

Cecilia Gaines Holland

Every year accolades are bestowed for exemplary achievement. There are MVP awards, Emmys, Tonys, and Oscars. Well, NJSFWC presents the prestigious "Cecilia", not a statuette but a lovely charm inscribed with the recipient's initials, along with a framed scroll. This award is given at Convention to a Federation member whose accomplishments and service to the community are outside of her Club work.

Our "Cecilia" was named for Cecilia Gaines, the second State President. Described as a handsome, young, blue-eyed blonde, she accomplished many goals during her successful administration. Subsequent to leaving office, Miss Gaines married Dr. John A. Holland, but never severed her affiliation with Federation. She wrote articles for newspapers and magazines and was known as a popular after-dinner speaker.

Clubs submitting nominations must include a tabulation of what is and what was accomplished; the signature of the club President and /or the recording secretary, and must be received by the Cecilia Gaines Holland Chairman, Jill McDonald, mcdonald@njsfwc.org.

As a reminder to clubs wishing to nominate a member for the Cecilia Gaines award, you do not need an application blank. What is needed is a catalog of her accomplishments.

Eligibility is open to an EMD or a General Club member who qualifies to join the elite list of "Cecilia" winners.