone can play.

This is a STATE PROJECT and this Chairman is asking as many clubs as possible to plan their own fundraisers, every dollar counts. Please share with this Chairman all your ideas and plans regardless how large or small so she can share them with the rest of the state. Let's "Blow Their Socks Off" at Operation Chillout on what NJSFWC can accomplish even during a pandemic. Thank you in advance for all you will do!

WEBMASTER

Denise Hosier

Great News for the Website Contest!

It is a pleasure to report that we have added another award to the website contest! In addition to NJSFWC awards for First, Second, and Third place websites, the Federation will also present an award for the best FREE site.

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Although it is possible for a free site to win one of the top three state awards, it is much more difficult because of limitations on size and design of free sites. Therefore, this additional award will recognize a club that might not have the money for a paid site but still makes the effort to create a free website.

If your club does not have a website, please contact webmaster@njsfwc.org. She will be happy to create a site for you, either paid or free. It is important that clubs have a strong web presence so they can grow and attract the next generation of clubwomen. The Internet is where almost everyone looks for information, so be sure your club is there and can be found!

Website contest rules may be found in your State Yearbook and on the NJSFWC website MATERIALS page under WEB COMMUNICATIONS. They will also be sent out in the January ALMANAC. Entries for the contest are accepted during the month of February and awards are presented at Convention.

DAY OF SERVICE

Barbara Rose

The 127th Anniversary of the founding of NJSFWC is approaching and to celebrate this event, Saturday, November 13th, 2021, has been designated our Federation Day of Service. The chosen charity is Covenant House New Jersey, which has eight different sites for youth who have been on the streets due to untenable situations at home.

Thank you to all the District Vice Presidents and clubwomen who have graciously stepped up and volunteered to assist with this day. We will be collecting \$10 denomination gift cards from Visa, American Express, Walmart, Target, ShopRite and Dunkin Donuts. Please consider buying these whenever it is convenient, but plan to present them only on November 13th.

In addition to the gift cards to be delivered on the 13th, we will be making greeting cards that day, as these will let the teens know we are thinking of them, and the staff can give them out when needed. Among the types of cards to make that day will be Thanksgiving, Christmas and other December holidays, birthday and "thinking of you" cards. In the South we will be making Winter Holiday cards. Your District Chairman will collect the items needed for that day, with the help of her committee and as many other clubwomen as possible. She will also have some sample cards to get everyone's creativity flowing.

The greeting and gift cards will be collected on November 13th and delivered to Covenant House as soon thereafter as possible.

We hope that working on the greeting cards on that Saturday will provide everyone a chance to renew friendships after being separated by Covid-19 for so long. Meanwhile, you might want to check the back-to-school sales for stickers, markers and other supplies to use in making the greeting cards.

Watch your October ALMANAC for specific times and places.

LEGACY

Laura Badger

A Legacy Planned Giving Circle Pledge program has been developed by the NJSFWC. On the NJSFWC website njsfwc.org, Materials section, LEGACY, is a letter to Clubwomen providing information for providing your Legacy Planned Giving to the NJSFWC in your estate planning. Also on this site is the **Legacy Planned Giving Circle Pledge**. This administration's position is that your plans are private, including your financial information, and you should not send copies of wills or declarations to Headquarters or the Legacy Chairman. In other words, we are working on the honor system.

Bequests received will be acknowledged at the NJSFWC Annual Convention following the In Memoriam Service.

Legacy Planned Giving Circle Pledge by a Clubwoman is to be submitted to Headquarters on the Pledge form. Clubwomen making a pledge will receive a small token of thanks. Again, the pledge is private except to be acknowledged by the Federation. The Legacy of Clubwomen will live on!

PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTANT TO CLUBS**Rosemary Seghatoleslami**

Parliamentary Tip of the Month – Standard Order of Business

In a previous article, we ended with Unfinished Business. The next item of business, and maybe the most important, is New Business. Most of the business of the meeting falls into this category

The Chair will ask, “Is there any new business?” Any member may bring up items of new business by making a motion, for example, “I move that we have a Valentine’s Day party on February 14.” Once the motion has been seconded, it can be debated and amended. After the vote is taken, the Chair will ask, “Is there further new business?” and the meeting continues until no one makes any new motions.

This brings us to the final item of business – Adjournment. If there is no further new business, the chair may say, “If there is no further business to come before this meeting, the meeting is adjourned.”

1894 SOCIETY**April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022**

We invite you to join us as members of the 1894 Society. Your gifts will ensure that the NJSFWC legacy continues. Membership year: April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

The NJSFWC Headquarters building sits on land leased from Rutgers. Membership in the 1894 Society ensures that the funds will be available to pay the land rent.

As we start the new club year, please join us by using the enclosed form to join the 1894 Society. Individual and Club memberships are welcomed.

When joining look for the new and improved membership card. Everyone joining will receive one.
Don't be left out!