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New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

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President's Message—Shirley A. Holly

Day of Service has just concluded. A huge thank you to Mary Lou Bak, State Day of Service Chairman for reaching out to the Community Foodbank of NJ to see what we could do for them. She organized and coordinated an amazing day with all 8 District Chairman really stepping up to find venues and get the food bag lists out to the clubs in their District. Thank you to: College--Stephanie Carr, Garden--Lucille Petrillo, Highlands--Joan Garbarino, Liberty--Joanne Aponte, Palisades--Deen Meloro, Ramapo--Marlene Fredericks, Shore--Karen Osborne, Southern--Linda Green, Vice Chair-- Carol Niemiec This was truly a team effort which would not have been the success it was without these women coordinating the details for their individual district. Thank you to all club women who brought food donations and/or worked the event. All of the statistics are not in yet, but we do know that over 900 food bags and over 4,000 individual food items were donated to food banks across NJ.

March seems to be the month when NJSFWC spring activities will swing into action! One of my favorite projects is the Spelling Bee held for 4th and 5th graders. This was a project from the Junior Membership that began in 1989. Thank you to all of the club and District Spelling Bee Chairman for embracing this project and carrying on the tradition. State Spelling Bee Chairman Brandi-Leigh Miller is diligently working on all of the details for the State Bee to be held at Federation Headquarters on March 18th. It's always exciting to see the District winners and their families anxiously arrive at Headquarters.

District Performing Arts Days began last month and will continue this month. Thank you to Vice Chairman, Rosemarie Saviello for overseeing the District performances. We anxiously await to see the winning acts performed at convention in May.

District Civic Engagement and Outreach Days will be held the 28th or 29th of March. What a wonderful way to learn about organizations in your own back yard that clubs can collaborate with. Thank you to Ann Brown, State Civic Engagement and Outreach Chairman and the District CEO Chairman for the work they have invested to have organizations speak to their District members.

Next year there will be a state-wide CEO Day for all to attend together.

Spring Conferences and Achievement Days are right around the corner! Arts and Culture Chairman Barbara Rose and Environment Chairman Jacqueline Wisner and their judges, are looking forward to viewing the crafts, baked goods, photographs, plants and floral arrangements our talented members create.

We all know that the Annual NJSFWC Convention will be here before we know it. Don't forget to have your registration postmarked on or before March 31st in order to not pay the late fee! Room reservations need to be made by April 21st, in order to receive the group rate of \$123.85 which reflects the \$79 per night plus resort, tourism and occupancy fees and taxes..

Don't forget to get your Continuing Funds Sheet to Headquarters postmarked by April 1st. Remember the top three donations for the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation given through Headquarters will be recognized at Convention in May. Next year there will be a special presentation when the numbers are revealed, you will want your club to be included in that total!

One last deadline is the blue sheet (yearbook data sheet) to Headquarters postmarked by May 1, 2023. The number of members listed on the blue sheet will determine how many members your club will be billed for in the Fall. It's important to update the President and other officer information so that your club doesn't miss any of the mailings from Headquarters!

Happy St. Patrick's Day for all of you fellow Irishmen!

Shirley

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NJSFWC PRESIDENT-ELECT**Barbara McCloskey**

Question - What is the role of a DVP? *The District Vice Presidents are the liaison between clubs and the state. Our state is divided into 8 districts – College, Garden, Highlands, Liberty, Palisades, Ramapo, Shore and Southern. The names were chosen because of the area of the state in which the clubs are located.*

This Officer meets with the DVP's after each State Board meeting to answer questions that may come up in their district, review protocol, share ideas and discuss how they can support the clubs in their district.

Question – What does NJSFWC of GFWC stand for and why do we pay them \$15 of our dues' money? This stands for New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs). All 50 states have a Federation committed to doing community service within their state under the umbrella of GFWC. Information is distributed to local clubs from the national and state level through a leadership chain. Here are **just some** of what your GFWC dues provides, and additional information can be found on the GFWC.org website.

1. GFWC Club Manual contains information and resources strengthening your clubs' activities. This information is similar to NJSFWC's Supplements in each program area.
2. GFWC awards, contests and grants which provide recognition and or financial rewards to GFWC members, clubs and state federations.
3. News and Notes is GFWC's weekly e-newsletter provides timely information every week to your email inbox. Some highlights include programs, member and club news and Marketplace sales. (Marketplace is GFWC's store for GFWC apparel, information booklets, etc.)
4. GFWC provides member discounts including, but not limited to, 75% savings on printing at Office Depot. (Go to GFWC.org/Membership for more discounts)
5. GFWC provides a Mediators Program offering specialized, confidential assistance with difficult issues related to club members and or club development.
6. GFWC provides a Top Projects list from the last year of awards entries to stimulate new ideas and activities in clubs.
7. GFWC provides friendship and networking opportunities to members throughout the country.

GFWC has a Board of Directors, which includes the President from each state along with Chairman for each program area. In addition to GFWC's Annual Convention, these leaders attend several meetings annually providing training to assist them in meeting their leadership responsibilities to their program area. NJSFWC operates under the leadership of a Board of Directors also.

Question – What does MAR stand for? MAR stands for Middle Atlantic Region. GFWC divides the country into regions. Several states makeup each region and New Jersey is a member of the Middle Atlantic Region. The other members of MAR are New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

The MAR conference alternates between each state and the next MAR conference will be right here in New Jersey, September 28th thru October 1st. Our own Mary Pat Marcello is the MAR President for this administration. All club members are welcome to attend.

NJSFWC FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**Susan Chambers**

Report Writing does not just take place in January. Yes, the final copies must be postmarked by February 1st and from what this Officer can tell, most clubs do complete the forms in January. But remember to start keeping track of your club's activities each month, project by project, so that January will not be overwhelming.

What happens to your Report forms after you mail them to the appropriate State Chairman? First, she notes that your envelope is postmarked no later than February 1st. Then she notes whether you have included a narrative that gives a qualitative explanation of the quantitative information you have provided. She separates the reports based on club size and then analyzes your report to choose the most creative project (the Chairman writes a one-page narrative summary of this project), the top 10 projects (the Chairman writes a two-page narrative describing the who, what, when, where, how and why of the best) and those that will receive recognition at District Spring Councils and Convention. Each Chairman

NJSFWC FIRST VICE PRESIDENT continued

logs your club's statistics on an Excel spread sheet that's arranged by District. The tallies of number of projects, hours, dollars donated, and in-kind donations are sent by each chairman to this Officer who compiles the figures for our President and GFWC.

What happens in your club to your Report forms after you've mailed them into the State Chairman? You give your copy to your club president so that she can: peruse them for her Spring Council presentation; work with your club historian or secretary to add to your club history; share the results with the entire club; file them for reference for next year!

NJSFWC SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Chris Sienkielewski

As we come to the close of a club year, it would be a good time to survey your club members. Take some time to ask your members about past projects and programs and encourage them to make some suggestions as you plan for 2023-2024.

This is also a good time for you to assess other ways of helping your members understand and participate in the leadership process of your club.

- Does your club have job descriptions for positions and projects?
This is a perfect way to help members understand their duties when taking on a new position. If a member knows exactly what she is to do, then decision-making is easier.
- Do your members know the opportunities afforded to them within your club structure?
This just isn't officer's positions, but also project/program chairmen and committees. By letting members know about opportunities, they can see where their own talents and interests fit.
- Can your club breakdown large scale projects into smaller segments with task-specific committees, timelines, and member accountability?
Those new members who are unsure of time commitments and what is needed may find it easier to volunteer for things that are clear-cut and specific. Small successes can energize your entire club.
- Consider asking members about their interests, skills and talents and keep them in a file. You never know the hidden talents of your members unless you ask.

NJSFWC TREASURER

Linda Babeuf

NJSFWC FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Christina Burlew

NJSFWC is sponsoring a MEGA 50/50 Raffle. Tickets are available for \$10 each. The drawing will be on Wednesday morning, May 3rd at Convention. This raffle will benefit Headquarters and is in addition to the 50/25/25 raffles held on Monday and Tuesday evenings at Convention.

Prior to Convention all Board Members will have tickets available for you to purchase at club meetings, events, Spring Conference and Achievement Day. Members who would like tickets to sell can contact this Officer for tickets at 732-885-1466 or chrisburlew2147@yahoo.com

When selling tickets, don't forget to ask your family and friends.

Reminder: whenever your club raises funds for Emanuel Cancer Foundation, the money should be sent to Headquarters. If you have a speaker at your meeting and you want to give them a donation, the donation should be sent through Headquarters as well.

COLLEGE DISTRICT**Linda Carbley**

Bridgewater Woman's Club will host speaker Joel Farkas who will lecture on the attitudes toward women and the roles women played during the American Revolution on March 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Cranbury Woman's Club will be stuffing Eggs with Candy for the April 8th Easter Egg Hunt and will host a Winter Bulb Planting event.

Metuchen Edison Women's Club will hold a fundraiser on March 20th from 11:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza in Edison and an outing to Medieval Times.

Franklin Woman's Club will be hosting their Tricky Tray on Friday, March 17th at the Franklin High School.

Flemington Woman's Club will host a program on Preserving Hunterdon's Historic Buildings with Janice Armstrong on March 8th at 1:00 p.m. Listen to a lecture with pictures of buildings on the National Historic Register.

Holland Township Woman's Club will be holding their first Craft/Vendor Show on March 25th at the Holland Twp. Vol. Fire Co. from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00p.m. Admission is one non-perishable food item.

Kalmia Woman's Club on March 13th will have a program called Movers and Shakers in Kalmia History. The history of the former Quaker school that became the Kalmia club is well known and historian Barb Hencheck is going to share about some of the founding forewomen who created this lasting institution.

The **Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook** will be holding their annual covered dish luncheon and hosted a Bakeless Cake Sale fundraiser in the month of February.

GARDEN DISTRICT**Marie DiMatties**

According to Sue Sheehan, **Garden District Membership Chairman**, the Garden District clubs have reported 27 new members in the District.

The **Woman's Club of Penns Grove Carney's Point** held its annual Soup Sale in February which proved to be very successful. Plans are underway for the Garden Mart to be held in Dunns Park in May.

Woman's Club of Wenonah member Jessica Doheny was sworn in for a historic first term as the first female Mayor of the Borough of Wenonah! Jessica and other Town Council members are active Woman's Club members as well.

GFWC Gloucester County Woman's Club has an ongoing project TRAY FAVORS FOR SENIORS. Members have been making and delivering twenty-five tray favors to seniors since June of 2022 and will continue until July 2023.

The **Past Junior Directors Club** is looking forward to finally be meeting in person in early April.

Congratulations to the **Woman's Club of Edgewater Park** for undertaking the monumental task of revising their Bylaws which had not been done since 2012! As we all know, Bylaws are what governs each club.

The **Haddon Fortnightly General Club and its Evening Membership Department** combined efforts by inviting members to a Stay at Home Tea with the proceeds going to the maintenance of their Historic Clubhouse.

The **GFWC Woman's Club of West Deptford** released the results of a very extensive, very professional member satisfaction survey after two months of analyzing the data. The survey yielded some very interesting results. They are willing to share the survey with other clubs.

Thank you to the seven clubs, represented by twenty-eight members, one husband and three students who assembled forty-one meal bags plus an additional donation of 1,008 food items for the food bank on Martin Luther King Day of Service.

HIGHLANDS DISTRICT**Lynn Webb**

Congratulations to **Woman's Club of Newton** celebrating their 95th anniversary and **Jefferson Township Woman's Club** celebrating their 90th anniversary.

Boonton Woman's Club held an open house event at the Senior Center and set up stations reflecting some of the projects they have done. Women were interested in the projects.

GFWC Denville-Rockaway Area Woman's Club held four "Technology Workshops" to raise money for the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation.

Hopatcong Woman's Club's fundraiser is a Fashion Show and Silent Auction on April 30, 2023, at Casa Bianca Contact

Thursday Morning Woman's Club is holding their Annual Spring Luncheon: April 20, 2023, Basking Ridge Country Club

Junior Woman's Club of Somerset Hills receives 20 seedlings to plant from the Tree Commission for Arbor Day.

Woman's Club of Parsippany- Troy Hills mailed two large boxes of denim/jeans to "Zappos Go Green."

Peapack-Gladstone Peapack Woman's Club and Woman's Club of Tewksbury made 200 kits for daysforgirls.org. The kits contain a cotton bag, 2 panties, a washcloth, two shields which hold the pads/liners, 8 liners, waterproof bag, soap, instructions, and a cycle chart. It will last three years.

Roxbury Woman's Club is holding a Tricky Tray on April 29, 2023.

Sparta Woman's Club sponsors the Vial of Life, a project to aid Police, Ambulance and Fire Department personnel during an emergency call to your home. The Sussex County, Ogdensburg, and Sussex borough residents may pick up the Vial of Life from the locations on their website.

Washington Woman's Club, Inc. raffle is April 20, 2023 at Sports Scene Restaurant Route 31 North. Washington NJ. Dinner at 6pm. Contact: Diana Weidner ddmouse5@yahoo.com

Washington Woman's Club, Inc. invited clubs in the district to see a play named "The Lady Killers" at Centenary Sitnik Theater with a buffet lunch. Four additional highlands clubs participated.

LIBERTY DISTRICT**Joan Murdock**

On March 10th at 1:30 p.m., the **Montclair Women's Club** is co-sponsoring **Tech Question Day!** With the Montclair Gateway to Aging in Place. On March 24th at 1:30 p.m., Jonathan Echeverry, founder and owner of Paper Plane Coffee will present a program "**All Things Coffee**".

Woman's Club of Belleville's Wendy's night fund raiser on March 15th, Franklin Ave, Belleville. The annual Tricky Tray is on April 27th, Chandelier in Belleville. \$50 per person. The Safe House woman enjoyed their valentine gift bags!

Woman's Club of Allwood will be installing three new members during Women's History Month. Members are displaying favorite books for Read Across America in The Allwood Library Display Case.

In March, Arts & Culture chairman Carol Crump from the **Women's Club of Caldwell** will teach a Ukrainian Egg Craft & members will bring international desserts. In honor of Women's History Month, we are sponsoring the presentation "Our Founding Mothers" with Walter Choroszewski at the West Caldwell Public Library on March 25th. Public is invited.

The Woman's Club of Verona and the Juniores donated hard candy in February for the Veterans Hospital and in March collected non-perishable food for the local food pantry. They are sponsoring a Trivia night fundraiser soon.

Woman's Club of Arlington is putting the finishing touches on their annual Author Event scheduled for March 26, 2023 from 2:00 to 5:00. Alice Elliot Dark, author of 'Fellowship Point' will be the featured speaker.

Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights celebrated Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day at a recent luncheon. At their general meeting, Albie Ashbrook spoke about her travels to Ukraine. In March, members enjoyed a delicious lunch of homemade soup followed by a performance from their own Arts Performing group. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the clubs Third Annual Essay Writing Contest.

PALISADES DISTRICT

Claire Hill

Lyndhurst Woman's Club is still collecting new and gently used shoes. Please contact Annette Bortone.

Woman's Club of Paramus had a very successful and fun Chili Cook-off on February 3rd. Proceeds benefited various charitable endeavors. Collection of shoes for Souls4Souls is continued and few PJ Movie nights for their Pedals4Progress. In addition, they held the Performing Arts Day at their club where they participated in a skit/dance called Something Resembling Snow White and the dancing Nymphs.

Ridgefield Park Woman's Club continues to make tray favors for the residents of Bright Side Nursing Home. The end of March members will be planting pinwheel gardens around the village for Prevent Child Abuse.

Dumont Woman's Club will celebrate their 90th anniversary in May.

Greater Pascack Valley Woman's Club is planning a Military Bridge for April. More details will be available soon.

Woman's Club of Westwood will be collecting snacks for the Paramus Veterans Home.

The **Woman's Club of Rutherford** will host its Spring Tea Party on Sunday, April 23rd at its Clubhouse. Tickets are \$35. Enjoy the company of friends while you participate in an old-fashioned afternoon tea – including scones, tea sandwiches, pastries, a variety of teas and more!

RAMAPO DISTRICT

Tin Ree

Allendale Woman's Club will be planning for their 50/50 raffle and spring fashion show whose principal beneficiary will be Best Buddies.

Montville Township Woman's Club Inc ., will start shopping for veterans stockings, hold a Meet and Greet with refreshments to inform new members what organization is all about and members will invite friends as possible new members.

Pines Lake Woman's Club program will be to bring a childhood photo and a picture of the woman you admire most.

Suburban Woman's Club Of Pompton Plains will continue preparing for achievement day by having a workshop to make pressed flowers under glass and other crafts.

The Woman's Club Of Ridgewood will be holding their annual garage sale March 17th and 18th.

Riverdale Women's Club will collect eyeglasses for donations and will welcome donation bins in town to raise funds for scholarships and community programs.

Saddle River Valley Junior Women's Club will be planning a winter social and preparing for their Handbag Bingo.

Woman's Club of West Milford will be preparing for Achievement Day, discussing convention and continuing ongoing projects.

SHORE DISTRICT**Kathy Doty**

Woman's Club of Asbury Park will hold the District Arts Performing Day at their club house.

Belmar Woman's Club - A speaker from the Blue Claws baseball organization attended a business meeting. The next speaker will be a master gardener from Rutgers.

Woman's Club of Brick Township has four new members and had a very successful "Silverball Museum" fundraiser.

Freehold Township Woman's Club held gift wrapping at Boscov's.

Howell Woman's Club – Held a David's Cookies fundraiser. Received a \$500 grant for their participation in Howell's Clean Community Program. Installed 5 new members at our Holiday Party.

Woman's Club of Lacey had a "tricky tray" raffle. Members donated gifts. At the general meeting, all wore blue for Human Trafficking Awareness.

Little Silver Woman's Club "Got Sneaker" campaign, collected over 800 pairs of sneakers. On May 6th and 7th they will have "Another Woman's Treasure" fundraiser.

Woman's Club of Matawan will hold a Saint Patrick's Day Games Luncheon fundraiser and an Old Country Italian Dinner fundraiser. They will collect food for the local food pantry for the March monthly service project.

Woman's Club of Middletown are collecting Dr. Seuss books to celebrate his birthday at a local school and preparing Memory Blankets for a Senior Residence.

Woman's Club of Point Pleasant ran the Annual Day of Service for the Community Food. Holding a Chili Dinner. They had a very successful coat drive.

Past President's Club – Looking for members, please join us. Call Betty Murrison at 732-920-8297 or email beachbetty@hotmail.com.

Woman's Club of Red Bank is holding a Winter Wellness Night Community Event. Consider taking **Tango Lessons** on Mondays starting at 6:30 p.m.

The **Woman's Club of Spring Lake** has been busy with a beautiful Holiday Dinner Dance, Shop & Dine, and Valentine Luncheon.

Stafford Township Woman's Club is holding a soup luncheon, the District Vice President is attending and will say a few words about Federation. The total for children's gowns is 215, sent to Operation Smile and Jersey Shore Hospital.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT**Laura Badger**

The **Day of Service** was hosted by the Millville Woman's Club. We had a wonderful response to the "Meal in a Bag" project. Many clubwomen enjoyed getting together for the couple hours of organizing the "Bags"!

The **Woman's Club of Vineland** is starting spring with a Native Plant and Pollinator Gardens program presented by Dawn Pogosaew, the NJFSWC Environment Chair. They will continue the Monthly Game Day fundraiser at the Clubhouse and the ongoing monthly book discussion.

The **Millville Woman's Club** participated in the February's "Wear Red Day" by walking at the Cumberland Mall. They each received a red heart pin for a \$5 Donation. The Barn Studio of Art in Millville will present a program at the March meeting.

The **Woman's Club of Absecon** continues collecting socks for the Women's Abuse Center for the 130 pairs project. They are busy bees donating "loose change" to the "Bee Bank" at meetings to contribute to Heifer.

The **Colony Club of Ocean City** will be filled with "Sweet" St. Patrick treats for the residents at the Shore, Ocean City's Nursing facility. They continue their support of CARA, another organization in Ocean City.

The **Woman's Civic Club of Hammonton** plans a program of interest on Internet Crimes Against Children. They are also planning a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser – *will it include blueberry pancakes?*

The **Ex-President's Club of the Southern District** had the semi-annual luncheon and meeting the end of February and enjoyed seeing each other. Missing were the snowbirds who are away for the winter.

All Club Women are working on entries for the Achievement Day contests in April. Good luck to all who enter and may many items go to the NJSFWC Convention in May!

THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Barbara Rose

While this Chairman and her team are preparing for Achievement Day and encouraging everyone to submit a craft item for that day, several new members are wondering what all the fuss is about. What is Achievement Day and why should anyone care? The short answer is that this is a day for members to demonstrate their artistic and culinary talents and interests to their club, district, and state-wide members. While so much of what clubs do is about helping others, this is a way to focus on members, share crafts and learn from others. Since there are categories for beginners, advanced and professionals, everyone should be able to compete within her own competence level. While this Chairman is concerned with Arts & Culture on this day, ladies with green thumbs may choose to enter plants and flowers under the Environment categories. Forms for both are on the webpage under Materials/Achievement Day or separately under pages for Arts & Culture and Environment Community Service Programs. A list of categories to enter and other instructions is found in each Supplement.

March 17th is well known in this country for celebrating St. Patrick's Day, the patron saint of Ireland. But did you know that just two days later, the Italians celebrate their patron saint's day, St. Joseph's Day, or La Festa di San Giuseppe, or San Jose in Spanish. During the Middle Ages in Sicily, there was a major drought, so they promised St. Joseph that if he would send rain, they would make him a feast. Since it is during Lent, dishes served often contain fava beans (the crop that was saved), breads (crumbs are a reminder that the saint was a carpenter) and zeppole and other sweets, but traditionally, no meat. There are several varieties of St. Joseph's bread, and in Tuscany buns with crosses on them are sold. The day is also celebrated with parades, donating food to others, and in some areas wearing something red. Since Joseph, Mary's husband, is also patron saint of workers, families, and the universal church—as well as lawyers, emigrants, travelers, and house-hunters—this day is also celebrated by many others in several denominations around the world.

THE ARTS/PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Joyce Fredericks

As promised last month, here are the list of theaters in Central Jersey.

Algonquin Arts Theatre

173 Main St.

Manasquan 732-528-9211

Algonquin Arts, a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, was founded in 1991 to provide cultural enrichment for residents of Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

Axelrod Performing Arts Center

100 Grant Avenue

Deal Park, NJ

Axelrod Performing Arts Center produces its own professionally staged musicals and ballets for the Jersey Shore in collaboration with Broadway directors.

Brook Arts Center

10 Hamilton Street
Bound Brook, NJ 732-469-7700

The Brook Arts Center is one of only eight surviving vaudeville houses and offers plays, concerts, silent movies, educational and fundraising events, and serves as an arts incubator.

The Carteret PAC

46 Washington Ave.
Carteret, NJ 888-541-CPAC (2722)

The multi-level, flexible space venue boasts a lower-level comedy/jazz club with piano lounge; a main floor concert/comedy and entertainment space with luxury theatre style seating.

Count Basie Center for The Arts

99 Monmouth St.
Red Bank, NJ 732-842-9000

The Count Basie Center for the Arts is New Jersey's premier center for the cultural arts, dedicated to fostering powerful, inclusive artistic experiences and creative exchange of ideas.

Crossroads Theatre Company

7 Livingston Avenue (Off George St.)
New Brunswick, NJ 732 545-8100

Crossroads Theatre Company is the recipient of the 1999 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre in the United States and is the nation's premiere African American theater.

George Street Playhouse

9 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ (732) 846-2895

The Playhouse produces five main stage plays each season from October through April and a next stage festival of new works in May.

Hopewell Theater

5 S. Greenwood Ave.
Hopewell, NJ (609) 466-1964

The Hopewell Theater is a 180-seat theater that features independent films, live music, comedy, and performances.

McCarter Theatre

91 University Place
Princeton, NJ (609) 258-6500

McCarter Theatre Center is one of the most active cultural centers in the nation offering over 200 performances of theater, dance, music and special events each year.

Spring Lake Community House

300 Madison Avenue
Spring Lake, NJ 07762 732-449-4530

Home of the Spring Lake Theatre Company. The theater with seating for over 350 patrons, is known for producing Broadway-quality musicals, comedies, and dramas, with professionally talented casts, lavish sets and costumes, and show-stopping performances.

State Theatre

15 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 732-246-7469

The historic State Theatre is a renovated 1921 vaudeville and silent film palace that is today a premier center for the performing arts.

Strand Center For The Arts

400 Clifton Ave

Lakewood, NJ 732-367-7789

The Strand is an entertainment venue offering live entertainment including concerts, comedy shows and musicals.

Two River Theater

21 Bridge Avenue

Red Bank, NJ 732-345-1400

Offers plays, programming, community conversations, and outstanding education programs for students and life-long learners. Their new, modern venue is easily accessible by car or NJ Transit train.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM Ann Ribinsky-Brown

Perhaps this Chairman has been watching too much TV and being influenced by the myriad of ads urging support of St. Jude's Research Hospital, the Shriners Children's Hospital and/or the ASPCA, with its combination of dismal music and emaciated looking pets. All urge us to send money, preferably \$19 a month. This year there seems to be additional emphasis for support of the Wounded Warrior Project, whose mission is to honor and empower wounded warriors, with a vision to foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history. Support of this group could be an excellent CEO project.

The Wounded Warrior's Project began in 2003, to provide programs and services to those returning home from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. They provide programs in both physical and mental health, career counseling and long-term rehabilitative care, along with advocacy efforts to improve the lives of millions of warriors and their families.

The Wounded Warriors national headquarters is in Jacksonville, Florida. They have an excellent website, www.woundedwarriorprogram.org/programs which describes in detail the scope and breadth of their programs. Each program is customized to meet the unique needs of each veteran as well as their families and caregivers. Three programs offered in our area, through the Manhattan office, include Independent Living, Soldiers Ride and Adaptive Sports. As with so many worthwhile organizations, a consistent monetary gift of "just \$19 a month" is encouraged.

Did you ever wonder why so many groups are asking for \$19 a month? The IRS requires charities and non-profits to give donors receipts for annual donations of \$250 or more. \$19 X12 months =\$228, thus saving the organization the cost and time to mail receipts.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Marta Cirilli-Kuebler**

As we start to conclude our projects for the year and look toward next year's goals, let's try to consider a whole new social platform to participate in our community.

Many of us have spent time listening to Podcasts in the car on our way to work or on long drives while stuck in traffic. Podcasts can also be used to help connect students, teachers, and the community. Why not create a Podcast with your organization members and students from your local schools?

Begin by investigating the free online platform, Anchor. Anchor is easy to navigate from recording, to editing, and publishing. Other platforms such as SimpleCast, Podbean and Vimeo are also available platforms. In terms of equipment, all you need is a laptop and USB microphone. If you opt to use Anchor as your platform, it will allow your club to record segments and add in stock music for your introduction and transition from one topic to the next. Their built-in editing tools are straightforward and help splice episodes with multiple segments.

Contact your local high school to see if they have a Podcast Club already or simply students who would be interested. Once you have your Student Podcast Club, equipment, and the recording platform, you can then start planning your podcast. Remember your best ideas will come from your student club members! Planning episodes will also help the students improve their communication skills by identifying their own topics of interest. Guide them to create an outline and then a written script to help them stay focused during discussions.

This Chairman promises this process is a lot easier than you may think and can offer your podcast club members (both organization members and student members) an open arena to discuss things such as community needs and events to popular books and/or movies. Podcast episodes can feature interviews with schoolteachers, administrators,

political and social service activities. These podcasts give our students a platform and a voice to discuss what they are feeling, seeing, and thinking about the world around us all.

Though this whole process may seem overwhelming and daunting at first, your students have the technical know-how to make it easy. It will help bring your organization into a new digital platform that will help enhance user experience and bring awareness of your club to a whole new group of potential members. For more ideas check out sites bit.ly/themiddleschoolmind and bit.ly/podcastingforstudents.

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Jacqueline Wisner

Don't you love to see the days getting longer and the hardy, determined crocuses coming up, even through snow? You may begin to think about your spring and summer garden too. But keep in mind the **frost date** in New Jersey (on average between mid-April to mid-May). These are important dates to heed because they can indicate the last expected occurrence of frost for the season. This information is critical because it helps you determine when it is safe to plant certain seedlings or flowers. Google even has the dates by zip code!

The optimal time to start growing plants indoors for outdoor planting in the spring and summer in New Jersey depends on the specific plants you are growing and the expected date of the last frost in your area. In general, it is a good idea to start growing plants indoors 6-8 weeks before the last frost date. This will give the plants enough time to establish strong roots and grow to a decent size before they are transplanted outside.

However, note the **specific requirements** of the plants you want to grow. For example, tomatoes and peppers, require a longer growing period indoors, and should be started 8-10 weeks before the last frost date. Faster growing annual flowers can be started close to the last frost date.

To be safe, consult with your local nursery or gardening center to get more information about the specific requirements of the plants you want to grow and the expected last frost date in your area. And prepare to enjoy nature's beauty!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Ellen Lund

At some point in our lives, we have all taken medication for various reasons. Most of us probably take medication daily. 82% of American adults take at least one medication and 29% take five or more.

Medication safety is defined as freedom from preventable harm with medication use. Medication safety issues can impact health outcomes, length of stay in a health care facility, readmission rates and overall costs.

Medications are generally safe when used as prescribed or as directed on the label but there are risks in taking any medication. These medication treatments can also be fatal if not given the right way.

Adverse drug events are a serious public health problem. Each year in the United States adverse drug events (harm resulting from medication use) cause more than one million visits to hospital emergency departments. Adverse drug events include allergic reactions, side effects, overmedication, and medication errors. Learning about medication safety can reduce and even prevent the risk of harm for you and your loved ones.

The number of adverse drug events is likely to grow due to:

- Development of new medicines
- Discovery of new uses for older medicines
- Aging American population
- Increased use of medicines for disease treatment and prevention
- Expansion of insurance coverage for prescription medicine.

Follow instructions – Read all medicine labels and take as directed. Take medications on time. Do not take medications in the dark. You might make a mistake.

Call your doctor right away if you have any trouble with your prescriptions.

Tell your doctor about alcohol, tobacco, and drug use. Be honest. That includes over the counter medicines, vitamins, and other supplements.

Do not share your medications -EVER!

Your pharmacist knows more about your medicines than your doctor. Do not be afraid to ask him or her questions. Use only one pharmacy for all your medications. They can keep track of all possible harmful interactions. Be safe with your medications.

March is:

National Nutrition Month, National Kidney Month, National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, Save Your Vision Month.

Hint #13 Eat slowly. Enjoy the taste of your food.

Hint #14 Exercise with others. More fun that way!

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Nancy Levy

Even though it's March, April is just around the corner, and now is the time to plan and work on projects for next month.

Easter Baskets

Easter is April 9. Your club may want to put together Easter baskets for children. Consider involving the public, with drop-off sites or through social media, to collect things such as plastic eggs, candy, bubbles, or small toys to fill baskets or containers to be donated.

- You can check with your town's Social Services Department or other local group working with children to see if they would like to give these out.
- You can also contact organizations that work with underserved families or youth to see if they are interested. A few places to consider are:
 - Center for Family Services. Contact Lori Henry, their Director of Community Development, at 973-452-0250 or lolidana.henry@centerffs.org.
 - Foster care organizations such as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) at www.casaofnj.org or Embrella (formerly Foster and Adoptive Family Services) at www.embrella.org.

Autism Awareness Month in April

April is also National Autism Awareness month, so now is the time to plan projects that benefit autistic children or promote autism awareness.

- Parents of Autistic Children NJ (POAC) has recreational events throughout the year for autistic children and their families. Go to their website at www.poac.net and click on the tabs for Ways to Help, Events, or Contact Us. Some ways you can help are to hold a fundraiser or awareness campaign, or volunteer at or sponsor an event.

COMMUNICATIONS

Katie Chambers

Many of our clubs are using Facebook as the primary way to communicate with their members, fellow NJFWC friends, and their wider communities. If your club is not on Facebook yet... it's time! Join the 2.85 billion people around the world who are networking through this popular social media platform. Here is an easy Facebook for clubs 101:

The profile you are creating for your club is called a "Page." Pages are not quite the same as the personal profiles that you, your family, and friends use to communicate with each other. "Pages" are for businesses, brands, organizations,

and public figures to share their stories and connect with people. Like profiles, Pages can be customized with stories, events and more. People who like or follow a Page can get updates in their Feed.

To create and manage a Page for your club, you must have a personal Facebook profile. If you don't have a personal Facebook profile, and you don't want to, you can ask someone else in your club to create and manage the page for you.

- To create a Facebook page, go to facebook.com/pages/create.
- Enter a **Page name** (your club's name) and **Category** ("non-profit organization" is a great choice in this case). You can also add a Page bio. The bio can be just one or two sentences describing your club, such as your mission statement or a brief but enticing description of your activities.
- Click **Create Page**.
- If you want to customize your Page, you can also add a profile picture, and a cover photo. It's smart to have both – the profile picture could be your club's logo, a photo of your meeting place, or a close-up photo of a few members. The cover image might be a bigger photo of one of your recent events or a group shot of your members. Change your cover photo every few months to show you are active!
- Click **Done**.

Anyone can create a Page, but only official representatives can create a Page for an organization, business, brand, or public figure. For security reasons, Facebook may send you an email or a text (what is called two-factor authentication) to confirm your identity while you are setting up or editing your page.

Good luck, and happy connecting!

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM

Jane Mackesy

CONVENTION

Patricia Dahl

Happenings at Convention

We will be walking on the Boardwalk this year with President – Elect, Barbara McCloskey, on Monday at 7:00 AM and Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:45 AM.

Also, on Monday, May 1st - will be something new – a Treasurer's Workshop from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 Noon.

Don't sleep in on Tuesday, May 2nd or you will miss the Leadership/Membership and Report Writing workshops at 8:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m.

Also, on Tuesday there will be five interesting Workshops scheduled at 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m..

- Book Review – "The Personal Librarian" written by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray
- Craft Workshop – Craft a Recycled T-shirt Necklace (no sewing required). The cost of this workshop is \$5 and is limited to 25 participants.
- Protocol
- Public Speaking
- How to Start an Evening Committee

Don't miss the Performing Arts Presentations which will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the Sound Waves Theater.

The Monday Banquet will honor the Women of Achievement Recipients and the three Ex Club Presidents. Tuesday Banquet will begin with club presidents processing, led by their District Vice Presidents.

Wednesday morning will be workshops entitled “A Guide to Joining NJSFWC’s Board of Directors” and “Fundraising Ideas that Work” at 8:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m.

So, come and enjoy the adventures of the 129th Annual Convention from Monday, May 1st till Wednesday, May 3rd at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino.

CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION

Carole Speechley

REGISTERING FOR THE 129TH NJSFWC CONVENTION – May 1 – 3, 2023

By this time, all Club Presidents, Past State Presidents, and NJSFWC Board of Directors should have received the “CALL to Convention” which was mailed in early February. Please review the CALL package carefully and return all registration forms as soon as possible.

NOTE that the forms that should be returned are on BLUE paper. They are:

- Registration & Meal Form – keep a copy for your records
- Club Presidents’ Processional Form
- Workshop Pre-Registration Form
- Voting Registration Sheet –ONLY Club Presidents receive this. ALL club delegates & alternates must be listed on this form, including any delegates and alternates from their EMD. The Past State Presidents and members of the NJSFWC Board of Directors are automatically delegates. The NJSFWC Bylaws states **“No delegate or alternate shall be registered to represent more than one club or state organization.”**

Just as a reminder, the registration form should be mailed with ONE CLUB CHECK covering the amount due for your club member’s registration and meals. The check should be made payable to NJSFWC Annual Convention, earmarked Credentials and Registration and sent to Carole Speechley, 233 65th Street, Avalon, NJ 08202, along with the other blue sheets that apply. This **must be postmarked** no later than March 31, 2023. After that date the late fee must be included with your payment. No registrations postmarked after April 7, 2023 will be accepted.

If you are planning to attend the **“District Luncheon”** on Monday, you will need to put a “Y” in the District Luncheon column to get a ticket in your registration package when you register at Convention. You will need to bring your own lunch to the District Luncheon. There are several places in the Hard Rock’s food court where you can do this.

A ticket will also be necessary to attend the **workshops**, so be sure to fill out and send in the Workshop Pre-Registration form.

Now is the time to make your hotel reservations. You **must contact the Hard Rock Hotel directly** following the instructions in the CALL. You must register with the hotel **before April 21st** to receive the discounted rate.

If you have **any questions**, please feel free to contact the Registration and Credentials Chairman, Carole Speechley, speechley@njsfwc.org or 609-368-5243.

GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT: DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Dawn Pogosaew

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Let’s bring awareness by not only planting a Pinwheel Garden with PreventChildAbuse.org, but by getting your local businesses, organizations, and community members to “sponsor” a pinwheel. By running a campaign to raise funds for a local children’s organization, you can talk about child abuse awareness and prevention and ask that they consider sponsoring a Pinwheel for the garden!

Contact your local child advocacy organization and plan a workshop or a series of workshops about child safety to help both parents and their children work together to keep them safe. A good guide to help you with ideas is a book written by Feather Berkower and Sandy Wurtele, “Off Limits: A Parent’s Guide to Keeping Kids Safe from Sexual Abuse”.

Visit parentingsafechildren.com for more information about this book and workshop ideas.

GIRLS' CAREER INSTITUTE

Mary Kay Tokar

The deadline for your Delegate(s) AND Alternate(s) online registration was March 1st. This Director is currently in the process of filling all scholarship spaces from underserved areas. If you are aware of a school, or youth and family focused community organization that services a wide range of socio-economic and multicultural populations of students who may benefit from the program content, please contact this director immediately.

Currently this Director is focusing on recruiting interesting women from diverse backgrounds to serve as workshop and/or keynote speakers. In recent years, Girls' Career Institute delegates have suggested career speakers and leaders who will address the realities and challenges around diversity, equity, and inclusion faced by today's students in their schools and communities. Please ask your members if they, or any family member might be willing to speak about their career.

GCI is still taking applications for program volunteers. [7.-GCI-volunteer-application-2023.pdf \(njsfwc.org\)](#) The application is found on NJSFWC.org - under materials – under GCI. The PDF is fillable, so save it on your computer with a different name, type right on it, save again and then attach it to an email to tokar@njsfwc.org. Alternately you may print it out, fill it in, and mail it to MaryKay Tokar, 27 Purnell St., Toms River, NJ 08757. A list of possible volunteer duties is attached to the application. If you want to know more about what GCI is all about, this is a great opportunity to see it in action. For insurance purposes, all volunteers need to be NJSFWC or AADC members. As per Rutgers, they must also be COVID vaccinated.

HISTORIAN

Jean Battaglia

In 1978 the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women in California initiated Women's History Week, using the week of March 8th, International Women's Day. Celebrations spread across the country leading the U.S. Congress in 1987 to designate March as Women's History Month. The theme for 2023 is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Story", recognizing women, past and present, in all forms of media: print, television, stage, radio and social.

In reading about past GFWC Presidents in previous ALMANAC articles were you inspired by:

- The fact that the first president, Charlotte Emerson Brown, was from New Jersey,
- Rebecca Douglas Lowe from Georgia who promoted kindergarten, and then reading that NJSFWC clubs were known for their advocacy for kindergarten,
- Sarah Platt Decker from Colorado who became an advocate for women's rights after her possessions were made a part of her husband's estate and given to his relatives, or
- Mary King Sherman from Colorado who advocated for formation of the National Park Service and creation of six national parks and became known as "The National Parks Lady"?

If you have been sharing these stories with your club, you are telling our story, the GFWC story. If not, Women's History Month may be a good opportunity to start telling the story of the legacy of outstanding GFWC women. Then invite members to share which women of today should have their story told, suggesting who in media should tell it and how. You might offer to do the presentation and discussion at a library or historical society meeting, adding something about what club women of today do, advocate for, and support in the community, the state, and the nation. Be sure to use the event for publicity and an opportunity to recruit new members.

HONORS

Jill McDonald

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 20, 2023.

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:

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 1st** for the tribute and payment to be received at Headquarters for presentation at the 2023 Ceremony. Those received after April 1st will be held for the 2024 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 earmarked "Honors Book" to NJSFWC Headquarters. An acknowledgement 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 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

Gail Kovacs-Felici

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT

Marie Sullivan

With March upon us we are looking forward to spring and warmer temperatures! This means more outdoor walking and many ECF families are walking to bus stops to go to chemo treatments.

As your club thinks of ways to help Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, why not ask members to purchase a New Jersey Bus Pass? Go to the NJ Transit website to secure a pass: <https://www.njtransit.com>. These are very helpful to families trying to figure out how to manage financially during turbulent times. You also might purchase Uber gifts cards from supermarkets, Target, Walmart, and Amazon. These are especially appreciated when a child might be too sick to ride a bus.

Food Drives are always welcome! Volunteers drop food off at ECF Families' homes each month and we all know that our very own NJSFWC President Shirley Holly is an active volunteer! Please call a Regional office closest to your club and ask if there are any specific items needed.

Inessa Rome, Northern Regional Director irome@emmanuelcancer.org
174 Paterson Ave. Midland Park, NJ 07432 (201-612-8118)

Barbara Kopel, Central Regional Director bkopel@emmanuelcancer.org
77 Brant Ave. Clark, NJ 07066 (908-322-4323)

Mary Ann Sullivan, Southern Director msullivan@emmanuelcancer.org
451 Beech Ave. Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097 (856-853-4803)

Rose Contreras ~ Eastern Director rcontreras@emmanuelcancer.org
1710 Highway 71 Wall, NJ 07719 (732-282-2324)

Thank you in advance for all you do and of course this Chairman is always available for ideas or to answer questions sullivan@njsfwc.org (201-314-7945)

WEBMASTER**Tammy Levinson**

Website Contest Judging is underway! Thank you for all your submissions. All judges are thoroughly enjoying exploring your websites. The winners will be announced at Convention!

If your club doesn't have a website yet, contact the webmaster for guidance on creating a site. A Club Website is a great snapshot of information about your club. Don't miss out on the opportunity to have your programs and projects out for the world to see! You may attract new members...you never know!

Facebook submissions seem to be slowing down. All you have to do is send an email to webmaster@njsfwc.org - share your club news, pictures of your members (even at meetings), and anything else you have to share. People scroll through Facebook several times a day, let's give them a daily dose of NJSFWC Clubwomen in Action!

BENEFITS DEVELOPMENT**Randi Quilici**

Being a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs offers many benefits, opportunities, perks, and services. Members love the sisterhood we share and the bonds between the clubs. Federation offers yearly Conventions in Atlantic City, state luncheons, workshops at Headquarters, invitations to club events throughout NJ, District Council Meetings, the latest news in the ECONNEXION, the monthly ALMANAC newsletter, and News & Notes from GFWC to name a few.

The Benefits of Membership on the NJSFWC website offers discounts to members from businesses in NJ and nationally. You can find discounts for Travel, Car Rentals, Hotel Discounts, and Guided Tours. Discounts are also offered for dentists, pet insurance, printing companies, venues for club events and Wealth Management to help plan your future. These benefits are located on the njsfwc.org website under the Benefits of Membership tab. Click here for easy access: <https://njsfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Website-worksheet-2-1.pdf>

If you have a venue location or other member benefit ideas, please continue to send your emails to quilici@njsfwc.org. As always, thank you for your support.

DAY OF SERVICE**Mary Lou Bak**

The NJSFWC Day of Service on January 16th saw the participation of clubs from every district. This Chairman was very pleased to see the robust donation of meal kits and other food items that reached those in need.

There were over 900 completed kits donated and, in addition to the kits, over 4,000 single, overflow food items donated. This is outstanding! Joining together in each district and helping each other to help local communities, members also contributed time and effort to sort and fill each type of meal kit, acquire boxes and bags to make kits and items ready for pickup, and prepare refreshments. Among the donors and participants were outside members of the community, including high school students and family members.

This Chairman would like to thank everyone for making this event truly meaningful. Whether you collected and donated any item, helped with the assembly of the kits, participated in transferring the food to the pickup agencies, welcomed each other and guests, shared laughs, and smiles, or served up hospitality, please know that you have made a concrete impact on the lives of others. This Chairman is so very moved by your generosity and dedication to others.

Community Foodbank knows that efforts like ours can inspire others and would like some quotes about your thoughts and takeaways from the event. If you would like to share your thoughts about the Day of Service with the Community Foodbank, please email me about what it meant for you to take part in this effort to help others, what you learned or gained from taking part, or how this event benefited you as an individual or as a group. You can email your comments to this Chairman at bak@njsfwc.org.

What we do makes a difference!

GRANT WRITING

Pamela McNamee

Did you know that there are several companies which offer grants to their employees who are either members of non-profit organizations or people who volunteer with non-profit organizations, such as NJSFWC Clubs?

If you are employed, check with your company to see if they offer a grant. Or you could check with companies in your area and post a need for volunteers from that company for a project you are doing. Those employees who volunteer to can apply for a grant.

The process is straightforward. Here's a breakdown of how volunteer grants work:

1. An individual volunteers with a nonprofit.
2. The individual looks up their eligibility for a volunteer grant with their company.
3. The individual submits a request for a volunteer grant to their company.
4. The company verifies the volunteer hours with the nonprofit.
5. The company sends a check to the nonprofit.

Companies generally pay for volunteer hours in one of two ways:

- An hourly rate, sometimes with a required minimum number of hours (e.g., \$25 per hour).
- A specific amount based on a set number of hours (e.g., \$500 for 20 hours).

The following are some companies that use this process:

ExxonMobil - for every 20 hours an employee volunteers, the company will provide a \$500 grant to the nonprofit (\$25 per hour volunteered.)

Aetna - employees who volunteer for a minimum of 20 hours can request a grant of \$300 for the organization they work with.

Coinstar - provides grants worth \$15 per every hour volunteered by an employee.

Verizon – after an employee volunteer for 50 hours in a year, the company provides a \$750 grant to the organization (\$15 per hour.)

Dell - For every ten hours an employee volunteers with a nonprofit, Dell will provide a grant of \$150 to the organization (\$15 per hour).

The Walt Disney Corporation- give grants up to 150 + hours.

PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTANT TO CLUBS

Patricia Mignella

Are you having difficulty deciding what kinds of Treasurer reports need to be in the club minutes? Maybe your club has experienced decades of financial irregularities. Have your members or officers request to have the Treasurer provide a statement of the balance on hand each month and said balance to be recorded in the minutes. There may be a problem, especially if your club's bylaws do not address a Treasurer's report or your club does not use any book on meeting procedure. What can be done by the secretary so that the minutes reflect the organization's financial status? Are monthly financial statements adopted?

- If the bylaws define the duties of the Treasurer and don't allow for the group to require additional duties, then the Treasurer does not have to give a monthly report unless required by bylaws.
- It can be recommended that the bylaws be amended to include a full description of the Treasurer's duties.

- Considering past alleged financial irregularities, a special rule of order can be adopted by the membership mandating the Treasurer to include a report at each meeting until the bylaws are amended to include this requirement.
- The motion to have the Treasurer provide a statement of the balance on hand each month and said balance is to be recorded in the minutes must be made by a member, seconded by another member and finally voted upon by the membership.
- Financial reports should not be adopted unless sufficiently important, such as an annual report to be referred to auditors – in this case, it would be the auditor's report that would be adopted.
- At each club meeting, the chair may ask for a Treasurer's Report which may consist simply of a verbal statement of the cash balance on hand – or of said balance less outstanding obligations. Such a report requires no action by the assembly.

PROPER APPLICATION OF PARLIAMENTARY PRINCIPLES CAN ADDRESS AND SOLVE ALL CLUB PROBLEMS!!!
