



# CONVENTION CHATTER

*NJSFWC 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
Shirley A. Holly, NJSFWC President*



Love, Loyalty,  
Friendship-The Bonds of  
Volunteerism

*New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC*  
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## Cecilia Gaines Holland Recipient 2023

By Jill McDonald, NJSFWC Honors Chairman

The seventy-ninth Cecilia Gaines Holland Award recipient is **Joelle Wentz of the GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly.**

Joelle's history of service to her community began as a teenager. She was a church Youth Counselor, taught children to ice skate, read to elderly people and even cleaned their homes for free. In addition, she set aside half of her pay in an after-school job to buy shoes for poor children. As a teenager, she organized church youth group retreats three times a year for five years and consistently provided ideas for service projects.

Arriving in the Mount Holly area in 1973, she became a Girl Scout Brownie leader so a troop could be formed at her daughter's school. She moved on to hold leadership positions within the district. Later she became a lecturer on setting a good example for young girls in scouting.

Joelle volunteered at the school first as a room mother, but later accepted substitute teaching positions donating her pay to fund tuition for needy students. Using experience gained as a volunteer and a desire to help school-age children, she worked for 10 years as the school office manager and a Title 1 tutor. For 15 years, she was Office Manager for Food Services for four Lenape Regional District High Schools.

In another community focused project, she provided emotional support, tutoring, clothing, and baby items to residents of a home for girls without a place to live while pregnant. When these young mothers' babies were delivered, Joelle stayed and helped the girls with their homework and planted roses in honor of their newborns.

Other service projects included initiating, painting, and furnishing a room for nursing mothers and monitoring teens in domestic violence situations. For the Burlington County 4-H, she serves as a judge for farm animals, student essays and creative arts and for three years raised funds for local 4-H Horse Club competitions. Presently, she and her husband prowl the local homeless encampments to deliver peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and other treats.

At her church, she has served as a Eucharistic Minister for 20 years. She has held every office in her Altar and Rosary Society. As Columbiettes President, she initiates and leads projects at home and for missions abroad. She made home visits for St. Vincent DePaul Society for 10 years, held Family Rosaries for the parish community, and delivered communion to hospitalized patients.

Several of those contributing their input to this nomination described Joelle as a person who gains personal satisfaction and enjoyment for spreading kindness and caring to those around her. She brings joy to those on the periphery of plenty. The Woman's League of Mt. Holly is proud to recognize Joelle as a 49-year member of our club. She joined the club in 1974 as a Junior, served as President more than once and held every office except Treasurer. She served on the NJSFWC State Board for two years as Vice President, Garden District and currently serves as Garden District Arts and Culture Co-Chairman.



Joelle Wentz  
Cecilia Gaines Holland  
Award Recipient

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### Margaret Yardley Fellowships

Mona Osama Moshed  
Cooper Medical School of  
Rowan University

Gillian Samios  
Georgetown University  
Law Center

Gennesys Brianna Colon  
William Paterson  
University

## Best All Around Reporting – State Winners

### Arts & Culture

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	West Essex WC, Liberty	WC of West Millford Township, Ramapo	JWC Jefferson Township, Highlands
21-40	WC of Caldwell, Liberty	North Brunswick WC, College	Washington WC, Highlands
41+	GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly, Garden	Millville WC, Southern	WC of Paramus, Palisades

### Arts Performing

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo	Greater Pascack Valley WC, Palisades	WC of Allwood, Liberty
21-40	WC of Belleville, Liberty	Washington WC, Highlands	WC of Lyndhurst, Palisades
41+	Millville WC, Southern	WC of Point Pleasant, Shore	WC of Merchantville, Garden

### Civic Engagement & Outreach

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo	JWC of Princeton Area, College	GFWC WC of Runnemede, Garden
21-40	GFWC Gloucester County WC, Garden	WC of Colts Neck, Shore	Roxbury WC, Highlands
41+	Sparta WC, Highlands	GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly, Garden	Montclair WC, Liberty

### Education & Libraries

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	GFWC WC of Runnemede, Garden	WC of Matawan, Shore	GFWC JWC of Belleville, Liberty
21-40	Marlton WC, Garden	WC of Bloomfield, Liberty	WC of Parsippany Troy-Hills, Highlands
41+	WC of Upper Montclair, Liberty	GFWC Woman's League of, Mount Holly, Garden	WC of Rutherford, Palisades

### Environment

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	WC of Little Silver, Shore	Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights, Palisades	Metuchen Edison WC, College
21-40	Bridgewater WC, College	WC of Pitman, Garden	Cresskill WC, Palisades
41+	WC of Rutherford, Palisades	Thursday Morning Club, Highlands	Suburban WC of Pompton Plains, Ramapo

### Health & Wellness

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Metuchen Edison WC, College	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo	JWC Jefferson Township, Highlads
21-40	Franklin WC, College	Cresskill WC, Palisades	Roxbury WC, Highlands
41+	The Haddon Fortnightly EMD, Garden	GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly, Garden	WC of Brielle, Shore

### Advocates for Children

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	GFWC WC of Runnemede, Garden	GFWC WC of Boonton, Highlands	WC of Ramsey, Ramapo
21-40	Woman's Civic Club of Hammonton, Southern	Gloucester County WC, Garden	WC of Colts Neck, Shore
41+	GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly, Garden	Vernon Township WC, Highlands	WC of Brielle, Shore

## BEST ALL AROUND REPORTING - CONTINUED

### Communications

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Greater Pascack Valley WC, Palisades	WC of Matawan, Shore	JWC of Jefferson Township, Highlands
21-40	WC of Parsippany Troy-Hills, Highlands	Marlton WC, Garden	Bridgewater WC, College
41+	Thursday Morning Club, Highlands	WC of Rutherford, Palisades	WC of Brielle, Shore

### Fundraising

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Metuchen Edison WC, College	Sussex WC, Highlands	Greater Pascack Valley WC, Palisades
21-40	WC of Upper Saddle River, Ramapo	Woman's Civic Club of Hammonton, Southern	WC of Asbury Park, Shore
41+	WC of Spring Lake, Shore	Suburban WC of Pompton Plains, Ramapo	Vernon Township WC, Highlands

### GFWC Signature Project – Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	WC of Matawan, Shore	Montville Township WC, Ramapo	West Essex WC, Liberty
21-40	Marlton WC, Garden	WC of Bloomfield, Liberty	WC of Ridgefield Park, Palisades
41+	WC of Paramus, Palisades	GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly, Garden	WC of Lacey, Shore

### Women's History

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	West Essex WC, Liberty	WC of Matawan, Shore	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo
21-40	Roxbury WC, Highlands	Woman's Civic Club of Hammonton, Southern	Franklin WC, College
41+	The Haddon Fortnightly EMD, Garden	WC of Cranbury, College	Montclair WC, Liberty

### Legislation/Resolutions

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo	West Essex WC, Liberty	WC of Emerson, Palisades
21-40	Franklin WC, College	Hopatcong WC, Highlands	
41+	The Haddon Fortnightly, EMD, Garden		

### Membership

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	WC of West Milford Township, Ramapo	GFWC WC of Boonton, Highlands	WC of Matawan, Shore
21-40	Bridgewater WC, College	WC of Caldwell, Liberty	Gloucester County WC, Garden
41+	Vernon Township. WC, Highlands	East Brunswick WC, College	WC of Brielle, Shore

### Leadership

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Cont. Club of Hasbrouck Heigts., Palisades	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo	JWC of Jefferson Township, Highlands
21-40	Bridgewater WC, College	Roxbury WC, Highlands	Woman's Civic Club of Hammonton, Southern
41+	Thursday Morning Club, Highlands	WC of Rutherford, Palisades	WC of Upper Montclair, Liberty

### Special State Project

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	GFWC JWC of Belleville, Liberty	Greater Pascack Valley WC, Palisades	GFWC WC of Runnemede, Garden
21-40	Gloucester County WC, Garden	Suburban WC of South Plainfield, College	WC of Belleville, Liberty
41+	GFWC WC of West Deptford Garden	Thursday Morning Club, Highlands	East Brunswick WC, College

## WEBSITE

First Place: Women's Club of Caldwell, Liberty	Second Place Woman's Club of Cranbury, College	Third Place Sparta Woman's Club, Highlands
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### Best Free Website

Metuchen Edison Women's Club, College

## CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

### HAIKU

	MEMBER NAME	SELECTION	CLUB/DISTRICT
<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	Karen Kirk	Friendship	Woman's Club of Belleville
<b>Second Place</b>	Barbara Spillane	Jersey	Woman's Club of Belleville
<b>Third Place</b>	Marge Heeren	Bald Eagle	Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights

### SHORT STORY

	MEMBER NAME	SELECTION	CLUB/DISTRICT
<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	Ann Guadango	Your Guess is as Good as Mine	Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River
<b>Second Place</b>	Coni Evans	The Great Amini	Woman's Club of Verona
<b>Third Place</b>	Barbara Davey	Torn Sheets, Dented Cans and a Red Sweater	Woman's Club of Montclair

## YOUTH WRITING CONTEST

### POETRY

<b>Cat.1 (K, 1 &amp;2) First Place</b>	Arthur Shehan	My Duck	Woman's Club of Wenonah, Garden
<b>Cat. 2 (3,4,5) First Place</b>	Celeste Cueva	*Be An Up-Stander, Not a By-Stander	Woman's Club of Belleville, Liberty
<b>Cat. 3 (6,7,8) First Place</b>	Sophia Velez	*What it Means to be an Up-Stander and Not a Bystander	Woman's Club of Belleville, Liberty
<b>Second Place</b>	Riley Davis	Untitled	Woman's Club of Wenonah, Garden

\*Note: this must have been a school assignment

### SHORT STORY

<b>Cat 1 (K, 1 &amp;2)</b>	Eleanor Baylor	All You Need Is a Friend	Woman's Club of Wenonah, Garden
<b>Cat 2 (3,4,5) First Place</b>	Lily Eriksson	Jules in Wonderland	Woman's Club of Point Pleasant, Shore
<b>Second Place</b>	Joanne Doheny	A Gymnast's Story	Woman's Club of Wenonah, Garden
<b>Cat. 3 (6,7,8) First Place</b>	Jake Riley	The New Kid on the Street	Woman's Club Runnemede, Garden
<b>Cat. 3 (6,7,8) Second Place</b>	Brook Cox	The Ghost of Revenge	Woman's Club of Wenonah, Garden

**NEWSLETTER AWARDS**

**Class A – 1-2 pages**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner: Millville Woman’s Club (Southern)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner: Suburban Woman’s Club of South Plainfield (College)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner: Woman’s Club of Brick Township (Shore)

**Class B – 3-4 pages:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner: Cresskill Woman’s Club (Palisades)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner: Woman’s Club of Colt’s Neck (Shore)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner: The Woman’s Club of Haworth (Palisades)

**Class C – Over 4 pages:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner: Woman’s Club of Paramus (Palisades)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner: Marlton Woman’s Club (Garden)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner: GFWC Woman’s Club of West Deptford (Garden)

**PRESSBOOK AWARDS**

**Class A (4-30 Pages)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner: Greater Pascack Valley Woman’s Club (Palisades)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner: Millville Woman’s Club (Southern)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner: Woman’s Club of Vineland (Southern)

**Class B (31+ Pages)**

n/a – no entries this year

**SCRAPBOOK AWARDS**

**Class A (1-12 pages):**

n/a – no entries this year

**Class B – 13-24 pages:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner: Woman’s Club of Edgewater Park (Garden)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner: The Woman’s Club of Belleville, Inc. (Liberty)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner: n/a

**Class C (25-30 Pages)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner: Woman’s Club of Rutherford (Palisades)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner: Woman’s Club of Upper Montclair (Liberty)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner (tie): Woman’s Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills (Highlands)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner (tie): Woman’s Club of Brielle (Shore)

## 1894 SOCIETY – 2022-2023

Each of the following clubs and individuals is a supporting member in the NJSFWC 1894 Society for April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023. Their contribution enables the Headquarters Foundation Fund to achieve its objective of financial stability. Thank you all for your generosity.

Aponte, JoAnn  
 Badger, Laura  
 Battaglia, Jean  
 Baur, Joan  
 Becker, Waltraut  
 Blumenkrantz, Cynthia  
 Bortone, Annette  
 Brendel, Judy  
 Buono, Patricia  
 Burlaw, Christine  
 Carbley, Linda B.  
 Cargulia, GERALYN  
 Carnvale, Doreen  
 Carrubba, Janice  
 Chambers, Katie  
 Chambers, Susan  
 Chanda, Phyllis  
 Cicchino, Bernadette  
 Constantin, Elyse  
 Dahl, Patricia  
 DeAngelis, Kathleen  
 Dietz, Bruna  
 DiMatties, Marie  
 Doniniani, Nancy  
 Donnelly, Joyce  
 Dorsey, Maria  
 Douglas, Regina  
 Douglas, Roxanne  
 Dreger, Joyce  
 Eggleston, Carylmead  
 Etsch, Janet  
 Finn, Vivien  
 Fosdick, Susan  
 Fowler, Adrienne R.  
 Garbarino, Joan  
 Gerber, Theresa  
 Gibson, Valerie  
 Gordon, Patricia  
 Green, Dorothy Lowe  
 Gronemann, Lynda  
 Haney, Catherine  
 Heeren, Margaret  
 Heim, Barbara  
 Hill, Claire  
 Holly, Shirley  
 Hosier, Denise  
 Hrycenko, Linda  
 Hudson, Lucy A.  
 Hugelmeyer, Maribeth

Hunterton, Kathy  
 Huresky, Virginia  
 Jenkoski, Joan  
 Kaffka, Margaret  
 Keim, Lynn  
 Kirby, Bette  
 Kocher, Grace  
 Kovacs-Felici, Gail  
 Krieg, Judith  
 Lagitch, Betty  
 Lawless, Anne  
 Lawton, Ann  
 Lazur, Karen  
 Levinson, Tammy  
 Levy, Nancy  
 Lewis, Gwendolyn  
 Link, Patricia Ann  
 Lombardi, Barbara  
 Lund, Ellen  
 Maddocks, Leona  
 Marcello, Mary Pat  
 Marion, Marilyn  
 Maska, April  
 McKeever, Sally  
 McCloskey, Barbara  
 McDonald, Jill  
 McElroy, Terry  
 McNamee, Pamela  
 Meloro, Deen  
 Miceli, Nancy  
 Mignella, Patricia Lee  
 Mitchell, Barbara  
 Niemiec, Carol  
 Norian, Katherine  
 Norwood, Mercedes  
 O'Connor, Laura  
 Parks, Carol  
 Passaretti, Jill  
 Pease, Ilse  
 Perini, Janet  
 Peskin, Linda  
 Piermatti, Patricia  
 Prisco, Dorothy A.  
 Pullaro, Jane  
 Quilici, Randi  
 Quinn, Ann  
 Ree, Tina  
 Reformato, Jacqueline  
 Reilly, Janet

Reinhardt, Shirley  
 Reip, Taimi  
 Revis, Jean  
 Roome, Janet  
 Rothstein, Shelley  
 Rucci, Esther  
 Rundella, Jane  
 Russo, Marge  
 Rust, Betty S.  
 Scala, Virginia  
 Schneider, Mary  
 Schuld, Marlene  
 Scott, Jeanne  
 Semeraro, Fran  
 Sherwen, Patricia  
 Speechley, Carole  
 Spillane, Barbara  
 Sullivan, Marie  
 Sutton, Peggy  
 Swineburne, Carol  
 Vigorita, Linda  
 Vozzo, Marianne  
 Walker, Janet  
 Ward, Carol  
 Webb, Lynn  
 Wells, Catherine  
 Wentz, Joelle  
 White, Lois Preis  
 Whitehouse, Patty  
 Winkler, Carol  
 Wohld, Teri  
 Wolfe, Mary  
 Woodruff, Rose Marie



**1894 Society – Continued****CLUBS****COLLEGE DISTRICT**

Branchburg Woman's Club  
Bridgewater Woman's Club  
Cedar Woods Woman's Club  
Clinton Woman's Club  
Woman's Club of Cranbury  
East Brunswick Woman's Club  
Friday Club of Hightstown  
Woman's Club of Hillsborough  
Holland Township Woman's Club  
Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook  
Metuchen Edison Women's Club  
Past President's Club College District  
Somerville Civic League  
Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield

**GARDEN DISTRICT**

Gloucester County Women's Club  
The Haddon Fortnightly  
Haddon Fortnightly EMD  
Marlton Woman's Club  
Past Jr. Directors Club  
Woman's Club of Merchantville  
Woman's League of Mount Holly  
Woman's Club of Penns Grove/Carneys Point  
Woman's Club of Pennsville  
Women's Club of Wenonah  
Woman's Club of West Deptford  
Woman's Club of Woodstown

**HIGHLANDS DISTRICT**

Blair Woman's Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of Denville-Rockaway Area  
Hopatcong Woman's Club  
Long Valley Woman's Club  
Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills  
Past President Club 10th District  
GFWC Peapack-Gladstone Women's Clubs  
Roxbury Woman's Club  
Sparta Woman's Club  
Sussex Woman's Club  
Thursday Morning Club  
Vernon Township Woman's Club  
Washington Woman's Club

**LIBERTY DISTRICT**

Woman's Club of Allwood  
Arlington Woman's Club EMD  
Woman's Club of Belleville  
Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights  
Woman's Club of Bloomfield  
Women's Club of Caldwell  
Liberty District Past President Club

Women's Club of Maplewood  
Peninsula Woman's Club  
Rahway Woman's Club  
Woman's Club of Upper Montclair  
Woman's Club of Verona  
West Essex Woman's Club  
Woman's Club of Westfield

**PALISADES DISTRICT**

Book and Needle Club  
Carlstadt Woman's Club  
Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights  
Cresskill Woman's Club  
Woman's Club of Dumont  
Woman's Club of Englewood  
Greater Pascack Valley Woman's Club  
Woman's Club Haworth  
Woman's Club of Lyndhurst  
New Milford Woman's Club  
Woman's Club of Norwood-Northvale  
Woman's Club of Old Tappan  
Past Presidents Club of Palisades District  
Woman's Club of Paramus  
Womans Club of Ridgefield Park  
Woman's Club of Rutherford  
Woman's Club of Westwood

**RAMAPO DISTRICT**

Woman's Club of Franklin Lakes  
Montville Township Woman's Club  
Past Presidents 11th District  
Pompton Lakes Woman's Club  
Woman's Club of Ramsey  
Riverdale Woman's Club  
Woman's Club Saddle Brook  
Suburban Woman's Club of Pompton Plains  
Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River  
Woman's Club of West Milford

**SHORE DISTRICT**

Woman's Club of Asbury Park  
Belmar Woman's Club  
Woman's Club of Brick Township  
Woman's Club of Brielle  
Freehold Township Woman's Club  
Woman's Club of Lacey  
Woman's Club of Matawan  
Woman's Club Middletown  
Past President 5th District (Shore)

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT**

Women's Club of Absecon  
Colony Club of Ocean City  
Women's Community Club of Cape May  
Millville Woman's Club

**GOOD LUCK TO OUR NOMINEES**

The following club projects have been nominated by NJSFWC State Chairmen as a GFWC Club Creativity Award Entry and, if chosen, the club will receive a \$50 award. Winners will be announced at the GFWC Annual Convention.

<b>Club:</b>	<b>Project:</b>	<b>GFWC Report Area</b>
North Brunswick Woman's Club, College	Scavenger Hunt	Arts & Culture
Woman's Club of Merchantville, Garden	Learn to Tap Dance	Arts Performing
Thursday Morning Club, Highlands	New Jersey Mission of Honor	Civic Engagement and Outreach
Woman's Club of Bloomfield, Liberty	High School Book Club	Education & Libraries
Woman's Club of Belleville, Liberty	Pocket Park Project	Environment
Franklin Woman's Club, College	Stigma-Free Initiative	Health and Wellness
Suburban Woman's Club of, Pompton Plains, Ramapo	Fidget Blankets for Special Needs Children	Advocates for Children
The Haddon Fortnightly EMD, Garden	Through a Woman's Eyes Art Show	Communications
Woman's Club of Spring Lake, Shore	Gilded Age Events	Fundraising
The Woman's Club of Verona, Liberty	Prevent Child Abuse Business Cards	Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention
Women's Club of Caldwell, Liberty	American Women Quarters Program	Women's History
West Essex Woman's Club, Liberty	Citizen's Guide to Government	Legislation
GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly, Garden	New Member Orientation Booklet	Membership
Sparta Woman's Club, Highlands	The Trio	Leadership
GFWC Junior Women's Club of Belleville, Liberty	Faith Formation	Special State Project

**Carol J. Sas Award**

Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills, Highlands  
 GFWC Woman's Club of Runnemede, Garden  
 The Woman's Club of Upper Montclair, Liberty

**Emmanuel Cancer Foundation  
 Special State Project Top Donors**

	<u>Amount</u>
First Place: Metuchen Edison Women's Club, College	\$2,611
Second Place: Woman's Club of Lacey, Shore	\$2,070
Third Place: Woman's Club of Westwood, Palisades	\$2,000