



# ALMANAC



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

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### President's Message—Jan W. Hanson

Club reports are due February 1<sup>st</sup> and our State Chairman are checking their mailboxes. Throughout this ALMANAC there are suggestions to help you write your reports. This is, also, your club history so please take the time to share your activities. If you have any questions about completing a report you can contact the Chairman of that program or Second Vice President, Barbara McCloskey. This President looks forward to sharing our final totals at Convention and hopes your club is part of them.

This Officer hopes you were able to attend the NJSFWC Headquarters Open House. Many Board members turned our building into a winter wonderland, sharing their decorations and creative ideas. They served as hostesses providing delicious refreshments to all of our guests. This President would like to thank everyone involved, especially, Headquarters Chairman, Karen Manneback, for fulfilling her vision of a beautifully decorated Headquarters.

Thank you to everyone who donated to "Light Up Headquarters" in memory or honor of someone. The list is in this month's ALMANAC and will be on the website so please share it with your members. A picture can be found on our Facebook page and website.

Down the turnpike and through Washington, D.C. our bus did go to visit the GFWC Headquarters in its holiday splendor. Thank you to Annette Bortone who can make a long bus trip so much fun.

There are updates for two previous events-Day of Service and the Special State Project Southern fundraiser in this ALMANAC. For more information check out Barbara Rose's and Patricia Dahl's articles. Needless to say, under their excellent guidance these two events were a success.

January can be a dreary month with the holiday let down, the gray skies and cold, windy weather, but our club members make it a warm and friendly month with all of their activities.

In Federation Friendship,

*Jan*

*Let Our Voices Soar*

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## Convention Hotel Reservations-April 24, 25, and 26

1. All room reservations are to be made directly with Tropicana, Atlantic City by calling 1-800-345-8767 and mention NJSFWC 2022.

Single or Double occupancy is \$83.67 per night. These rates include the Atlantic City room tax, the Tourism Promotion occupancy resort fee and a voucher for self-parking.

Hotel and meeting rooms will be in the North Tower.

Check-In is at 4:00 p.m. and check out is at 11:00 a.m.

2. Be prepared to provide each roommate's name, arrival date, departure date, smoking or non-smoking preference for the room, and a major credit card number to hold the reservation.
3. For a full refund cancellation must be made 72 hours prior to the attendee's schedule arrival.

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

**Happy New Year!** As the calendar turns to another year, we begin to think about the end of an administration and we look to thank those who have brought us this far and look for new leaders to take us into the next club year.

**Do you have any of these traits – you too could be a leader!**

1. **Character** – honesty, integrity, and want to make a difference.
2. **Creativity** – think out of the box and like to develop a wider perspective of ideas.
3. **Confidence** – level headed and self-assured.
4. **Communicate** – speak with people confidently.
5. **Courage** - willing to take risks in the achievement of your goals with no assurance of success. Every commitment you make and every action you take entails a risk of some kind.
6. **Clear Vision** – have a vision of what you want to achieve, and can articulate that vision.
7. **Friendly** – ability to meet and work with women who come from all walks of life and diverse backgrounds.
8. **Challenges** – to do something out of your comfort zone because you never know what challenges you are going to face in life.
9. **Cooperation** – ability to get everyone to work together for a common goal.
10. **Focus** – leaders are able to focus on the needs of their club and community.
11. **Humility** – to have the self-confidence and self-awareness to recognize the value of others without feeling threatened.
12. **Delegate** – enable others to demonstrate their abilities to take on new tasks and grow their confidence, one person can't/shouldn't do everything.

**We need leaders throughout the NJSFWC, at every level – State, District and Club! Step up to lead your club – you'll be glad you did!**

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**NJSFWC SECOND VICE PRESIDENT****Barbara McCloskey****REPORT WRITING TIME IS HERE!**

**February 1, 2022**– The date all reports must be postmarked by to be considered for an award! **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Club reports can always be mailed prior to that date and we encourage clubs to do so. The State Chairman would appreciate receiving your reports as early as possible so they can get started on their GFWC reports.

After all the reports are completed, isn't it exciting to add up the number of projects, volunteer hours and donations to see how much your club has accomplished over the past year? These are great numbers to share with your members, prospective members and the public in a press release.

Please use the 'Where Should We Report It' guide if you have any questions about what department your project belongs to. The form is available on the NJSFWC website, as are all the report writing instructions.

Awards will be given at Convention for Best All Around Work in each Community Service Program area and Standing Committees in one of the three membership categories: 4-25, 26-60, 61+. These membership categories are based on the number of club members you reported on your blue sheet in May 2021. This is not the number of members you have in your club currently.

As you complete the report forms, and review all the projects that are listed, this is also a great time to see if there are any new projects that you can plan for in 2022.

January is also a great time to start keeping records of projects that are being completed now. Do not wait until the end of the year to start going through minutes, newsletters or asking club members to remember what projects they completed, or how many hours they needed for something they may have knitted, baked or sewn.

A sample Project Report is available on the NJSFWC website or create your own.

Thank you for all you do to make a difference in the lives of others.

**NJSFWC THIRD VICE PRESIDENT****Susan Chambers**

Happy New Year to all! May this be a year of good health and peace. Let's do some record housekeeping to get us off to a good start.

In addition to sending new member information to this Officer, you should also send it to GFWC so that they can send a welcome to your new member too. That GFWC form is now on our website as well. GFWC runs seasonal membership drives. At NJSFWC, we run DAILY membership drives! Let's keep those names coming in!

GFWC also offers a Star Pin Recruitment Award for members who have recruited anywhere from five to 50 or more members. Check out this program on the GFWC website, [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org). It's not easy to find this form; it's a difficult website to navigate unlike ours that Webmaster, Denise Hosier has made so clear and easy. Call (201-265-6282) or email me ([chambers@njsfwc.org](mailto:chambers@njsfwc.org)) and this Officer will help you out. Only this Officer can submit the information to GFWC. I'd love to help you recognize recruitment efforts in your club!

And best of all, its REPORT WRITING time -- my favorite time of year! It's so gratifying to summarize what I've done for and with my club. It reminds us how much we've accomplished and keeps our club members inspired that together we can accomplish so much. Be sure to have your club complete your Membership Year End Report Form, share it with your members and send it along to this Officer by the end of January. You'll surprise yourself at how much your club has helped your community in one year!

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

**Franklin Woman's Club**

Rosemarie Adler  
Ellen Calahan

**Woman's Club of Arlington**

Pamela Eakins  
Carol Hesketh

**Thursday Morning Club**

Barbara Berger  
Anita Lofaro  
Ann Bobrow  
Lee Doswell  
Annette Benensky  
Ann Jeong Min Oh  
Ruth Steck  
Christine Maurer

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

This Officer would like to thank every club that submitted a Fundraising Report last year. Your efforts were recognized at the GFWC International Convention in Atlanta, GA. These reports enabled this Officer to receive an award for Best Reporting in Fundraising. This Officer is so proud of all of your efforts and for all that you do for Federation and your community.

If your Club has not completed a report in the past, please consider doing so. Sharing your accomplishments may give another club ideas on how they can successfully hold a fundraiser.

When submitting your report, please include a narrative. The purpose of a narrative is to tell a story. Be sure to include all the details. Possibly this was the first time for your event or did you put a different spin on it to comply with our current situation. What was your inspiration for trying a new fundraiser? Did you get your idea/s from a Council meeting or another source?

As you complete each fundraiser, fill out a Project Report Form. If you don't use one, you can find a sample on our website [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org). Choose Materials. Click on Annual Report Forms and Instructions. This form is a great resource for gathering all your information about your event.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Holiday Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser. This Officer hopes you enjoyed your chocolate treats. We will be offering this Fundraiser for the spring.

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

Meeting the needs of others in both traditional and new ways, District clubs mobilized to provide goods and cheer.

The **Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook's** Fall drives included jackets and rescue clothing for school children, handmade Afghans for local veterans, and toddler board books for CASA.

As long-time supporters of personnel at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, the **Woman's Club of Cranbury** collected four carloads of basic necessities for Afghanistan evacuees sheltering at the Base. The Club's Environment Department used recycled laundry detergent caps to create posies for residents of The Elms Rehab and Nursing Facility. They also deployed their gardening trowels to decorate the barrels along Main Street for the Holidays.

Another interesting project promoting the environment is being planned by the **North Brunswick Woman's Club**. Hoping to engage children in an important issue, the Club will hold a contest for them to come up with ideas on how to reduce the use of plastic.

The **Flemington Woman's Club** presented an informative program on the styles and cosmetics that in the past have posed lethal hazards to women, focusing on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The **Holland Township Woman's Club** sponsored its traditional fundraiser, a Craft/Vendor Show, where admission was a non-perishable food item or a dollar.

Also, connecting with townspeople and visitors, the **Woman's Club of Clinton** set up a table at the town's Dicken's Days event. The Club provided cider, cookies, donut holes, and dog biscuits, since many dogs also stop by.

The **Cedar Wood Woman's Club** decorated the tree at NJSFWC Headquarters in a beautiful Victorian theme in memory of Carol J. Sas, club member and past NJSFWC Executive Director.

District clubs remembered deceased veterans with donations to the Wreaths Across America program and wreath-laying on December 18<sup>th</sup> at participating cemeteries.

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

As the clubs of the Garden District start a new calendar year, we reminisce about the many good deeds we have accomplished during 2021. We've raised funds to support a variety of projects, collected food, clothing, and art supplies for several community groups and even abroad. Wish Trees and Warming Trees, gifts and gift cards will bring happiness to both the giver and the receiver.

The **Pennsville Woman's Club** served lunch to area veterans on Veterans' Day.

The **Medford Woman's Club** prepared a bountiful Thanksgiving Dinner for the police on duty that day.

The Garden District "Bunco Bash" was a resounding success to raise funds to help Operation Chill-Out assist more homeless veterans. Warm clothing and shelter are a winter focus; additional funds raised will help them reach their goal of providing tiny houses and jobs for some. A Special State Project Luncheon and Fashion Show by Chico's was held at the Pennsauken Country Club.

The **Merchantville Woman's Club EMD** ladies prepared 13 baskets of kitchen and bathroom supplies for residents of Veterans Haven South who are moving to independent living facilities after many months living at the facility designed to meet their individual needs as they transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

The **GFWC Woman's League of Mt. Holly** held a very successful "SOCKTOBERFEST". Partnering with 9 other community organizations, they collected 1,576 pair of socks for men, women, and children. The socks were donated to several area organizations.

Thirteen Garden District clubs participated in the Day of Service project to send love and support to the residents of Covenant House in Atlantic City. Club women made 304 cards for holidays ranging from Thanksgiving to Valentine's Day and donated 207 gift cards with a total value of \$2,180 to be enclosed in the cards. Three fleece blankets were tied and will be donated also.

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

The Clubs of the Highlands kept busy over the holidays with worthwhile projects as well as interesting programs.

The **Blair Woman's Club** brightened the day for residents of Clover Rest and Veteran's Haven North by signing holiday cards and packaging goodie bags of candy for them, and also filled a box of snacks to present to their police department.

The **Woman's Club of the Denville-Rockaway Area** had a Zoom presentation entitled "Ask Granny," given by Advocates for Children Chairman Jane Mackesy, who is also a Past President of the Hudson County Genealogical and Historical Society. Jane gave tips on researching and compiling a family tree.

The **Long Valley Junior Woman's Club** held a blood drive to benefit their community.

The **Hopatcong Woman's Club** held a Linen Shower for their Domestic Violence shelter and had the organization's CEO speak at the event.

The **Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills** had a collection for CASA that included socks, gloves and scarves, as well as books, games and craft items for children.

Members of the **Roxbury Woman's Club** walked as a team in the Annual Alzheimer's Walk. They also held presentations from their Chief of Police about Senior Safety, and from the Executive Director of the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide.

**Sparta Woman's Club** members got out their gardening gloves and branch clippers to wrangle live greenery into holiday wreaths for Newton Hospital's Festival of Lights.

The **Thursday Morning Club** sponsored a bus trip into the city for "A Day in Harlem." They learned about Colonial Harlem, Jewish Harlem and the Harlem Renaissance, as well as visiting the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine and the Apollo Theater.

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**LIBERTY DISTRICT****Ellen Lund**

Winter is here, Liberty District Clubs are as busy as ever!

The **Junior Woman's Club of Arlington** will hold their Spelling Bee for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in January.

**Arlington EMD** will be coordinating a Cereal Drive in Kearny with a Cereal Box Domino Challenge. Participants collect cereal boxes and then film their cereal domino. Club members will judge the videos and the cereal will be donated to the Kearny Food Pantry Network.

**Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights** will be treated to a slide presentation by member Chris Bjornstad on her trip to Ireland.

The New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) will be presenting on the different types of profit-motivated cybercrime targeting private citizens including ransomware, data theft, skimming devices, and other extortion tactics for **Woman's Club of Caldwell**.

The **Eighth District Contemporaries** will have a Valentine Project for a local Veterans group.

**The Fortnightly Club** will be having a Mid-Winter rally and their Book Club.

**Woman's Club of Little Falls** is planning their International Fundraiser luncheon consisting of members bringing in food they prepared based on their various ethnicities.

**The Women's Club of Livingston Township** will be collecting Valentine Day goodies and treats for the residents of the Essex County in Cedar Grove. They will also be finalizing criteria for the awarding of 2 scholarships to female graduates of Livingston High School.

**LIBERTY DISTRICT (continued)**

**Montclair Woman's Club** will turn their focus to their members and membership. As part of their "among friends" theme they are launching a NEW INITIATIVE. The Board of Trustees will be forming affinity groups with specific members to engage them in the life of the club, to check in and see how we can all best serve both the needs of their members and the community at large.

The **Woman's Club of Upper Montclair** will be hosting a Hodge Podge Party and Auction. Members decorate a Holiday Themed table and supply desserts and wrapped gifts which are auctioned off. They will also be making cards for Veterans for Valentine's Day along with socks and a treat.

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**PALISADES DISTRICT****Debbie Cibelli**

With the hustle and bustle of the holidays behind them, the Palisades District clubs continued to show how they gave back to their communities.

**Book and Needle Club** made wreaths as a fundraiser to support their Education Department efforts.

**Woman's Club of Leonia** had a quiet night of fun and board games for some comradery during their January meeting.

The **Woman's Club of Carlstadt** celebrated 95 years of service to their community.

**Woman's Club of Paramus** had a fabulous Holiday Show in December! January's projects include Blizzard Bags for local food pantry's homebound residents and a yoga class to raise money for a Pedals 4 Progress collection this spring.

**Woman's Club of Ridgefield Park** collected items for Mom bags for those Moms with babies in the NICU.

**Woman's Club of Englewood** held a Scholarship recognition evening on January 5th at their Carriage house. For MLK day they invited a former Dwight Morrow High School student and a current Princeton student to speak.

**Woman's Club of Old Tappan** had a successful Dine and Donate at Bosfa Italian Restaurant in their town to raise funds for their charitable endeavors.

The **Junior Woman's Club of Harrington Park** participated in their town's Home for the Holidays event with a photo booth for pictures with Santa. They also kick off their Letters to Santa for kids to "mail" their letters.

The **GFWC Woman's Club of Emerson** participated in Wreaths Across America purchasing 12 wreaths. The members also donated gift cards for the NJSFWC Day of Service.

The **Cresskill Woman's Club** gave food baskets and supermarket gift cards to four needy families for Christmas.

The **Woman's Club of Norwood-Northvale** gathered gifts for the veterans of the Paramus Veteran's home and delivered them for Christmas.

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**RAMAPO DISTRICT****Marie Sullivan**

The weather outside may be frightful but that didn't stop the ladies of the Ramapo District from serving our communities during the recent holidays. Kudos to them for providing stockings for the soldiers and veterans. Can't you picture the faces of the soldiers as they sort through their goodies?

Most clubs held food drives. Many clubs had events with Santa and collected toys for those less fortunate. Holiday luncheons and dinners were enjoyed by many.

**RAMAPO DISTRICT (continued)**

The **Contemporary Club of Ho-Ho-Kus** moves their outdoor Yoga Classes indoors at local gyms and studios during these cold months. The club members organize and host regular playdates for their members with toddlers. They organize expectant mothers support groups with bi-monthly meetups. This is a great way for their pregnant members to not only meet other expecting mothers but also to feel supported and connected during an important time.

The **Woman's Club of West Milford Township** collects eyeglasses for the needy in January, and makes Blizzard Bags.

The **Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club** continues to promote kindness on their Facebook page and website. Members have planned field trips for community women with children as a way to build friendships and encourage membership in their club. A trip to the farm recently was enjoyed by many and attracted new members.

Congratulations to the **Pines Lake Woman's Club** on their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! May you continue with your many wonderful community outreach projects.

**Suburban Woman's Club of Pompton Plains** supported the Father English Center in Paterson by collecting items of clothing some of which was handmade.

**Montville Township Woman's Club** enjoys stress free yoga classes, especially after all they donated to the community over the Holidays.

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

The Shore District wishes all our friends and families a very Happy and Healthy New Year. We hope it's full of new energies, new dreams, new goals, and of course, new members. It also brings us a lot more opportunities to work together and make new friends. We wish you a cheerful, giving, and energized year. Cheers to 2022!

The **Belmar Woman's Club** continues to bring in new members. They contributed items to the Afghan refugees coming through McGuire Air Force Base and the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission in Asbury Park.

**Woman's Club of Colts Neck** met their Kateri Day Camp Playground goal and is preparing the ribbon-cutting event in March with the Lion's Club.

**GFWC Woman's Club of Matawan** is conducting their Unwanted Christmas GIFT/Pound Auction and assembling Blizzard Bags for Meals-on-Wheels serving the Senior Center in Keyport. They are also working on a Martin Luther King Day service project.

**Past Presidents Club of the Shore District** is sending holiday greetings to all. May everyone enjoy the pleasure of gathering with loved ones and celebrate being together, hopefully in person. We will meet again in March and invite any past presidents living in Monmouth or Ocean County to join us. Please call Betty Murrison (732-920-8297) for more information. We wish everyone a healthy, Happy 2022.

**Woman's Club of Spring Lake** is hosting a speaker from the new bookstore in town, Thunder Road Books. The club recently added a second book club because of the interest from membership. The holiday jewelry and scarf sale was a successful fundraiser for our local charities. The evening meeting purchased holiday gifts for their Adopt a Family project.

**Stafford Township Woman's Club** members are enjoying a play at Surf Light that is also a fundraiser.

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

With the cold winter months ahead of us many clubs have limited their activities due to weather concerns and members who spend these days in a warmer climate. However, there are clubs that are still at work planning their upcoming winter activities.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT (continued)

The **Woman's Club of Absecon** will be working on their spring activities. They sound exciting and we can't wait to hear more about them.

The **Civic Club of Hammonton** members are looking forward to the speaker from Atlantic Care Life Center. They will be having a canned food drive and are also planning two soup nights.

The **Women's Community Club of Cape May**, recently celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and are working on activities for January. They will be hosting the January Southern District Council Meeting at Price Hall in Cold Springs. We can't wait to enjoy their delicious soups again.

The **Millville Woman's Club** will be collecting a variety of items for various area ministries. The January luncheon will feature a speaker from the Ronald McDonald House. Members and friends are looking forward to the second Game Day of this year.

The **Southern District Clubs** will have their January Council Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Price Hall in Cold Springs, NJ.

## THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Lynn Webb

January is a time to sit by the fire and work on a denim project. Relax and let your creativity brighten your day. Did you ever see denim jeans transformed into placemats, runners, totes, key chains, coasters, earrings, and bracelets? One club member brought back a bag with all these treasures from Florida. The organization is [www.transformedshop.com](http://www.transformedshop.com). "Women's lives become transformed as they create new products using recycled and other re-purposed material." (Brochure)

This Chairman asked the organization if we can collect jeans or cut the jeans for these women. However, they have enough jeans for now and they have a wish list on Amazon. Check out the website and see the lovely gifts you can purchase.

There are many ways to deconstruct clothing by looking at idea books. This is called "Upcycle" and report this project at the end of the year. Scratch and Stitch has "30 Denim Upcycling Ideas" on their website <https://scratchandstitch.com/30-denim-upcycling-ideas-using-old-jeans>

Some suggestions to create are a waste basket, rug, vase, pouch, feathers, an apron, etc. The website shows directions on how to make the feathers and other projects. This Chairman was impressed with a wall hanging displaying all different jean pockets. A great idea to keep your scissors and craft projects in one place. Think of patchwork themes or triangles and stars to construct a stuff animal or a tote of your own. Make a doll blanket or try a coaster with fancy stitches with frayed edges.

Upcycle and be transformed. Some women need to sew on these projects for income and security. Let our voices soar to empower them.

Make sure your report form is postmarked by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. This Chairman can't wait to read your report!

## THE ARTS/PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Rosemarie Saviello

### TO DO LIST FOR JANUARY

If you are looking for things to do in January, here are two suggestions:

**First suggestion: Consider entering the NJSFWC Writing Contest.** The categories including the specifics are listed below:

- Poetry, must be a minimum of 8 lines, and a maximum of 50 lines.
- Haiku any style with 17 syllables (5 – 7 – 5). Only 1 entry per person.

## THE ARTS/PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (continued)

- Play or Skit (one act), 10-15 minutes
- Short Story, 2000 word limit.
- Book Review, 2000 word limit.

Once your writing piece is completed, here is the next few steps and rules:

1. Send two copies of each entry, to the NJSFWC Literature Chairman, Joanne DeBenedictis, 105 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Belmar, NJ 07719 no later than February 1st. DO NOT MAIL "REGISTERED" OR "CERTIFIED," please use regular mail.
2. Entries must be written during the contest year.
3. Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
4. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of 1 inch on all four sides, on 8 ½ inches x 11 inches paper.
5. Entries must have the following in the top right-hand corner of each page:
  - a. author's name
  - b. e-mail address (if available)
  - c. mailing address
  - d. telephone number
  - e. name of local club/state
  - f. category
  - g. title of manuscript
  - h. professional or amateur (earnings not to exceed \$500 annually) writer
6. Enclose a \$1.00 entry fee for each entry. Make check payable to NJSFWC.
7. All entries are judged on content, organization, and form. Decision of the judges is FINAL.
8. Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should retain a copy.
9. First Place State Winners in Short Story and Poetry contests will be sent for judging in the GFWC Member Short Story and Poetry contests by the State Chairman. A release form must accompany the entry and the release form must be signed by the author.
10. Winners will be notified. Note: By submitting the state winning entries in the Youth and Member Short Story and Poetry contests to GFWC. Authors are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sublicense the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.

**Second suggestion: Consider performing in the District Arts Performing Day.** What can you do?

- You can sing or play an instrument. Don't want to do it alone? Get a few club members to join you. Lip sync or use your own voice. Find a song and music you like. Your performance, if you are performing alone should be five minutes. If you have a group performance, it may be for ten minutes.
- Read a story or recite a poem. It may be a favorite piece you like or an original of your own. Performance time should be 5 to 10 minutes.
- Do a group reading, play or skit with other members. If you have 3-4 members, your performing time should be 15 minutes. If you have more than 5 members performing in your act, you have 20 minutes.

Whatever you decide to do, keep a record for your report.

Please attend or perform in your District Arts Performing Day coming in February or March 2022.

**Please don't forget to submit a report for 2021!**

If you have any questions, please contact this Chairman, Rosemarie Saviello, [saviello@njsfwc.org](mailto:saviello@njsfwc.org).

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

**Gail Kovacs-Felici**

Since Civic Engagement and Outreach is a new designation area for projects, there may be some questions on where to report the work your club has done.

The first place to start, of course, is the Civic Engagement and Outreach Report Worksheet, which was mailed to all club presidents. Make a copy to use as a practice sheet. The front of the Report Form is fairly specific. For example, if your club supported USO programs – as in supplying cards for service personnel, this is where you report it.

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (continued)

The reverse side of the Report Form lists other projects. An alphabetical list of projects with the corresponding Community Service Program areas was included in the packet of report forms. *\*\*As an aside, keep these "Where Should We Report It" pages – they are a great resource for future club project ideas!* If there are projects you would like to include, but are not listed on the Reporting Form, please add an additional sheet with the information.

A good rule of thumb is to remember the four focus areas of the Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program: Emergency Preparedness, Safety and Crime Prevention; Celebrate Citizenship and Patriotism; Assist the Impoverished; and Support for Military Personnel. If you are still unsure, ask the question "Does this project benefit the community (locally and/or globally) as a whole or does it benefit just a few?" A project that improves the quality of life for many is reported under Civic Engagement and Outreach.

A narrative is useful for this Chairman as she also sends a report of the work done in the state to the GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Chairman. This Chairman will use the narratives to select the Best Reporting by a club in each District and in the State. From these narratives, one club's project will be selected as the State's Club Creativity Award and then forwarded to GFWC. This could be your project that is selected by GFWC to earn your club fame and fortune!

As always, if you have a question, please do not hesitate to contact this Chairman at [kovacsfelici@njsfwc.org](mailto:kovacsfelici@njsfwc.org). I will do my best to answer any questions you may have.

## EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

**Brandi-Leigh Miller**

This Chairman finds report writing to be one of the biggest challenges of club work and suspect that many members feel the same. While 2021 has been a challenging year for communities, our clubs have continued to do what they do best, members see a need and step forward to meet it. Report writing is a time to let the projects and hard work you have done, big or small, shine!

If you have not already started to do so:

- Jot down all of the Education and Libraries related projects that you can think of and ask others in your club to do the same;
- Add the number of members involved, number of participants, monies paid out, monies raised, etc;
- Include any flyers, programs, or other collateral created for the project;
- Write a short narrative describing the project and how it served the community;
- Be sure to highlight any projects related to the GFWC Education and Libraries Challenge Project - STEM projects for special needs students;
- Submit your reports to this Chairman by February 1, 2022.

Still unsure of how to get started? Contact NJSFWC Second Vice President Barbara McCloskey with any questions or even hold a Zoom class for your members!

The Education and Libraries Report Writing Form and information is on the NJSFWC website, [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org), under Materials. Please feel free to reach out for assistance putting together your report to [miller@njsfwc.org](mailto:miller@njsfwc.org).

## ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

**Dawn Pogosaew**

Don't wait to send your reports with all the wonderful projects you have completed throughout this challenging year! Make sure to include a narrative that explains the details of the projects. A paragraph or two can summarize the project, but make sure to include any important details. Not only does the narrative help select the projects for awards, it is also a great reference to help give clubs ideas for future projects, especially now when it can be difficult to meet as a large group.

## ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (continued)

This is also a good time to start to plan for spring projects. One of the greatest positive effects that you can have on the environment is to plant a tree. Celebrate 2022 by planning ahead for Arbor Day. You can select a special site to plant a tree or order bareroot trees and share them with your membership and community members.

There are many trees to choose from, but here are a few of my favorites:

Oak trees are one of the greatest trees to plant anywhere. There are 19 species of oaks to choose from. Our State tree is the Red Oak, which can grow in part shade to full sun and is highly adaptable to most soils. But there are also northern, black, scarlet, pin, chestnut, white, and swamp white oaks to choose from.

There are several trees smaller native flowering trees that this Chairman loves for the urban landscape such as flowering dogwood, service berry, sweetbay magnolia, eastern redbud, and black cherry. All are beneficial to wildlife and are fairly easy to grow.

American holly, white pine, juniper, cedar, and hemlocks are all evergreens and are great for birds!

NJ Department of Environmental Protection grows over 25 different species of tree seedlings that are available through the Seedlings for Reforestation program. Go to [www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests](http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests). Look under Nursery for more information.

This Chairman hopes that everyone will consider planting at least one tree this year!

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## HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Claire Hill

Happy New Year to all. My hope for you is a very healthy 2022. Even in the cold winter months, try to exercise and eat healthy. It is time to work on those reports and brag about all the Health and Wellness projects your club has completed.

Since 2004, February also has been the signature month for the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign and the message that heart disease is not only a man's problem. **National Wear Red Day** will be celebrated on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. So, now is the time to start planning your projects or programs. Visit [www.shopheart.org](http://www.shopheart.org) for a variety of pins and materials you can order to share with your members.

It is also time to make blizzard bags for Meals-on-Wheels. Contact your county senior center to find out where to deliver these bags. If you can't make bags, think about just donating unexpired can goods for the food pantry or Meals-on-Wheels center to distribute.

Please remind your members to schedule a mammogram for the New Year.

This Chairman is anxious to read all about your projects!

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## ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Jane Mackesy

This Chairman wishes you, and your families a safe and healthy 2022!

With January comes Report Writing. This Chairman looks forward to getting reports from lots of Clubs. Many clubs contributed to the Arts and Crafts Collection, so please report that, and any other Advocates projects.

Speaking of the Collection for Children's Specialized Hospitals, the count is over 3,500 items valued at \$8,450. Woman's Club members are AMAZING! Several Clubs have applied for the GFWC Stick Your Neck Out Award. The Statewide Collection of Arts and Craft items, was submitted. This Chairman looks forward to hearing some New Jersey Club names announced at the GFWC Convention.

Look at the Report Form for other areas that can be reported under Advocates for Children, you may have done projects that fit the bill. Please report them!

**COMMUNICATIONS****Carole Speechley**

It's January and, to most of you that means reports. This is your time to brag about all the wonderful things your club did in communications. While all the numbers are important and are used, what is most helpful to both your club and this Chairman are the descriptions of your projects. By copying your report, including the project descriptions, and including it in the files you turn over to the next communications chairman, all of your hard work is not lost and will help your successor succeed.

This Chairman will select 10 projects to report to GFWC. She will look for projects that are new, or successful, or creative or unique, that help your club get better known in the community or improve the internal communications to your club members. No project is too small and all are important. In addition to the 10 projects selected for the GFWC report, one project is selected for the GFWC Club Creativity Award in Communications.

This Chairman will share some of these projects in ALMANAC articles so other clubs can benefit from the reports. One of the biggest benefits of Federation is the help our clubs give each other. Please be part of this sharing by sharing your wonderful projects when you report. This Chairman looks forward to reading them.

**Reminders:**

- **To be judged for an award, reports must be postmarked on or before February 1, 2022.**
- **Due, postmarked on or before February 1, 2022,** and mailed to Carole Speechley, 233 65<sup>th</sup> St., Avalon, NJ 08202:
  - Newsletter entry form and 2 copies of your newsletter
  - Scrapbook entry form
  - Press Book entry form
- Scrapbooks and Press Books must be at Headquarters by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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**CONVENTION AD BOOK****Karen Manneback****CONVENTION AD BOOK**

Ad's for the 2022 Convention Ad Book must be sent digital to [junesmithkm@gmail.com](mailto:junesmithkm@gmail.com) by February 15, 2022. The form can be found online at [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org) - Materials, Convention, Ad Book instructions. The "Friends of Convention" form can also be found there. What a wonderful way to show your appreciation to a member or club by placing an ad in the convention book for everyone to see.

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**CREDENTIALS & REGISTRATION****Cynthia Blumenkrantz**

Happy New Year to everyone! Can you believe we are only four months away from our Annual Convention?

We are excited to have our Convention again in Atlantic City at the Tropicana. NJSFWC will inhabit the larger North Tower where everything will happen. Thanks go out to President Jan Hanson and Convention Chairman, Sue Fosdick for making sure the location fits our needs.

We are now finalizing the details. The Credentials and Registration Committee has a tentative date to mail the CALL to Convention on January 29<sup>th</sup> with a snow date of February 5<sup>th</sup> so you will receive the CALL early February.

Once your Club President receives the CALL, you will want to have your club fill out the forms and register as soon as you can. Particularly for workshops! There is a 25-person limit and first come, first served, no exceptions.

As the plans are finalized, please remember to ensure your registrations stipulate that your group sits together at meals if you so choose and send all your registrations in together as best you can. THERE WILL BE NO changes to the seating or meal choices at Convention.

## CREDENTIALS & REGISTRATION (continued)

Are you going to Convention? Are you available to help Credentials and Registration? Please contact this Chairman right away by emailing her at [blumenkrantz@njsfvc.org](mailto:blumenkrantz@njsfvc.org). Currently this committee is in need of volunteers at Convention for the check-in table from the Highlands, Liberty, Palisades, Shore and Southern Districts.

This Chairman is looking forward to Convention April 24 - 26, 2022. We will see you there.

## GFVC SIGNATURE PROJECT: DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Joyce Fredericks

For many, home is a place of love, warmth and comfort. It's somewhere that you know you will be surrounded by care and support, and a nice little break from the business of the real world. BUT for millions of others, home is anything but a sanctuary.

The US Department of Justice estimates that 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner every year.

Every 9 seconds a woman in the US is beaten or assaulted by a current or ex-significant other.

One in four men are victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.

- Their **self-esteem is totally destroyed**, and they are made to feel they will never be able to find another person to be with.
- The **cycle of abuse**, meaning the 'honeymoon phase' that follows physical and mental abuse, makes them believe their partner really is sorry and does love them.
- It's dangerous to leave. Women are **70 times more likely to be killed** in the weeks after leaving their abusive partner than at any other time in the relationship, according to the Domestic Violence Intervention program.
- Statistics suggest that almost **5 percent of male homicide victims** each year are killed by an intimate partner.
- They feel personally responsible for their partner, or their own behavior. They are made to feel like **everything that goes wrong is their fault**.
- **They share a life**. Marriages, children, homes, pets, and finances are a big reason victims of abuse feel they can't leave.

These facts are alarming, please share AWARENESS of this problem with your members and share the hotline number that they can call if they are a victim or know someone who is: 800 799-7233 or 800 787-3224 (TTY).

Use #DomesticViolenceAwareness to post on social media. Sometimes, people don't know if they are really in an abusive relationship because they're used to their partner calling them crazy or making them feel like all the problems are their own fault.

**CALL your local shelter** and see what they need to make their stay at the shelter a little more pleasant. You could get a list of the children's ages and wish list of items and ask your members to purchase the items.

A popular project is to provide 'birthday bags', filled with a cake mix, icing, candles, paper goods and some small toys so the children can have a small birthday party.

IF YOUR MEMBERS LOVE TO CROCHET OR KNIT, see if they would be willing to make scarfs, hats and/or mittens for the number of women at the shelter. The members that do not have this talent, can donate the wool or material for these items.

This Chairman is looking forward to reading all your projects completed in the Domestic Violence and Sexual Awareness prevention program.

**GIRLS' CAREER INSTITUTE****Mary Kay Tokar**

Delegate Reservations Due January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Happy New Year! Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and peaceful 2022. I trust all of you have had a wonderful holiday season. And I hope we have a mild winter.

As this Director sits writing this in mid-November, she hopes that the new online registration program has gone without a hitch. Though as of this writing, it is still not live but should be before the end of November as promised. Information can be found on [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org) under Materials under Girls' Career Institute. She also hopes that the final approvals have come through from Rutgers. The actual program has been approved, but as of this writing, the use of the dorms (necessary for us) has not.

By now you should have contacted your High Schools and be in the process of choosing your Delegates. Don't forget Alternates, they are very important. The new process for paperwork should be making everything much easier.

Volunteers are still needed for Housemothers, and for daily part-time volunteer helpers. All Club Women are eligible. Contact this Director for more information. [tokar@njsfwc.org](mailto:tokar@njsfwc.org) or 201-320-8403.

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**HISTORIAN****Maribeth Hugelmeyer**

If it is January, it must be REPORT time! This Chairman is looking forward to receiving your Women's History Reports and seeing all the wonderful and creative things you have done in 2021! No matter how your club does their reports; either by each Chairman doing her own or the President and Board doing them all... enjoy remembering the fun times and learning moments at each event.

Some clubs meet in January, and some do not but here is a thought for you to consider for those winter months. Ask several of your club women to volunteer to research the lives and accomplishments of local community or state women of the past. For example, Alice Paul, suffragist, and women's rights activist was born in Mount Laurel. The work of the NJSFWC and Mabel Smith Douglass in the founding of the New Jersey College for Women (now Douglass Residential College.)

There have been 57 NJSFWC Presidents, and most of their history during their administration can be found in *A Century of Challenge, New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs First 100 Years*.

When the research is completed, share it with your club members by having a ceremony to honor these women. Enjoy this historical learning experience!

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**HONORS****Marie DiMatties**

The **Women of Achievement** nominations are in! The deadline was November 15<sup>th</sup>. Now the selection committee has the very difficult task of making the final selections from a number of outstanding women. The honorees that are chosen will be recognized during the NJSFWC Annual Convention in May.

Please consider becoming a patron of the Woman of Achievement Awards; encourage you club and fellow clubwomen to become a patron as well. The monies collected go toward continuing education scholarships for students at Douglass Residential College. A Patron Form can be found in this issue of the ALMANAC as well as on the website

The deadline for submitting nominees for the **Cecilia Gaines Holland Award** is February 1, 2022. It's not too late to get the nomination paperwork to this Chairman at her home address 315 Walnut Street, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. Pertinent information for submitting nominations can be found on the website.

**Forms included in this ALMANAC are:**

Honor Roll with Honor Roll Tribute Tips, deadline April 1, 2022

Order of the Lily, deadline April 1, 2022.

Women of Achievement Patron Subscription Form, deadline March 20, 2022

**LEGISLATION/RESOLUTIONS****Chris Sienkielewski**

As NJ begins a new state legislature, NJSFWC members can achieve its goals of moving resolutions towards laws by understanding how the State House moves.

State Legislatures are thought of more as the “people’s” government than is Congress in that serving as a state legislator is rarely the sole occupation. Most state legislators earn their living through other vocations. Because of increased complexity of public policy questions, the urgent need for answers to those questions, and federal deregulation, state legislative and regulatory bodies are more recognized for the ability to enact change. State legislatures and regulatory agencies have taken over many responsibilities once managed at the federal level. Former federal programs are now state run, such as the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, and many times NJ will develop and implement new programs to meet the needs of their citizens.

While state legislatures are structured similarly, no two operate in exactly the same manner. New Jersey is comprised of two chambers: a lower house, called the Assembly and an upper house called the Senate. All legislative business is conducted by joint committees of both houses, significantly reducing the number of hearings each bill will receive.

There are differences and similarities between the lower and upper houses. The differences are:

- The Assembly is the numerically larger chamber;
- Members of the Senate serve a larger constituency (usually both numerically and geographically) than do members of the lower house; and
- Members of the Senate generally serve longer terms of office.

The similarities between chambers are that they:

- Are about equally powerful;
- Have similar workloads;
- Have virtually parallel committee structures; and
- Provide information and assistance to their district’s voters.

Please feel free to share this information with your members. As we learn more of how our legislature works, we can better able communicate with our representatives in Congress.

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS****Linda Carbley**

A final reminder that the deadline for submitting your nomination form and the appropriate documentation is due postmarked by January 2, 2022 to Headquarters. If you have any questions please call or email Linda Carbley, the Chairman, at [carbley@njsfwc.org](mailto:carbley@njsfwc.org) or 732-522-1314.

To date the following nominations have been received for positions on the NJSFWC Board of Directors for 2022 to 2024:

Trustee to serve as First Vice President - Barbara McCloskey  
Nominated by the Denville Rockaway Woman's Club

Trustee to serve as Second Vice President - Susan Chambers  
Nominated by the Book and Needle Woman's Club of Oradell

Trustee to serve as Financial Secretary – Christine Burlew  
Nominated by the Woman’s Literary Club of Bound Brook

Trustee to serve as Recording Secretary – Maribeth Hugelmeyer  
Nominated by the Metuchen Edison Women’s Club

Trustee to serve as Vice President College District – Linda Carbley  
Nominated by the East Brunswick Woman’s Club

Trustee to serve as Vice President – Garden District – Marie DiMatties  
Nominated by the The Haddon Fortnightly Club

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (continued)**

Trustee to serve as Vice President - Highlands District - Lynn Webb  
Nominated by the Washington Woman's Club

Trustee to serve as Vice President – Ramapo District – Tina Ree  
Nominated by the Woman's Club of West Milford

Trustee to serve as Chairman - The Arts/Culture Community Service Program - Barbara Rose  
Nominated by the Washington Woman's Club

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

The clubs, Districts and the State have been very busy raising money for Operation Chillout. The **Woman's Club of Upper Montclair** held their Annual Goulash luncheon, 50/50 and purse sale. They raised \$1,900. This Chairman had never had goulash or rum raisin ice cream before and loved it.

The Garden District had their Bunco luncheon with homemade cookies and basket auction. This Chairman LOVES Bunco!!! The members and clubs donated 18 baskets. They raised a total of \$1,372. A special thank you goes out to all who donated baskets and to the chairmen and committee who made it very successful.

The State held their first fundraiser in the south on November 18<sup>th</sup> with a Fashion Show with Chico outfits and luncheon with 115 in attendance. They also had a basket auction, with over 18 baskets, and 50/25/25 raffle. 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.

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. It will be a Wine and Cheese Party with extra goodies. There will be a 50/25/25 and basket auction. The cost is \$35 each or two for \$60. The invitation to attend is in this ALMANAC.

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS!!!** District Vice Presidents and this Chairman have tickets as well as Headquarters. Don't be left out!!!

It is that time of year to write reports and brag about your club's accomplishments. Remember to include District as well as State Functions. Purchasing from the Operation Chillout website online is very important to this Chairman, so she can be aware of the States help and totals.

Let this Chairman know all your club has accomplished including donating gift cards and any fundraising. This Chairman is looking forward to reading all the details in the narrative of your club's report. She will be bragging about all you have done in your club, District and State for her GFWC Report which she will write for the State. Thank you in advance for ALL your reports!

"Let Our Voices Soar" for Operation Chillout and lets show them what the clubs of the NJSFWC can accomplish even during a pandemic. Thank you for all you have done for Operation Chillout for this past year and beyond!

**WEBMASTER****Denise Hosier**

If you have a website, please enter our website contest. Entries are sent to the webmaster in February, with judging to take place at the beginning of March. Watch for all the rules and how to enter in the February issue of the ALMANAC, or find the information in the MATERIALS section of [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org) under WEB COMMUNICATIONS.

If you're sprucing up your site for entry, remember that sites are judged on the following criteria:

1. Meeting the rules (name, president, contact information, NJSFWC of GFWC & District)
2. Presentation
3. Ease of navigation

**WEBMASTER (continued)**

4. Federation information
5. Useful & pertinent information for club members

And don't forget, we have a NEW AWARD this year. In addition to FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD place statewide, we will also present an award for the BEST FREE SITE. Hope to see your entry in February!

**DAY OF SERVICE****Barbara Rose**

Our Day of Service, November 13, 2021, was a great success, thanks to the efforts of our leaders and club women. This Officer is pleased to announce preliminary figures for the gift and greeting cards, blankets, and participants. These figures represent 7 of the 8 districts, with one more to be received:

Gift cards received to date were an overwhelming 1,003 with a value of \$10,390.  
 Greeting cards made: 1,085  
 Blankets tied: 14

One hundred forty members, representing 71 clubs attended the day. Many people reported enjoying the project as a time to get back together with other members, and for some, a reason to have lunch after the workshop. Great job, everyone!

Thank you for supporting Covenant House!

**LEGACY****Laura Badger**

For clubwomen who want information on Legacy Planned Giving to the NJSFWC, it can be accessed on the NJSFWC website, [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org), under Materials, Legacy Committee. The administration's position is that your plans are private and we will work on the honor system that you have made these provisions with your attorney. Federation will be grateful for any remembrance you give in your will.

A Legacy Planned Giving Circle Pledge by a clubwoman is to be submitted to Headquarters on the form on the website; the form will also be in the February ALMANAC. Again, the pledge is private except to be acknowledged by the Federation with a small token of thanks if you desire.

Questions should be submitted to this Legacy Chairman, [badger@njsfwc.org](mailto:badger@njsfwc.org). It is suggested that you consult your legal and financial advisors for their professional guidance.

The NJSFWC of GFWC Mission Statement is: "The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC provides 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." Your planned giving can help our mission.

With the mission in mind ..... The Legacy of Clubwomen will live on!

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