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A HAPPY, HEALTHY, HOLIDAY SEASON!***

Jan W. Hanson, State President  
and the  
NJSFWC Board of Directors

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# ALMANAC



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## New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

### President's Message—Jan W. Hanson

If anyone should ask what does the NJSFWC do, simply answer that we overwhelm other organizations with our generosity. We have donated over \$11,000 in gift cards to Operation Chillout, over 2,000 stockings for Operation Holiday Stocking, over 5,000 arts and craft supplies for Specialized Children's Hospitals and gift cards and handmade greeting cards for Covenant House. Then there are all the wonderful things each club is doing for others. The NJSFWC word for November is success.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Day of Service. Final totals will be announced in the January ALMANAC, but Day of Service Chairman Barbara Rose, with the help of the District Chairmen and District Vice Presidents collected many gift cards and many greeting cards were created. Thank you to Garden District Vice President Jill McDonald for providing and preparing the no sew blankets. Thank you to everyone who shared their personal supplies. Thank you to the Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center's students who, also, helped to make cards. Thank you to Lucille Petrillo for organizing the collection for the southern part of the State. This is the power of many.

Congratulations to the Special State Project Chairman, Patricia Dahl for organizing the Southern Fundraiser Fashion Show and Luncheon. With a wonderful lunch, enticing fashions and raffles it was a successful event. Thanks to all who attended and to Chico's for providing the clothes for the Woman's Club of Merchantville members to model. There will be more information in the January ALMANAC.

The Garden District held the first District Bunco fundraiser for Operation Chillout. Of those in attendance 19 people

had never played Bunco, but soon became experts. Providing a COVID safe bag lunch, door prizes, bunco prizes and a basket raffle, everyone had a good time. Thanks to District Co-Chairmen, Joelle Wentz and Bette Kirbe and their assistant, Geri Tabako, a profit of \$1,372 was realized for Operation Chillout.

We are ending November with the NJSFWC Holiday Open House. Our Headquarters will sparkle and shine, filled with friends, music and holiday cheer. Thank you to Karen Manneback, Headquarters Chairman for making this President's vision come to life. The State Board members and office staff "volunteered" to decorate the building and provide refreshments. Thank you to Joyce Dreger for providing the music. Thanks to everyone who donated to "Light up Headquarters". A complete list of donors will be in the January ALMANAC. We hope you are able to see your Headquarters looking so festive.

As we enter the holiday season, club members are meeting the needs of their community while preparing their own family celebrations. Hopefully, this year will be different than last year, allowing more social gatherings and reconnecting with loved ones. May it be filled with everything you hope.

In Federation Friendship,

*Jan*

*Let Our Voices Soar*

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## NJSFWC PRESIDENT-ELECT

Shirley A. Holly

### What is LEADS?

The GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) is a program for members who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions beyond their club. Participation in GFWC LEADS can help members gain the capabilities, confidence and commitment necessary to pursue leadership positions within the state. The LEADS program is held annually the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. It is a full day of activities, including breakfast and lunch.

### What is the criteria for LEADS?

- Demonstrates leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer, or club project or committee chairman.
- Exhibits a commitment to the Federation.
- Exhibits an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs and projects in which she is or has been involved.
- Demonstrates leadership characteristics, including, but not limited to, organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, and flexibility.
- Exhibits an interest in and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in GFWC.
- Agrees to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others in the State Federation.
- Understands and accepts potential expenses involved in participation.
- Has not held elected positions at or beyond the state level (this criterion is recommended in order to encourage potential leaders at the club level to apply).
- Has not attended a previous LEADS program. Members are eligible to attend only once.

### Expense –

GFWC demonstrates its' commitment to training leaders by funding a portion of the expenses of candidates who are members of per capita dues paying clubs. State Federations may consider underwriting a portion of an attendee's expenses. LEADS candidates are asked to be responsible for a portion of their expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment to the leadership development and training. LEADS participants are responsible for making their own travel and lodging arrangements.

State Federation attendees receive:

- Stipend of \$250 for travel.
- Lodging allowance for half of the double room rate for two nights at the Convention hotel.
- Breakfast and lunch during the LEADS program (no registration fee is required).
- Check will be distributed to candidates upon attendance and completion of the seminar.

### How does a club nominate a LEADS candidate?

All NJSFWC clubs are encouraged to nominate a clubwoman they think would be ideal for the LEADS program. The application form can be found in the November issue of the ALMANAC. **Applications for the June 2022 LEADS must be submitted with a photograph of the applicant, and two letters of recommendation from a federated member on or before February 1, 2022 to NJSFWC Headquarters, Attention – Shirley Holly, President Elect, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901**

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## NJSFWC SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Barbara McCloskey

Now is a great time to start looking over your projects and deciding what department they fall into. Why not divide up the reports and have a few members look over the report forms. You may be surprised how many projects you may have completed and can be included, with a short narrative.

All the materials and forms are posted on the NJSFWC website, easy for all to view and print.

Even if you only donated two sweatshirts or one wreath for Wreath Across America, we want to hear about it! If a small group took a garden tour or went on a hike, please report that. When you add your totals to all the other clubs, the numbers can be impressive.

## NJSFWC SECOND VICE PRESIDENT (continued)

The Community Service Chairman are also looking for creative projects to report. So, if you put a twist on a simple project or held a creative Zoom meeting, such as knitting or crocheting together or had an instructor leading you in exercises on Zoom, please report it.

If you are sharing information in your newsletter about specific topics, such as healthy food choices or how Vial of Life works, you can include that on your report form.

### Report writing tips:

- Think of the intent or the purpose of the project. Some may fit into more than one category, but only report in one place. Check the 'where do I report it' form, also located on the website.
- There are three membership categories for this Administration, so please be sure to write your correct membership number on your form.
- Please write your contact member's name and information clearly, in case a chairman needs to clarify something on the report.
- Always 'add up'. Members usually underestimate how many hours they spend on a project. Do not use \$1.50, add up!
- If you send out a newsletter every month, it is ONE project, not the 8 times you send it out. Be sure you add how many hours each newsletter took in the hours category.
- If you purchase 10 membership pins, it is ONE project, but if the pins were \$5.00, you would multiply that times 10 for the Dollar amount.

The Community Service Program Chairman and this Officer are always available to answer questions, so please do not hesitate to contact us. And thank you for taking the time to report!

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## NJSFWC THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

**Susan Chambers**

### Membership Transfer Form

Did you know there's a form to complete when a member transfers from one club to another in the state? I didn't know it! A copy of it is included in this ALMANAC and is also now on the website.

Essentially, the form asks for the name of the transferring member, her contact information, current club and the club to which she wants to transfer. She should also list her club activities, offices, etc. The form should be signed and dated by the current club president and submitted to Headquarters. As to what dues this member pays, it all depends on the bylaws of the club to which she is transferring. If she is a member in good standing (having paid her current club dues that includes her NJSFWC/GFWC portion), the new club's bylaws would determine what, if anything, she needs to pay the new club.

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

#### Woman's Club of Montclair

Susan Slater

#### Woman's Club of Caldwell

Diane Russo  
Kate Swat  
Mary Pat Pszcola  
Megan Griffin

#### Woman's Club of Haworth

Deborah Munoz  
Rosemary Kirk  
June Martell

#### Woman's Club of Denville-Far Rockaway Area

Kerry Kuber-Roberts

#### Woman's Club of Leonia

Supriya Shankar  
Andee Post  
Suzanne Dickeerson  
Iris Coleman

**NJSFWC FINANCIAL SECRETARY****Christina Burlew**

Have you placed your candy order yet? If not, you still have time. What a great way to treat yourself and/or buy some holiday gifts while supporting NJSFWC Headquarters Fund.

As mentioned in the November Almanac, NJSFWC is selling **Gertrude Hawk Chocolates** for the Holiday Season. Don't forget to share this information with your club members, family, and friend. All orders will be shipped directly to your residence. Tax and shipping charges will be applied. If you live close to another member/s, you may want to place one order and split the shipping cost. \*Sale ends December 13.

Go to <https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/>

Click on Place Fundraising Order.

Choose an Organization.

Type in 114501

CHOOSE NJSFWC, NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ.

Choose a SELLER and type in CHRIS.

Select CHRIS BURLEW

Select GET STARTED

This should take you to the product page where you can select your items. Any questions call Darlene at 1-800-706-6275, Ext. 359 or Chris Burlew, 732-885-1466.

Is your club up to date with your 990-N (e-postcard)? If not, please file as soon as possible and send the **IRS confirmation** to this Officer at NJSFWC Headquarters. Please note that the Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) is not the confirmation. When mailing in your IRS confirmation, please write the name of your club on the confirmation sheet.

This form is for tax-exempt organizations with gross receipts of less than \$50,000 per year. Reminder, if your club fails to file Form 990-N for three years in a row, you will lose your tax exempt status.

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**COLLEGE DISTRICT****Mary Lou Bak**

District Clubs sought to engage both members and the public in a variety of fall programs and activities. The **Greater Brunswick Area Woman's Club** extended an invitation to all District members to attend a virtual candlelight vigil hosted by Women Aware. Victims lost to domestic violence were remembered and survivors who are moving forward were honored.

The **Hightstown Woman's Club** capped off two years of work creating a contemporary art quilt in honor of the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hightstown by presenting the quilt to Borough officials. Quilt blocks each depicting a "Slice of Life" through the centuries, as well as blocks representing all the Borough businesses, featured colorful flourishes and hand embroidery. Club members also edited the anniversary companion book.

Also embracing local history and open to the public, the **Metuchen Edison Women's Club** presented a program by the Director of the Edison Museum on the history of the Edison Tower and Museum.

Hosted by the **Glen Gardner Women's Club**, the public was invited to an outdoor concert by the Eagles Tribute band Winslow, held at the VFW pavilion.

The **Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield** invited Ray Chimileski of Operation Chillout to discuss the organization and the role members, and the public, can play in their important work among homeless New Jersey veterans. A member who hand makes stuffed animals, created a Teddy Bear outfitted with a special "Hoodie" complete with a patch that reads Operation Chillout. It was presented to Ray as a special gift.

The **Past Presidents Club** was excited to meet for the first time in two years and held a silent auction. The proceeds were donated to Operation Chillout.

District Clubs continued their support of Operation Holiday Stocking and contributed greeting cards and gift cards for Covenant House NJ.

**GARDEN DISTRICT****Jill McDonald**

The Garden District is making up for unusual times during the pandemic. For several months, Community Service was prime as we found new ways to help the underserved in our towns and partner with other groups on a similar mission. The clubs also found many ways to thank and support our town services, first responders, and health care workers. Now our clubs are focusing on fund raising to keep our missions strong.

Many clubs have collected items for the Philadelphia Bargain Thrift Store that picks up and weighs the donations, then pays twenty cents per pound collected. **The Haddon Fortnightly EMD** held a jewelry and purse sale. Other clubs are holding mum and hoagie sales.

The **West Deptford Woman's Club** held a successful basket raffle with buffet included.

The **Woman's League of Mount Holly** held a Basket Bingo.

Eighteen Garden District members attended the NJSFWC Fall Conference. CONGRATULATIONS to the **Wenonah Woman's Club** for winning the NJSFWC largest net gain (39) in membership. Is your club reporting new members to Third Vice President, Susie Chambers?

The **Gloucester County Woman's Club** was recently publicized in a *The Mantua Sun*. The article featured the resumption of in-person meetings as well as several current NJSFWC projects they are supporting.

This District Vice President collected 50 stockings for soldiers at the **Garden District Ex-Presidents' Club** meeting in Pennsville Riverside Park.

She also received a special golf cart tour of the park with **Pennsville Woman's Club** President Elaine Raine.

Another 48 stockings were prepared for delivery by the **Marlton Woman's Club**.

Interesting programs are another way to attract new members. The **Merchantville Woman's Club and EMD** recently held a luncheon gathering to start the year honoring member and NJSFWC President, Jan Hanson.

**Medford Woman's Club** held an outdoor meeting featuring the Brew Master of the Lower Forge Brewery speaking on "Women in Brewing."

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**HIGHLANDS DISTRICT****Nancy Levy**

The Clubs of the Highlands District have been very creative with their projects.

The **Woman's Club of the Denville-Rockaway Area** was recognized by GFWC for their work with the Joey Bella Memorial Fund, a local organization supporting families with a seriously ill child. The club assisted with the organization's largest fundraiser, their Tricky Tray, by obtaining prizes, making up more than 200 baskets, selling tickets and volunteering at the event.

The **Long Valley Junior Woman's Club** held a wine tasting social for current and prospective members.

Members of the **Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills** attended a Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil. The event had speakers from several local houses of worship, representatives from Homeless Solutions and from JBWS, their County Domestic Violence Shelter. One very moving presentation was a reading of names of individuals who have lost their lives to domestic violence.

The **Junior Woman's Club of Sparta** held a Ladies Night Out Bingo at the Lake Mohawk Country Club, and filled their annual Wish Trees with handmade ornaments from the **Sparta Woman's Club**.

The **Sparta Woman's Club** got creative at two workshops. At one, members painted watercolor pictures with their in-house artist, and at the second, they learned about painting with acrylics.

## HIGHLANDS DISTRICT (continued)

The **Thursday Morning Club** donated a Fuji Code 3-XT police mountain bike to the Madison Police Department for use by the department's female officer.

The **Washington Woman's Club** collected twin bed sheets for the residents at Veterans Haven North. The sheets are given to the veterans to keep when they leave the shelter.

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## LIBERTY DISTRICT

**Ellen Lund**

Ho, Ho, Ho, the Holidays are right around the corner. Let's see what the Liberty District Clubs are up to.

The **Woman's Club of Allwood** will be writing Christmas cards for the Veterans home. They will be filling stockings for Grandma's Place for women, plus having a Festive Fun Five dollar grab bag.

The **Woman's Club of Arlington** will be helping the Kearny Town Council and other service organizations with the towns annual Holiday Giving Tree. They will also enjoy socializing at the Club's annual Holiday Luncheon.

Coordinating a town wide collection of toiletries by supplying empty reusable shopping bags to be filled with a list of needed items is what the **EMD of Arlington's Woman's Club** will be busy doing. The bags will be shared with other service groups as well as individuals. The collected bags will be distributed at the Kearny Food Pantry Network.

The **Junior Women's Club of Belleville** will be working with their District's coat drive and the PBA toy drive. In conjunction with the Belleville School District they will give out goodies to Belleville students at their Holiday drive-thru. Santa's in disguise!

Don't forget the Book Club meeting happening at The **Woman's Club of Caldwell**.

The **Fortnightly Club-Summit** will also have their Book Club meeting, along with their Holiday Luncheon and hopefully photos with Santa himself.

Collecting cold weather accessories - scarves, gloves, mittens, caps, and hats for Caldwell/West Caldwell Human Services Department is keeping members busy. A Holiday Luncheon/Social as well as a fundraiser-Holiday Bakeless Bake event for the Special State Project is on the agenda for **West Essex Woman's Club**.

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## PALISADES DISTRICT

**Debbie Cibelli**

As the winter solstice approaches, Palisades District clubs continue to forge ahead with their corporal works...

**Book and Needle Club** held their second annual Light Up Oradell Contest. As a great fundraiser, it raised awareness of their Club, and created a buzz in town.

**Woman's Club of Leonia** had their holiday party and sang the 10 days of Christmas, made decorations and had fun.

**Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights** installed new members at their Holiday dinner and started to accumulate items for their Smile bags.

The **Woman's Club of Carlstadt** had their Christmas dinner on December 7<sup>th</sup> enjoying the holiday season.

The **Woman's Club of Paramus** collected children's hats, gloves, and scarves which were delivered to a local church for those in need. They had a cookie exchange where an extra dozen were baked and donated to their local food pantry.

## PALISADES DISTRICT (continued)

**Woman's Club of Lyndhurst** donated Gift Cards to Center for Hope and Safety and partnered with Lyndhurst Knights of Columbus donating children's coats for domestic violence.

**Woman's Club of Ridgefield Park** participated in "Wreaths Across America", and reached out to local welfare families with Holiday Food Gift Cards & Donations.

**Woman's Club of Haworth** decorated and delivered 50 tissue boxes to St. Joseph's home for the elderly. They also inducted 5 new members to their club!

**Woman's Club of Englewood** Gennifer Furst, Professor of Criminal Justice at William Patterson spoke on "Enslaved Yesterday, Incarcerated Today." They had their Holiday Luncheon to celebrate and shape the New Year.

**Woman's Club of North Arlington** filled stockings for men, women and children living in shelters. They also helped families in town providing toys and Gift Cards to make their holidays brighter.

**Woman's Club of River Edge** delivered two cooked dinners with all the trimmings to families in need.

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## RAMAPO DISTRICT

**Marie Sullivan**

**Ramapo District** Club Members are so busy during the Holiday Season, and they still get things done for their Communities!

**Suburban Woman's Club of Pompton Plains** will be filling decorated coffee cans with pre-wrapped snacks for seniors and first responders.

**West Milford Township** is having a holiday party and are collecting bras for the "Free the Girls" Program. Members will be donating 442 cards to St Jude's Ranch for Children and participating in "Wreaths Across America".

**Junior Woman's Club of Ramsey** will be partnering with Ramsey Responds and the Ramsey Library again this holiday season to host their annual Holiday Giving Tree! Members are hosting another at-home decorating kit- Winter Cookies.

**Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River** will be judging their 35th annual Essay and Poetry Contest. They are donating diapers to Lighthouse. **Allendale Woman's Club** is running a "Toys for Tots" drive, a winter plant sale and a luminaire sale for New Year's.

**Montville Township and Ridgewood Woman's Clubs** held Yoga Classes for their members' mental and physical health.

**Pompton Lakes Woman's Club** won their town scarecrow contest recently. Their theme: protecting Mother Earth also helped their membership drive. Members filled blizzard bags, and are collecting crutches for a local hospital.

**Riverdale Woman's Club** filled 37 stockings for the military, and made Breast Cancer cards.

**Saddlebrook Woman's Club** will be collecting toys and goodies for the Saddlebrook food pantry.

**Pines Lake Woman's Club** Holiday Party & Gift Exchange will be a critique of the gifts wrapped followed by an auction with proceeds going to Special State Project.

**Upper Saddle River Woman's Club** is proud to announce that they recently celebrated Sixty years of service to their community. Members took a trip to Storm King Art Center and staffed a work week at the Thrift Shop. December plans include holiday social outreach projects at Lighthouse and Oasis.

**SHORE DISTRICT****Randi Quilici**

The **Woman's Club of Asbury Park** invites representatives who benefit from their charitable donations to their December Covered Dish Luncheon. It's a wonderful opportunity for members to meet the guests and hear what their donations fund.

The **Woman's Club of Brielle** enjoys its Holiday celebration at the clubhouse. Members perform in a short play written by member Evelyn Tuttle.

**GFWC Woman's Club of Matawan** sponsors their Wish Tree in the library and requests books for needy kids. They also decorate their tree in the park. **Howell Woman's Club** participates in the town's Adopt-a-Family Program for the Holidays. They sponsor gifts for two families and enjoy their annual December Holiday party.

**Jersey Shore Woman's Club** Christmas party is at Barelli's by the Sea in Spring Lake and donations are made to Madonna House in Neptune City. **Little Silver Woman's Club** installed three members and sponsored a restaurant raffle for the December holidays.

The **Woman's Club of Lacey** is hosting their Holiday Party, selling fundraising tickets for Calendar Club and a Week in Orlando accommodations. **Woman's Club of Middletown** enjoys its 22<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Gift Tree Project for the Township and continues Calico Cat Food donations.

Members of The **Woman's Club of Point Pleasant** are making candy cane reindeer and donating them to the Children's Specialized Hospital and CASA. The Arts Chairman is demonstrating how to make Christmas ornaments.

**Woman's Club of Spring Lake** enjoys their Annual Jewelry and Scarf Sale, and a Holiday Party at Spring Lake Manor for members and guests. The Evening Group's service project is "Adopt a Homemaker".

**Stafford Township Woman's Club** planned a Christmas show and dinner fundraiser. Members are also celebrating the Holidays at the Breakers for lunch.

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**SOUTHERN DISTRICT****Pamela McNamee**

December finds the Southern District clubs getting ready for the upcoming holidays.

The **Woman's Club of Absecon** will continue the annual Cookie/Candy Project. They will make a donation to the Absecon Woman's Center. Wreaths will be donated for the "Wreaths Across America" program. The club will celebrate the holiday at a dinner meeting at the Smithville Inn. A \$10.00 gift exchange will take place as well as singing Christmas carols.

The **Colony Club of Ocean City** members will collect articles of clothing for the local clothes closet. December 18<sup>th</sup> will see members laying wreaths at the Cape May County Veteran's Cemetery. Members will be making ornaments to be included in meals delivered to shut-in veterans and their spouses. A portion of the cost of the meals will be covered by the club. Members will enjoy a Pollyanna with refreshments that include homemade holiday cookies.

The **Woman's Civic Club of Hammonton** will be sending poinsettias to shut-ins for Christmas. They will deliver more than 150 cookie tins to the residents in assisted living centers in Hammonton. Fixings for a complete meal, along with clothing, and toys will be donated to several needy families. Club members will enjoy a Christmas dinner.

The **Millville Woman's Club** has their "Tree of Remembrance" activity planned. This activity will benefit the club's high school scholarship. There will be a holiday luncheon with a sing along. The club's annual Cookie/Candy collection will be a sweet treat for seniors living in senior housing buildings.

The **Woman's Club of Vineland** will hold a multipurpose fundraising sale consisting of poinsettias, used books, a yard sale, and vendor sale. 2022 calendars and items on a 'wish list' from residents of the Veteran's Memorial Home will be donated. The members will celebrate the holidays at the Green Olive.

**THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM****Lynn Webb**

The winner of the 2020 GFWC President's Prize "What a Wonderful World" was the GFWC Blackduck Tri Sigma Club from GFWC Minnesota. The club sewed stockings for the preschool/kindergarten students at the Red Lake Mission School. Each stocking included the students' name and they filled the stocking with art supplies.

This Chairman wants to encourage clubs to participate in the GFWC President's Challenge and President's Prize for 2021. The due date for both awards is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Please send the information to this Chairman so that we can make sure all the information is included to mail to Angela Cutrera. Here is the information for your club's review:

**GFWC Challenge Project: Youth Art Contest**

"Sponsor a Youth Art Contest, preferably in March during Youth Art Month. Consider making it a community-wide event and inviting all schools to participate. Partner with the Art League or other organizations and include categories such as oil, watercolor, charcoal, pencil, mixed media, and others. Arrange for judges and ribbons and awards. Display the artwork at a local bank or library and hold a reception with refreshments to announce the winners and celebrate all participants. Or, for a smaller event, hold a Youth Art Contest or a Poster Contest at a local school. Separate entries by grades or select one grade to participate." 2020-2022 GFWC Club Manual.

**SPECIAL ARTS AND CULTURE AWARD**

"A "President's Prize "of \$100 plus an award certificate will be given at the 2021 and 2022 GFWC Annual Convention to the club that best interprets the official GFWC holiday theme. The official theme for 2020 is "What a Wonderful World" and for 2021 the theme is "Good Tidings of Comfort and Joy." The themes can be interpreted in any manner that fits a club-sponsored holiday event or project, such as homemade or decorated stockings filled for a children's shelter, a holiday party for nursing home residents, or a holiday tree at a local library or community center. To apply for the award, complete the President's Prize Award Form and mail or email it to Arts and Culture Chairman Angela Cutrera by March 15<sup>th</sup> at the addresses specified on the form." 2020-2022 GFWC Club Manual.

**THE ARTS/PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM****Rosemarie Saviello****THE NUTCRACKER BALLET, A HOLIDAY FAVORITE**

Did you know that while Tchaikovsky was working on his Ballet, "The Nutcracker," he discovered a new instrument in Paris call the **Celesta**, whose clear, bell like tone was perfectly fitted to the The Nutcracker's fairy tale ambience. In the Celesta's ethereal notes, Tchaikovsky recognized the "voice" of the Sugar Plum Fairy. He immediately wrote to his publisher asking that the instrument be acquired for the performance of The Nutcracker, and as they say, the rest is history.

Going to see "The Nutcracker" ballet is tradition for many people this time of year. It is one of those performances that you can see repeatedly. You can make this part of your tradition too. Here is a list of a few December performances of The Nutcracker:

- The NJ Ballet production at the Mayo Performing Arts in Morristown.
- Bergen PAC
- The Hip Hop Nutcracker at the NJ Performing Arts Center in Newark.
- George Balanchine's production performed by the NY City Ballet in New York City.
- The Great Russian Nutcracker in Somerville.
- The Hackensack Meridian Health Theater at the Count Basie Center in Red Bank.
- The State Theater in New Brunswick.
- The Roxy Ballet Company in Lambertville.

There are many more performances in New Jersey. Check your local newspapers or the internet for a production near you and make a new tradition.

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM****Gail Kovacs-Felici**

One aspect of this Chairman's responsibility is the GFWC reporting for the year. This is compiled from the club's reports received by this Chairman. Statistics are compiled and included in this report along with a description of the Top Ten projects derived from the club's narratives.

Selected by the GFWC as one of the Top Ten Projects in the Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program was the **Franklin Woman's Club** of the College District. In response to some violence in their community, the members invited the town's Director of Public Safety for a program on "**Civic Safety and Racism**". The Director (the first African-American and first female to head up the local police public safety department) spoke on community policing, initiatives, the Citizen's Police Academy and more. Continuing member's education, some attended workshops on systemic racism held by the Douglass Alumnae Association (part of Rutgers University) and relayed the information to other members. There was no cost assigned to these events and members spent a total of 58 hours in this project.

This Chairman would like to CONGRATULATE the New Jersey clubwomen for their 2020 reports; as it enabled New Jersey to receive the First Place Award for Best Reporting in our membership category at the GFWC International Convention in Atlanta, GA. Along with State President Jan Hanson, this Chairman was proud to accept this Award.

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**EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM****Brandi-Leigh Miller****S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G BEES, December Check-in!**

Has your Club scheduled a Spelling Bee Contest for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students? It is not too late! Visit the NJSFWC website [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org) and look under the Materials link and scroll down to Education & Libraries for the Spelling Bee information.

Local Clubs are welcome to hold their contest in January, be sure to check with your District Spelling Bee Chairman or with NJSFWC Education & Libraries Chairman, Brandi-Leigh Miller, [miller@njsfwc.org](mailto:miller@njsfwc.org) to double check the date of your District Spelling Bee contest. The top three finishers from your club contest advance to the District contest; the top three finishers from the District contest advance to the NJSFWC State Spelling Bee scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Secure your Club's spot in the NJSWFC Spelling Bee Program today!

- Mail a check payable to NJSFWC for \$20 (include CLUB NAME, Spelling Bee)
- Tell your District Spelling Bee Chairman or the Education and Libraries Chairman the date of your Club Bee
- Publicize your Club's contest to local schools and around your community

**BOOKS ABOUT DIFFERENT HOLIDAY CULTURES AND TRADITIONS**

For many families, holidays and traditions play an important role in shaping their beliefs, experiences, and who they are. As the holiday season approaches, it's important to remember there are a diverse set of holidays available to explore. Children who have an understanding of why their own family holidays and traditions are important should also have the opportunity to appreciate the customs and traditions of other cultures so they can have a well-rounded and realistic view of the world.

Children who have an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of other cultures are more likely to grow up to be adults who are more compassionate, kind, and empathetic. Below are a few books that help introduce children to different holiday cultures and traditions. Spy any of your favorites? As always, this Chairman encourages donations of diverse books whose topics and illustrations reflect the communities your club serves throughout the year as they make great additions to local classrooms, little free libraries or as a fun addition to your Club's Holiday gift and meal boxes for local donation.

- *Always Together at Christmas*, by Sarah Sargent, illustrated by Mark Chambers
- *Too Many Tamales*, by Gary Soto, illustrated by Ed Martinez
- *Celebrations Around the World*, by Katy Halford
- *Together for Kwanzaa*, by Juwanda G. Ford, illustrated by Shelly Hehenberger

## EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (continued)

- *The Legend of the Poinsettia*, by Tomie dePaola
- *We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga*, by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Frane Lessac
- *All-of-a-Kind Family Hanukkah*, by Emily Jenkins, illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky
- *Baby's First Diwali*, by DK
- *The Return of the Light: Twelve Tales From Around the World for the Winter Solstice*, by Carolyn McVickar Edwards
- *Winter Candle*, by Jeron Ashford Frame

### STEM Activities with Dinosaurs!

Children can learn about Fossils and archaeology while practicing counting, sorting and fine motor skills. This theme lends itself well to sensory activities. Here are a few STEM activities to learn about dinosaurs – and to give a reprieve from the hustle and bustle of the holidays while students are home during the school break:

Dinosaur Stomp and Ice Escape - <https://team-cartwright.com/dinosaur-preschool-activities/>  
Build a Dino - <http://jdaniel4smom.com/2016/11/build-a-dino-stem-activity.html>  
Dinosaur Crafts - <https://www.steamsational.com/dinosaur-crafts/>  
Inventors of Tomorrow - [https://inventoroftomorrow.com/2017/01/23/dinosaurs-2/](https://inventorsoftomorrow.com/2017/01/23/dinosaurs-2/)

Here are some children's books to tie into a dinosaur themed activity: Oh Say Can you Say Di-no-Saur? By Bonnie Worth; How to Catch a Dinosaur by Adam Wallace; We don't eat our classmates by Ryan Higgins; Little Kids first Big book of Dinosaurs by Catherine Hughes; Dino Racing by Ace Landers; Dinosaur Dance! By Sandra Boynton; and Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug by Jonathan Stutzman.

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## ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

**Dawn Pogosaew**

December 4<sup>th</sup> is Wildlife Conservation Day! Let's celebrate this December by taking care of the wildlife in our own backyards. We can create a wildlife feeding station for the many species of birds that overwinter in New Jersey by decorating a tree or shrub with edible ornaments. Here are a few ideas to help you decorate your tree.

Collect pine cones and stuff them with peanut butter or suet and roll in birdseed. Attach a string so you can hang them. Hang hollowed out orange halves filled with birdseed. Cut thick apple slices, use a piece of twine to push through the top of the slice, cover the bottom half with peanut butter and dip in birdseed. You can create ornaments using cookie cutters in different shapes or use a muffin tin. The Audubon Society has an easy recipe you can find here: [audubon.org/news/help-feed-birds-diy-wreath](http://audubon.org/news/help-feed-birds-diy-wreath). String together any combination of plain popcorn, cranberries, raisins, and cheerios, for garland.

Make sure to decorate a tree that you can see from a window to enjoy the birds and animals that may visit!

Don't forget to write up a report! Now is the time to tally up all the fantastic projects that your club has accomplished throughout the year and submit them! It is so important to be able to have a record of Environmental projects as they are an invaluable tool for us to share ideas. You don't have to wait until February 1<sup>st</sup> to submit them to this Chairman. This Officer would love to hear from you now!

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## HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

**Claire Hill**

If your club is looking for a new project and you have not heard of: **Vial of Life**, this is a great time to consider it. The Vial of Life website has all the information you will need, including a kit, decals and forms at [vialoflife.com](http://vialoflife.com), or by calling 1-888-724-1200. A similar form is also available from American Medical Alarms at 1-800-542-0438, and [Medicalcarealert.com/ems](http://Medicalcarealert.com/ems) or 1-877-913-3680.

The form asks for medical information, which will be posted on the refrigerator. That way if something happens to you, and emergency personnel are needed, your medical information including primary language, doctor name and phone number, along with other information necessary for your care will be readily available for emergency responders.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (continued)

This is a great program for your club or to share with your senior citizen centers. Clubs are also partnering with town health departments, the police and fire departments. If your club is participating in any local festival, this would be a great program to share and get your club some publicity. Posters are also available.

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## ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

**Jane Mackesy**

This Chairman wishes you, and your families a safe and healthy Holiday Season. As this is written, we are still in the process of counting and delivering the Arts and Crafts items for Children's Specialized Hospitals. The final numbers will be in the eConnection, but we are in the ballpark of 2,400 items valued at nearly \$5,000. NJSFWC members are amazing. Thanks for "Sticking Your Neck Out"!

**Here is another of the Top Advocates for Children projects from 2020.**

The GFWC Gloucester County Women's Club spent much of their focus on Ronald McDonald House. A breakfast was donated for the 30-35 people staying at Ronald McDonald House. Members used Sign-up Genius to donate items, the Club supplied some, and members prepared a full breakfast that just needed to be reheated. They donated 50 "Snack Bags to Go", filled with crackers, raisins, water bottles and candy bars, so that parents had a snack at the hospital with their child. They also provided a restaurant prepared dinner, with deserts, and fruit provided by members. These projects used 51 Volunteer hours, \$189 Dollars and \$151 in, In-Kind donations.

In a GFWC News and Notes, Carrie Zimmerman, GFWC Advocates for Children Chairman suggested helping children's mental health, by supporting parenting classes in your community, advocating for more mental health services in your community, supporting social-emotional learning in schools, teaching communities about ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences), participating in or supporting mentor programs, and creating programs that bring awareness to teen suicide.

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## BYLAWS

**Vivien S. Finn**

An organization's bylaws are the basic rules that it follows. The NJSFWC has these basic rules that we follow in our activities to accomplish our mission of providing "opportunities for education, leadership training, and community service through participation in local clubs, enabling members to make a difference in the lives of others one project at a time."

Each year, these bylaws may be amended as proposed by the Bylaws Committee, the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, or the clubs and state organizations. The Bylaws Committee met on two occasions in October and November to discuss all possible amendment changes and then voted on the changes to be considered. After the changes are approved by the Executive Committee, the amendments will then be presented to the Board of Directors at the January meeting for discussion and approval. Those changes approved will be prepared and sent to all clubs with the CALL to Convention. The delegates to the NJSFWC Convention will vote on these amendments, and those approved will become part of the Bylaws of the NJSFWC Federation for the following year. This year the Committee discussed some changes/additions to the Standing Rules as well.

After receiving the CALL to Convention, it is requested that each club discuss these possible amendments with their club members and decide how their delegates will vote at the convention business meeting in which they will be presented. By doing this, we each are part of the process of keeping our rules relevant and functional.

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## COMMUNICATIONS

**Carole Speechley**

### Holiday Fun!

With the holidays come wonderful projects to help others and also fun activities for club members. Be sure to post plenty of pictures on your Facebook page, website, and online news sources and ask your members to like and share these posts. Also send your pictures to the NJSFWC website Vice Chairman/Facebook manager.

## COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

### Contests! Contests! Contests!

It's time to select the Newsletter you want to enter in the Newsletter Contest and finish your Scrapbook/History Book and Press Book for those contests. Deadlines to mail the entry forms for the Scrapbook/History Book and Press Book entry forms and your Newsletter entry form along with 2 copies of the newsletter is February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. All entries must be for the 2021 calendar year.

Why should you enter? Your club's minutes may be the best resource to document your club's history. But your newsletters, scrapbooks/history books, and press books bring that history alive with pictures and personality! So why not enter? Let your contest entry be a voice for your club of who you are and what you do.

### Important reminders from the Communications Supplement:

Prevent being disqualified by referring to the 2020-2022 Communications Supplement in the Materials Section of [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org) under Communications for important requirements for these contests, such as what must be on the first page of your newsletter, scrapbook and pressbook.

### Entry forms for the contests are in the Materials section of [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org) under Communications.

Be sure to follow the instructions and meet the deadlines. If you have any questions, this Chairman is here to answer them and guide you, [speechley@njsfwc.org](mailto:speechley@njsfwc.org). She wants you to succeed! This Chairman encourages all clubs to enter at least one category and let your club shine!

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## COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM

Ora Kokol

You only have a few short weeks to gather all the information needed to enter the Community Impact Program contest for 2020-2021. All the entries must be in this Chairman's hands by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to be eligible to enter this contest, [kokol@njsfwc.org](mailto:kokol@njsfwc.org).

Remember it does not have to be a BIG undertaking, just a project that helps and will continue to help your community be a better place to live! Always keep in mind that your project must promote our volunteerism in GFWC and NJSFWC. Check the website [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org) for further instructions.

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## CONVENTION

Susan Fosdick

### CONVENTION DATES: SUNDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> to TUESDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>

**GREAT NEWS...**The room rate at Tropicana for the 128<sup>th</sup> Convention in April will be about \$78.90 per night. If you share a room, that is only \$39.45 each per night. This rate includes unlimited local phone calls, a \$5.00 voucher toward self-parking, and basic WI-FI to include (2) devices per room per day. All information pertaining to room reservations will be in the CALL to Convention which you will receive in February.

We are still in the process of planning meals, informative programs and some fun projects. Please stay tuned for more updates as they become available.

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## FALL CONFERENCE/PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

Patricia Mignella

The 2021 State Fall Conference held at the Battleground Country Club, Manalapan, NJ was a resounding success thanks to the leadership of President Jan Hanson, the attendance of some 184 Federation members and guests, the excellent morning and afternoon speakers, the delicious luncheon and the efficient and hard-working Conference Committee that made it all run smoothly.

Seven vendors, the Walgreens Immunization Clinic Shot@Life Campaign, Perritt Labs and the Federation Tables provided attendees with a variety of shopping and health related options, and the women took full advantage of the quality merchandise.

## FALL CONFERENCE/PROGRAM ASSISTANCE (continued)

Raffle Chairman, Karen Manneback, announced the results of the 50/25/25 raffle: Headquarters Foundation Fund received \$527.00, and the two winners each received \$263.50. Evaluation sheets were completed at each table and collected at the end of the Conference.

Speakers included Killian Coraggio {Covenant House, NJ}, Jane Mackesy {NJSFWC Advocates for Children Chairman}, Chris Sienkielewski {NJSFWC Legislation/Resolutions Chairman}, Jenna Mallor {NJ Harm Reduction Coalition} and Eric Nelson and Francesca Costa {Kearney House/Palisades Interstate Park Commission. The Advocate for Children "STICK YOUR NECK OUT" campaign to collect art/craft supplies for Children's Specialized Hospitals has demonstrated the generosity of our clubwomen with over 1,400 items collected to date.

GFWC Report Writing Awards, District Membership Awards, six \$100.00 Grant Awards and five Continuing Fund Awards were distributed.

This Chairman was honored to introduce her Conference Committee: Judy Filippini-Vice Chairman, Ann Ribinsky Brown-Registration, Marilyn Marion-Vendors, Karen Manneback-50/25/25 Raffle, Kathy Hunterton-Name Tags & Head table Placards, Jane Mackesy-Advocates for Children, Claire Hill-Giraffe & Art Supplies Centerpieces and Support Committee: Janet Walker, Cindy Blumenkrantz, Christina Burlew and Shirley Reinhardt. This Chairman also thanked Joanne Mangels for running off copies of the program and President Hanson for her support and vote of confidence.

## GIRLS' CAREER INSTITUTE

**Mary Kay Tokar**

What better way to know the value of Girls' Career Institute (GCI) than to listen to the attendees themselves:

Comments from girls include "I was nervous about going away to college, but now I can't wait." Or "I thought I wanted to live away, but now I think I'd be more comfortable commuting from home." Or "I wasn't sure about college, but the ABC workshop speaker inspired me to pursue ABC." Or "I thought I wanted to study XYZ, but the workshop made me think maybe not, or that I might want to take it in a different direction." And so much more. Such as "it gave me a sneak peek into the world of women in the workforce" and "I learned so much about myself," and "I found me!"

GCI can help build confidence, empowerment leadership skills, and networking skills. It opens their eyes to the world outside their school and hometown, and it helps them to expand their horizons and to push them a little outside their comfort zone.

Let's empower young women to be their best! Support GCI.

## HEADQUARTERS

**Karen Manneback**

### 1894 Society

Did you see the new 1894 Membership cards? It's perfect for the 1894 Society. For anyone who doesn't know the story, here it is in the very, very short version. In 1964, a committee met to formulate plans for the establishment of a permanent headquarters. It was suggested that fundraising be accomplished through redemption of trading stamps. The "Stamp Approval" (which was the name of the fundraiser) was begun. They redeemed about \$53,000 worth of stamps and so the building was built. The new membership card shows the trading stamp and our Federation home. To receive one of these cards just join the 1894 Society. It doesn't have to be a large amount, \$18.94 is just fine, but you can send in whatever you like. The 1894 Society form is enclosed with the ALMANAC.



**The 1894  
Society**



Expires March 31, 2022

Name  
**New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs**

## HISTORIAN

Maribeth Hugelmeyer

For the love of History...

This Historian utilizes the book, *A Century of Challenge New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs First 100 Years*, for much of her research. (This book can be purchased through Headquarters or your District Vice President for \$25.). It is the sixth history of the NJSFWC to be published. The committee, known as THE FIRST CENTURYANS, was comprised of many dedicated clubwomen and Past State Presidents.

Ada D. Fuller, Historian of the State Ex Club compiled the first history in 1917. Miss Fuller was honored by being named the Historian of the Federation in 1927. She subsequently prepared a booklet which covered our history from 1894-1927.

The next Historian was Helen E. Marsh (1945-1947) who compiled a volume covering 1927-1947. Mrs. Frederick C. Wurtz (1955-1958) compiled a 127-page publication covering 1894-1958.

*Federation Milestone*, which is a soft covered volume was published in 1969 in celebration of the NJSWFC's Seventy Fifth Anniversary. It was prepared by Grace Mathis Williams and her committee.

There has been a Historian appointed to the NJSFWC Board every administration since 1938.

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## HONORS

Marie DiMatties

This year certainly has been another extraordinary one! Has there been an extraordinary member of your club? Or maybe there have been several! Now is the time for clubs to begin the process of selecting members to be recognized on the NJSFWC Honor Roll or in the Order of the Lily.

The Honor Roll is awarded to a member "prominent in club work" as it is considered the highest honor a club can award a member for outstanding service and achievement to her club. A club can use its own established procedure to select Honor Roll and Order of the Lily recipients.

Each Honor Roll recipient has a tribute read to her at Convention, has a tribute inscribed in the Honor Roll Book at NJSFWC Headquarters and receives a certificate. In addition, a charm can be purchased to commemorate this achievement in her club career. A clubwoman can only be placed in the Honor Roll once.

A Clubwoman who has already been placed on the Honor Roll, even if it was while she was a member of another club, may be considered for the Order of the Lily. She will be introduced, awarded a certificate at Convention and her name will be inscribed in the Order of the Lily Book at NJSFWC Headquarters. A pin can be purchased to give to her to commemorate the honor. There is no limit to the number of times a clubwoman can be awarded the Order of the Lily.

Forms for submitting women to be placed on the Honor Roll or in the Order of the Lily will be in the January ALMANAC. They are also available on the NJSFWC website ([njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org)) under **Materials, Awards and Achievements Forms**. Each tribute by your club is to be submitted on a separate form, together with the specified fee of \$50 for the Honor Roll and \$25 for the Order of the Lily for each recipient. Tributes must be received at Headquarters by the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 deadline.

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## LEGISLATION/RESOLUTIONS

Chris Sienkielewski

Legislators are constantly being asked to make decisions on how to vote, who to support, and what causes to champion. Understanding a legislator's decision-making process can make a difference as NJSFWC seeks to influence the legislator toward their resolutions. To do that we need to think like a legislator by examining the 3 H's: Head, Heart, and Health.

### Head

Elected officials generally want to make good policy and come to their respective legislative bodies because they want to make a difference and be part of good government. During their thought process while deciding how to vote or act, they ask themselves, "What is the smart course of action to take?" Throughout this process, unbiased, independent research is extremely valuable in guiding their decision making and in politically justifying their course of action.

## LEGISLATION/RESOLUTIONS (continued)

Legislators consider the "Triangle Test" when deciding how to vote:

- Do my constituents care about this issue?
- Is this good policy for the Nation and does this make sense?
- Is this press worthy?

NJSFWC Resolutions help legislators realize that certain issues are important to our members who represent all areas of NJ. Our resolutions include facts based upon research made by the Resolutions Committee and are discussed at the committee level and the membership. Before a annual Convention the resolutions are sent to every club where members can discuss, ask questions and make decisions as to whether the issue reflects their communities.

### Heart

Elected officials usually have a lot of passion, as do our members. Legislators often believe they are doing the right thing and during difficult decisions, will use their own beliefs and value system and listen to their conscience.

- When NJSFWC sends a resolution to legislative officials we are asking them to support our position and legislators can then decide whether our position also tugs on the strings of their heart.
- When our members write letters to legislators about the issues outlined in our resolutions, the best appeal is an honest plea to do what is right.
- Members can also use personal stories as an emphasis. Real stories from real people are effective!
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### Health (Political)

Legislators want to remain in office or at least leave on their own terms. In order to find the support to continually be re-elected, legislators must be aware of not only the political climate but also be aware of how certain votes will affect their ability to stay in office. They must consider the will of their constituents, the needs of their state, and the desire of their party.

- Keep in mind that policy decisions made under the climate of political pressure can be thorny. Since the NJSFWC is a non-profit organization, it is important that we do not take positions that could be considered leaning towards one political party over another, but rather issues that are of importance to the public as a whole.

While there are many factors that ultimately persuade a legislator, the three H's are a solid guide to understanding a legislator's decision-making process.

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## NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Linda Carbley

This is a reminder that the deadline for nominating a capable candidate from your club to the NJSFWC Board of Directors for 2022-2024 is quickly approaching. All clubs have received the mailing outlining the procedure to be followed for nominating a candidate.

The club must nominate the candidate; and the club's President and Recording Secretary must sign the White Nomination Blank. This must be mailed to the Chairman of Nominations and Elections, Linda Carbley, Federation Headquarters, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick NJ 08901 postmarked no later than January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.

A black and white passport photo and a narrative, not to exceed 200 words, describing the candidate's qualifications, along with the Nomination Blank, must be emailed to the Chairman of Nominations, at [carbley@njsfwc.org](mailto:carbley@njsfwc.org), postmarked no later than January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.

Thank you for participating in the nominating process for the NJSFWC by nominating a qualified candidate from your club to the next Board of Directors.

**SPECIAL STATE PROJECT****Patricia Dahl**

The clubs and Districts have been very busy raising money for Operation Chillout. For example, the **GFWC West Deptford Women's Club** had a 50/50 raffle at their Basket Auction on October 19<sup>th</sup> and raised \$835. The Garden District had their Bunco and Basket Auction Fundraiser on October 22<sup>nd</sup> with lunch and homemade cookies from their District Vice President. They sold only 44 tickets but still made a profit of \$1,292.

The **Woman's Club of Upper Montclair** had their Annual Goulash Luncheon on October 27<sup>th</sup> with homemade goulash and run raisin ice cream. One club instead of an indoor fundraiser had members pledge money to walk for Operation Chillout.

Remember this is a STATE PROJECT and this Chairman is asking as many clubs as possible to plan their own fundraisers if you haven't already, every dollar counts! Please remember to send your checks to Headquarters made out to NJSFWC and earmarked Special State Project. This Chairman would love to hear news of other clubs activities.

The state held their first fundraiser in the South on November 18<sup>th</sup> with a Fashion Show with Chico outfits, basket auction, 50/50 raffle and lunch which was very successful. A special THANK YOU to all who donated baskets for the auction, this Chairman was in awe of the members and clubs for their generosity. Another THANK YOU goes to the **Woman's Club of Merchantville** for all their help to make the state fundraiser a success.

The second state fundraiser will be here before you know it so don't miss out. It will be in the North on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the **Woman's Club of Upper Montclair**'s Clubhouse, so save the date for a great afternoon. More details will be in the January ALMANAC.

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS?** This Chairman and your District Vice President and Headquarters have tickets. A picture of the quilt is on the website, [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org) and on Facebook. Reminder, 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 are available until Convention 2022 where the lucky winner will have their ticket pulled. Many tickets have already been purchased and this Chairman would like to thank all who have done so. Don't miss out by waiting too long to purchase your ticket or tickets.

**WEBMASTER****Denise Hosier**

There's a new section on the NJSFWC website that will help you out when ordering Federation pins and other materials. It is called the STORE. Click on STORE in the main menu and there is a page for each of the order forms showing photos of many of the items. You can click on each photo to see a larger picture of the item. There are also fillable pdf versions of the order forms if it's easier for you to fill them out that way.

Since we're not equipped to accept credit cards, you will still need to mail an order form to Headquarters with your check, or email the form and bring the check when you pick your items up. If you need pins mailed to you there is an extra mailing fee.

So check out the store and order those pins!

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**Happy Holidays  
From Headquarters**

Patricia Notarianni, Executive Assistant

Cynthia Blumenkrantz and Joanne Mangels, Office Staff