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NJSFWC Clubwomen Attend Fall Conference

After having a webinar for the 2020 Fall Conference, members of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC (NJSFWC) from across the state were happy to be returning to the Battleground Country Club for the 2021 Annual Fall Conference.

Speakers include, Jim White, Executive Director of Covenant House, NJ, which provides comprehensive residential care and related services to help NJ youth who have suffered from abuse, neglect, abandonment, homelessness and human trafficking. Covenant House was also chosen as this year's NJSFWC Day of Service project.

Another speaker is Jenna Mellor, a representative of the New Jersey Harm Reduction Coalition Needle Exchange Program. The Coalition's mission is to make evidence- based harm reduction public health resources widely available in New Jersey.

In addition, Chris Sienkielewski, NJSFWC Legislation/Resolutions Chairman spoke about state and national legislation of concern to clubwomen.

After lunch, the members heard from the Keynote Speaker, Eric Nelson, Museum Technician for the Palisades Interstate Park Commission. His topic was the colorful and unique uses of the historic 1700s Kearney House, and he covered two centuries in the history of the Hudson River and the Palisades Cliffs. He has served as a historical interpreter for the park since 1992 and as

the director of the Kearney House since 1998. In 2001, he served as project coordinator for a video documentary, A NEW DEAL FOR THE PALISADES.

In addition to the speakers, Membership awards and awards received at the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Convention were presented. Members were also able to receive flu, pneumonia and shingles vaccines from Walgreens program, "Get a shot. Give a shot." This program works with the United Nations Foundation's Shot@Life campaign to provide **millions of measles and polio vaccines** to children around the world.

New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, founded in 1894, has its Headquarters on the Douglass Residential Campus, in New Brunswick. The college, formerly Douglass College, was established by NJSFWC in 1918. To learn more about NJSFWC and membership in a local club, visit www.NJSFWC.org or call (732) 249-5474. For more information regarding the General Federation of Women's Clubs, contact www.GFWC.org. Opportunities are provided for women in education, leadership training, and community service projects through participation in local clubs, enabling members "to make a difference in the lives of others, one project at a time".

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