

NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
Leadership Advancement
Top Ten Projects 2024

1. **The Bridgewater Woman's Club** (College District) started "The Rule of Six" plan to encourage communication among club leaders. It consisted of the following areas: 1) Developed a Strategic Plan based on revised bylaws that were given to each member for reference; 2) The Board developed an annual plan that outlined all programs, activities and goals; 3) A Master Schedule and Budget were distributed to members prior to voting on the same; 4) Monthly EC meetings share CSP/Committee details; 5) Discussion of same with entire membership to gain involvement; 6) A report at general meeting for results and recognition of success.
2. **The Woman's Club of Cranbury, Inc.** (College District) created a Procedure Book to document the club's standard events. The president recorded details of each step involved in projects that a completed yearly by their club so that planning in the future is made simpler.
3. **The Haddon Fortnightly EMD** (Garden District) conducted a bylaws review to align with NJSFWC and GFWC Community Service Program titles. Their membership was given a copy of the current bylaws and encouraged to make recommendations for change. The chairman made a chart demonstrating where each program fell on Report Writing Forms. The approved bylaw changes will be published in the club yearbook that is distributed to all members.
4. **The GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly** (Garden District) created a new leadership position designated "Chair Liaison" who provides support and mentors members who have stepped into new CSP/Committee Chairmen roles. Qualifications for this role include an extensive background as a CSP/Committee Chairman as well as knowledge of the workings of GFWC, NJSFWC and their club. This allows new chairmen to ask questions and run ideas by a seasoned member who guides them with project selections and report writing.
5. **The GFWC Woman's Club of Runnemede** (Garden District) has developed a strong leadership stance in their community by becoming members of several other organizations that leads to project partnering. The club belongs to the Runnemede Chamber of Commerce which promotes their club on their website that resulted in two new members. They also partner with Re-Imagine Runnemede to revitalize the community. One member is a councilwoman whose position has been instrumental in the club collaborating on multiple town events. Two members serve on the town's Board of Education.
6. **The GFWC Woman's Club of West Deptford** (Garden District) held their own Report Writing Workshop via zoom. The president prepared a PowerPoint presentation of 25 slides and several Appendices. The Workshop included a brief overview of why reports are submitted and the difference between the statistical form and the project descriptions. It was emphasized that using individual Project

Report Forms to keep track of each project makes for easier report writing at the end of the year. Time during the zoom was dedicated to answering questions about where to report projects.

7. **The Washington Woman's Club, Inc.** (Highlands District) created a Leadership Book. The president coordinated the effort by including club procedures, club financial responsibilities, the history of their scholarship fund with copies of letters pertaining to it, how to promote and participate in Girl's Career Institute and any other pertinent information that would help future club leaders. She also purchased two NJSFWC hardcover books "From the Beginning: A Page of History" and "A Century of Challenge" that is available for all members to read and learn from.
8. **The Greater Pascack Valley Woman's Club** (Palisades District) encourages leadership and activity participation through strong communication with its members who are encouraged to express opinions and offer suggestions. The club has a monthly newsletter and distributes information via email to all members through the e-Connection, the NJSFWC ALMANAC (the Federation monthly newsletter), and GFWC News and Notes. Members are given an agenda for each meeting and have been instructed on proper meeting procedures. Members are encouraged to take on responsibilities of the club; Sign-Up Genius is used to schedule volunteers for projects. During a Bylaws review, Standing Rules were established for the first time.
9. **The Woman's Club of Ramsey** (Ramapo) created a Governing Committee when no one member would step up to become President. After consultation with their District Vice President, the five most active members formed the Committee, agreeing that they would share and rotate responsibilities. The plan was voted on and accepted by the membership and the bylaws were amended to allow for the new configuration. The five Committee members worked out a schedule in which they took turns conducting meetings and taking minutes. The new structure has made the club meetings more interesting, which they feel has revitalized the club and led to attracting new members.
10. **The Woman's Club of Brielle, Inc.** (Shore District) held a Women's Leadership Conference that was interactive and thought-provoking. It explored strategies for personal growth, professional development, networking and community engagement. The event was open to the public at the Brielle Public Library, with a registration fee of \$25. There were two featured women speakers: one, a club member, is the President and CEO of her own company (Women's Unlimited, Inc.) and another who is an Integrated Wellness Coach. \$1000 was raised for a club scholarship to which the club added \$1500 for a total scholarship of \$2500 given to a Lehigh University student. The event was so successful that a second Conference is scheduled for March 2025.