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Legislation/Resolutions

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Do you realize how important your voice is in helping NJSFWC become an advocate for the issues that will help to make our communities safer, cleaner and healthier? The history of our organization proves that our collective voices have made a difference in making positive changes. One voice in your club can multiply to a small committee, which can multiply to an entire club, to one district, to our state convention and maybe to GFWC. Many people speaking with one voice can have a profound impact. It just takes one small step to make this happen.

1. Organize a committee within your club. It doesn't need to be a large committee – just 2 or 3 members can begin the process.
2. Within your committee, decide what issues are important to your members or your community. You can start with the current NJSFWC resolutions or begin searching your local newspapers for issues being brought to your local government or school boards. Issues that deal with current NJSFWC resolutions are the best to begin. Does your local library need additional funding? Do your local and state parks need improvement? Our resolutions deal with the environment, health, education, social services and public issues.
3. Bring one or two of these issues to your membership. Inform them about the current situation. Be prepared to answer questions fully and completely. Preparation for the meeting is a good exercise for discussions you may have later with legislators.
4. If the issues deal with current NJSFWC resolutions, you can begin the process of writing to your local government officials, state legislators or Congressional representatives. You could pass out "letter to legislators (local government)" samples and give brief instructions on how to write and send the letter. Or you can write one letter as a club to the official.

In each step, this chairman is available to help with resources.