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Are historians in demand?

Employment of historians is projected to grow 3 percent from 2024 to 2032, about as fast as the average for all occupations. About 300 openings for historians are projected each year, on average, over the decade. My name is Randi Quilici from The Woman's Club of Brielle, and the newly appointed NJSFWC Historian, now down to 299 openings as a volunteer from the heart.

History is based on written records. Did you know that the first written records date back a little more than 5,000 years in Egypt and ancient Sumer? The earliest Sumerian records used reeds cut at an angle to make wedge-shaped (cuneiform) marks on clay, which baked hard. Thankfully, for club Historians today, you don't need reeds.

How reliable are your written club records?

These documents are also known as Primary sources. Written records are used to write the history of your club and are reliable and based on eyewitness accounts. Saving club minutes, the president's agenda, the club yearbook/directory, newspaper articles, and your club newsletter are all important to the history of your club.

Here are some fun reasons why your club needs a Historian.

- The work environment is anywhere and anytime you choose.
- You have independence; there is no daily schedule.
- You have job stability for two years.
- The benefits are making friendships while gathering information.

Your club has a tremendous amount of history and accomplishments. Celebrate and share this with the newer members. Contribute a few sentences to your monthly newsletter under the heading of "Did you know."

When do you think the "Collect for Club Women" was read for the first time at a Federation meeting? October 1911, at the semi-annual meeting at Haddonfield Fortnightly in Haddonfield, NJ. At the opening session, NJSFWC President Catherine C. Warren read the Collect and said, "It is a beautiful sentiment for every woman whether she belongs to a club or not."