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## Let Our Voices Soar

### ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN JANUARY 2022 BULLETIN

Happy New Year! I hope that as you work on your reports, that you will evaluate the projects that you did in Advocates for Children, and see what you might do again, or possibly might want to try new projects. You may also get ideas from the report form.

***It has been brought to my attention that I did not change my phone number on the Advocates Report Form. Please use my cell and leave a message if I don't answer. 201-725-4761. It is in the yearbook as well.***

This might be the time of year that Club Women might knit, or crochet. Hat Not Hate is an organization that collects handmade blue hats and donates them to students, as a sign of solidarity against bullying. Over 90,000 hats have been donated so far. If you want to become one of the thousands of #bluesoldiers who make hats, you can check out [www.hatnothate.org](http://www.hatnothate.org). They have patterns that you can follow. There is also a Hat Not Hate loom available at Michaels. I'm going to try that, since I don't crochet or knit. 😊 Once you are finished, you can send your hat(s) to:

#HatNotHate  
Lion Brand Yarn Company  
140 Kero Road  
Carlstadt, NJ 07022

Please email me pictures of your hats, and we can share on our Facebook page.

New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

Jan Hanson, President

"Let Our Voices Soar"

Lynn Webb

Arts and Culture Chairman

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Achievement Day is coming and each district chairman is preparing the Arts and Culture Registration Form that has their name and address on the bottom of the form. Each form is for one entry and is mailed to your district chairman. Deadlines for the entries is three weeks before your Achievement Day. The supplement is on the NJSFWC website to match the numbers and titles to your entry.

The gold winners will be invited to enter their entries at the NJSFWC Convention. If it is baked goods or candy, a recipe is required and freshly bake the items for Sunday, April 24, 2022. We will be taking the entries in the morning and the judging will take place at noon. This chairman is looking for volunteers in each district to help out at the convention. Please let her know your name, district, e-mail and cell number at [webb@NJSFWC.org](mailto:webb@NJSFWC.org)

Thank you for your enthusiasm and interest in displaying your masterpieces on Achievement Day! This chairman looks forward to see you at the convention.

– February 2022

GFWC Signature Project – Domestic and Sexual Violence Bulletin

Joyce Fredericks

As part of the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention, the *GFWC Success For Survivors Scholarship* was created in 2012 to lend a helping hand to those impacted by intimate partner violence who are pursuing higher education. The scholarship aims to provide survivors with a means to achieve both financial and personal independence. Since its inception, GFWC has awarded more than \$97,500 in scholarship funds.

Reminder: The 2022 application is now available at the [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) website.

Here are some deadlines for the 2021 scholarship:

Feb 4, 2022 This is the absolute deadline to get the scholarship application to GFWC.

MAY 2022 – Announcement of winners.

July 2022 – GFWC awards the funds to the recipients.

Consider contacting your local DV shelter to remind the women of the deadlines and encourage them to participate.

**PROJECT FOR FEBRUARY: Have club members make Valentine cards at a meeting**

Put them in small plastic bags and provide them to the shelters for the children to give to their friends. Call the shelter and ask if this would be okay and ask how many children are in residence. Bring some packaged candy for the shelter.

**CHALLENGE PROJECT HEADS UP: Remember that April is National Child Abuse Awareness and prepare to PLANT PIN WHEEL GARDENS.**

This Chairman expects 100% participation. Even a small pot of pin wheels can make a difference. Your Library is a great location. Make up printed size business cards with the hot line number to report child abuse (1-877 NJ ABUSE) to put in your library.

- **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH**

**GAIL D. KOVACS-FELICI, CHAIRMAN**

There are four areas of the Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program which reminds us that we are part of a larger society – locally, regionally, nationally and globally.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION**

The goal in this area is to make our communities and homes safer.

*National Night Out's* purpose is to build a working relationship between neighbors and local police departments. This event, held the first Tuesday in August, includes safety demonstrations, activities for children and much more. This is a perfect project to interest community members in your club and to provide visibility within the community.

**CELEBRATE CITIZENSHIP AND PATRIOTISM**

As we approach the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. Think of those who immigrated and became a U.S. citizen. Could we pass the naturalization test?

A short program for a club meeting could be the twenty-question sample practice U.S. Citizenship test. The tests are available – free of charge – on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website

**ASSISTING THE IMPOVERISHED**

NJSFWC has a long history of projects that help those that are less fortunate. Some examples are the 2020 Day Of Service project – EMBRELLA and state projects such as the NJ Food Bank and CASA.

A Community project such as “I Support The Girls” or “Free The Girls” is doable even during the COVID-19 restrictions. Publish information on your community’s website and your club’s Facebook page. Establish a drop off point where one new bra and \$1 postage could be collected by residents.

**SUPPORT FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL**

Many club members and their families have had members in the U.S. Armed Forces. Supporting the needs of our active and retired military is the fourth area of the Civic Engagement and Outreach program.

Nationally there are more than one million blind and visually impaired veterans. In 2006 a Braille Flag was created by a son to honor his World War II veteran father who had lost his sight. In 2008 Congress approved the Braille Flag as an official American flag. Purchasing and donating the fully tactile flag aides the visually impaired in denoting the orientation and colors of the flag’s stripes, stars and field. It also contains the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America in both raised print and Braille.

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

Jan Hanson, President

*Let Our Voices Soar*

JANUARY 2022 COMMUNICATIONS BULLETIN

Carole Speechley, Chairman

January, the start of a new year, brings in many hopes for the future. Hopefully, as you did your reports, you got a new appreciation for all the good your club does and this gave you hope for another wonderful year.

This Chairman thanks everyone who submitted a Communications report. The numbers are important and go into the totals for New Jersey that our President gets to brag about in her report to GFWC. This Chairman gets to brag to GFWC about the best 10 projects in Communications, giving credit to the clubs that submitted them.

**Two Projects from GFWC's 2020 Top Ten in Communications:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Woman's Club of Wenonah for making one of GFWC's top 10!

### Farmer's Market in the Park

**Woman's Club of Wenonah (NJ)** expanded the Wenonah Farmer's Market, a community outreach program they started in 2019. They reached a massive audience through social media advertising. Their market website featured all vendors and offered pre-ordering. They also established a Facebook page and an Instagram account for the market. More than 1,200 people were served and most transactions were hands-free with curbside pickup available. This project gives them broad exposure in the community!

### Supporting the Community

Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach (CA) decided to support local restaurants that had donated goods in the past. Each week for 12 weeks, they featured a local restaurant and encouraged the community to order take out and share their experience on social media. They created yard signs, stickers, and window signs that said "Support Local." The signs also featured the club's 100th anniversary and had a QR code that gave information on the club.

### **IMPORTANT DEADLINES:**

- **Postmarked by 2/1/22** to Carole Speechley, 233 65<sup>th</sup> St., Avalon NJ 08202 :
  - Newsletter contest entry form and 2 copies of the newsletter.
  - Pressbook and Scrapbook entry forms.
- **Delivered to NJSFWC Headquarters by March 15<sup>th</sup>**, all Pressbook and Scrapbook entries.

**What We Do Matters So.... Let Our Voices Soar in 2022!**

**New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC  
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**EDUCATION and LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

**Chairman (Liberty)**

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**ESO Chairman (Liberty)**

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**Brandi-Leigh Miller**

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**Pat Trainor**

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**SPELLING BEE PROGRAM – POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The NJSFWC Spelling Bee Program is being temporarily postponed while we monitor the latest guidelines related to the latest COVID variant.

To be clear:

- All CLUB LEVEL Spelling Bee contests can be held through February. Safety is our top priority.
- DISTRICT LEVEL Spelling contests will be held in March.
- The STATE Spelling Bee (currently scheduled for March 12) will be held on April 9th

Please contact NJSFWC Education & Libraries CSP Chairman, Brandi-Leigh Miller at [miller@njsfwc.org](mailto:miller@njsfwc.org) or your District Spelling Bee Chairman with immediate questions.

**NJSFWC ESO BOOK DISCUSSION – January 12, 2022**

On Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm, NJSFWC ESO Chairman Pat Trainor will host an online book discussion via Zoom. The next book in our discussion series will be *A Winter Dream* by Richrd Paul Evans. Discussions about new books take place every other month.

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

**Reminder! You can now submit your ESO Book Report online: <https://ti-nyurl.com/ESONJSFWC>**

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

**CONSIDER BECOMING A MENTOR!**

Investigate ways in your community to join an established program or have the club establish their own mentor program.

Talk to your local YMCA, Boys or Girls Club, or Scouts program to see if mentoring is available.

Here are resources:

<https://www.mentoring.org/take-action/become-a-mentor/>

<https://www.bgca.org/get-involved/advocacy/federal-priorities/youth-mentoring>

You can also mentor other adults. If you are a business owner or have a certain skill set, you can join programs to mentor those entering the field. Here is one way to pay it forward:

**Facts about mentoring from mentoring.org:**

- Young adults with a mentor are:
- 55% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school
- 78% more likely to volunteer regularly
- 90% are interested in becoming a mentor
- 130% more likely to hold leadership positions
- 37% less likely to skip a class
- 55% more likely to enroll in college and have better attitudes about school

## **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

January 2022

Bulletin

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Welcome to 2022. Let's hope it's much better than 2021 and we are all much healthier.

I am anxiously waiting for the Health and Wellness Reports that you will mail very soon.

Don't forget to include even the smallest thing your club members did. Every little thing adds up to big things. A narrative is very important. Report how you did the project, why, who worked on it, the time it took and the cost. Most important is the reason for the project.

Please remember National Wear Red Day, February 4. Wear something Red to bring awareness to the growing epidemic of Cardiovascular Disease. Red can be lipstick, or a sweater or dress. Decorate your town with Red Ribbons and posters to bring awareness to Heart Disease. Have your members wear Red to your meeting.

Now with the New Year, think about Gilda's Club and Wellness Centers. If your club has members that sew, knit or crochet, think about making comfort pillows for breast cancer or heart surgery. Offer items to the local Adult Day care.

For those who have not received their immunizations, try to encourage them to get the shots, and boosters. Also, flu shots, pneumonia shots and the shingles shots are important too.

Let's try to keep our member healthy for the new year.

**LET OUR VOICES SOAR**

**New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club of GFWC**

**Jan W. Hanson, President**

***Let our Voices Soar***

**NJSFWC Honors Chairman**

**Marie DiMatties**

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**HONORS COMMITTEE**

**JANUARY 2022 BULLETIN**

**WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT:**

The Patron Subscription form for the Women of Achievement Awards can be found on the NJSFWC website and in the January ALMANAC. The deadline for receipt of donations sent to Headquarters is March 12, 2022.

Proceeds will fund a one-time scholarship for a non-traditional student enrolled at Douglass Residential College. Since 1982, NJSFWC has been supporting and partnering with Douglass Residential College in the Women of Achievement Program. Please consider being a patron for this worthy endeavor.

**HONOR ROLL AND ORDER OF THE LILY:**

Forms for submitting women to be placed on the Honor Roll or in the Order of the Lily are in the January ALMANAC and on the NJSFWC website. Kindly use these forms as there have been changes. The Honors Chairman will email the person submitting the tribute that it has been received.

Each tribute is to be submitted on a separate form, together with the specified fee of \$50 for Honor Roll and \$25 for the Order of the Lily for each recipient. One check is acceptable if making more than one tribute.

The deadline is **APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**, for the tribute and payment to be received at Headquarters for presentation at the 2022 Ceremony. Those received after April 1<sup>st</sup> will be held for the 2023 Ceremony.

**HONORS BOOK AND MEMORIALS BOOK**

**Honors Book:** At any time of the year you may honor someone by enrolling that person in the NJSFWC **Honors Book**. Send name, address and reason for honoring together with a check for \$15.00 earmarked "Honors Book" to NJSFWC Headquarters. An acknowledgment will be sent to the honoree notifying her or him of your gift.

**Memorials** for deceased Clubwomen or Club friend to be entered into the **Memorials Book** are appropriate at any time of year. A letter with the person's name and pertinent information is sent to NJSFWC Headquarters, with a check for \$15.00 earmarked "Memorials Book". If you wish an acknowledgment be sent to the person's family that information should also be included in the letter, and an "In Memoriam" card will be sent.

## Legislation/Resolutions January 2022 Council Bulletin

### Let Our Voices Soar

All members of GFWC have been issued a GFWC Legislation Action Center Challenge. The Legislative Action Center is a powerful tool to alert you to GFWC's Public Policy issues and advocacy center. On that sight you can track national bills and take direct action on issues that are germane to GFWC Resolutions. And, you will be able to directly contact your national representatives and senators.

But to do that you must first sign up. Go to [GFWC.org](http://GFWC.org) and look under the heading that says "WHAT WE DO". Click on "Legislation/Public Policy" and scroll down to Legislative Action Center. You can fill out the information and alerts will be sent directly to your mailbox.

As of the fall, New Jersey had the highest number of individual members in our region— 465 – who have signed up. If you have not done so, please consider this BEFORE June 1, 2022. It is a wonderful way to let our voices soar!

**JANUARY 2022 ARTS PERFORMING BULLETIN**  
**ROSEMARIE SAVIELLO, CHAIRMAN**

Happy New Year! This is going to be a great year starting with our District Council meetings, moving to District Performing Arts Day.

Please consider performing on your District Performing Arts Day. There are so many ways to perform; you can sing, dance, tell jokes, do a skit, read your favorite poem or story etc.

Just register your performance with your District Arts Performing Chairman. Check the list below of the dates for the District Performing Arts days and get in touch with your District Arts Performing Chairman.

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>
College	3/24/22	Joyce Dreger
Garden	3/25/22	Paula Brining
Highlands	3/09/22	Carmen Rohde
Liberty	3/21/22	Barbara Spillane
Palisades	2/11/22	Rosemarie Woodruff
Ramapo	3/14/22	Patricia Black
Shore	3/22/22	Valerie Tiase
Southern	3/23/22	Barbara Westog

**Please plan on performing or attending this fun and entertaining day!**

Thank you,  
Rosemarie Saviello  
Arts Performing Chairman



SPECIAL STATE PROJECT – OPERATION CHILLOUT – JANUARY BULLETIN 2021

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“Let Our Voices Soar”

The North Special State Project Fundraiser is a Wine and Cheese. It is on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 2:00pm at the Woman’s Club of Upper Montclair’s Clubhouse. There will be a 50/25/25 and basket auction.

**We are looking for donations of wine and baskets. Please let this chairman know if you can help.** The cost is \$35 for each person or two for \$60. The two can be husband and wife or two friends going together for fun. Check the January ALMANAC for the invitation.

**This is a reminder, if you want to make a donation to Special State Project - Operation Chillout, please send checks to Headquarters made out to **NJSFWC and earmarked Operation Chillout**; do not send them directly to Operation Chillout so we can present a final check at Convention to Operation Chillout!!**

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS!!!** DVP’s and this chairman have tickets as well as Headquarters. Don’t be left out!!! There are only three months until Convention where the winning ticket will be drawn!!!!

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**BULLETIN - JANUARY 2022**

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In 1987, Congress passed a proclamation establishing March as Women's History Month. The National History Alliance selects the theme for each year. The theme for 2022 is "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope." This is to pay tribute to the caregivers and frontline workers who worked endlessly during the pandemic. Recognition goes also to all the women worldwide who have worked in fields of healing throughout history.

Why not celebrate Women's History month in March with a program dedicated to the women caregivers and frontline workers. Recognize them for all they did and continue to do.

International Women's Day is March 8, 2022. On this day, the achievements of women are celebrated. Wear PURPLE that day!

Thank you to all the clubs that have mailed in their reports. I have enjoyed reading the narratives and find them all interesting. I look forward to receiving the rest of them as the deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>!