



CONVENTION CHATTER

*NJSFWC 130th 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 2025

Kathy Hunterton, NJSFWC Honors Chairman

Annette Grieco joined the Welcome Wagon Club in 1983 and fast became their Social Director. While a member of this club, she participated in fundraisers, one being the creation of a cookbook, which raised money for a local family whose mother was diagnosed with a life-threatening disease. She frequently brought meals to the families, during this difficult time in their lives, she still carries out this practice.

As time went on her involvement grew. She was one of the original Modick Moms, a group of citizens whose desire was to help raise money to improve the local park. She, along with others involved, would meet with the mayor of the town to discuss ways in which they could work together at goals to improve Modick Park. She headed such fundraisers for the park, namely the Ice Cream Social, the Harvest festival, the Family Festival and square Dancing in the park. These fundraisers brought in funds to purchase playground equipment, fencing around the toddler area and planting of trees during Earth Day that are still there today.

When her children began attending school and church, she became room mom for their classroom going on class trips and assisting teachers in class parties and field days. At their church, she taught Sunday School. She volunteered in the church's program MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), she also headed Vacation Bible School and served as a Youth Leader for years as her children entered those programs. She served as an usher and member of the prayer team in her church and eventually became a Stephen's Minister. She served feeding the homeless and needy by going on the city relief bus, which goes into NYC and such cities in New Jersey as Patterson and Jersey City.

A long-standing role she plays is heading the National Day of Prayer gathering which takes place annually on the first day of May every year nationally. She has done this every year for 30 years.

She was a stay-at-home mom for 15 years returning to the workplace in 1995, she was hired by the Board of Education as an aid to a boy in a wheelchair. She worked both in the classroom and eventually because of her secretarial skills was placed in the main office, where she worked over many years. She enjoyed working with children and helping them in any way she could. Her priority was always to be there for her family and this position with the school system enabled her to be there for them. She retired from her position of Office Manager in 2019.

After retirement, she continued to be active in her community. She is a member of the Seniors Inc., the Golden Lunch Bunch at the Senior Center, where she leads an exercise group twice a week and is also a member of the Woman's Club. As a member of the Woman's Club, she contributed her time and services to such organizations as the Veterans Lyons Hospital, Dasi and local nursing homes. As a member of the Senior group, she became involved with an individual's needs helping her move, helping daily with packing and cleaning the home. Her involvement with seniors goes beyond just exercising, she reaches out to them if they have not attended in a while. Always offering assists whether physical or prayer offering. She helps raise money for Steve Milford Independent Living as well as physical needs for helping this group of adults participate in local activities, while delivering meals to the homebound. She collects food and non-perishable items to disburse to local organizations such as the Wellness Center, West Side Methodist food pantry, Grace Church food panty and local seniors. She volunteers at the local food pantry serving citizens that come in for services. In 2023 she was selected as Sussex Country Senior of the Year.

Margaret Yardley Fellowship

Ashley Bella Orr, Masters of Social Work, Rutgers University in Spring 2026

Taylor Nicole Henry, Clemson University, Ph.D., Remote Rhetorics, Communications & Information Design

Zahra Wallizadeh, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Rowan-Virtual School in 2028

Aniah Murphy, , Juris Doctor, Rutgers Law School, in 2027

Laurel Ann Burrer, Juris Doctor, Rutgers Law School, Newark in 2027

Maya Rakoczy, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2028

Best All Around Reporting – State Winners

Arts & Culture

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	WC of Brick Township, Shore	No Winner	No Winner
21-40	Suburban WC of So. Plainfield, College	JWC of Jefferson Township, Highlands	Washington WC, Inc., Highlands & Marlton WC, Inc., Garden
41+	WC of Spring Lake, Shore	WC of Vineland, Southern	Sparta WC, Highlands

Arts Performing

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo	WC of Brick Township, Shore	No Winner
21-40	WC of Belleville Inc., Liberty	WC of Marlton, Garden	WC of Haworth, Palisades
41+	Millville WC, Southern	WC of Merchantville, Gardens	WC of Upper Montclair, Liberty

Civic Engagement & Outreach

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Pines Lakes WC, Ramapo	JWC of Jefferson Twp., Highlands	North Arlington WC, Palisades
21-40	WC of Caldwell, Liberty	Montville Township WC, Ramapo	Cresskill WC, Palisades
41+	JWC of Verona, Liberty	Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook, College	WC of Spring Lake, Shore

Education & Libraries

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	JWC of Jefferson Twp., Highlands	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo	WC of Abseon, Southern
21-40	WC of Woodstown, Garden	WC of Ridgefield Park, Palisades	Arlington WC EMD, Liberty
41+	WC of Parsippany-Troy Hills, Highlands	WC of Upper Montclair, Liberty	WC of Merchantville, Garden

Environment

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Peapack-Gladstone WC, Highlands	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo	JWC of Jefferson Twp., Highlands
21-40	Montville Twp WC, Ramapo	Franklin WC, College	WC of Runnemede, Garden
41+	WC of Brielle, Shore	WC of Denville Rockaway Area, Highlands	Millville WC, Southern

Health & Wellness

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Cont. Club of Hasbrouck Heights, Palisades	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo	WC of Brick Twp, Shore
21-40	Woman's Civic Club of Hammonton, Southern	Montville Twp WC, Ramapo	Marlton WC., Garden
41+	Haddon Fortnightly EMD, Southern	Roxbury WC, Highlands	WC of Paramus, Palisades & WC of Upper Saddle River, Ramapo

Advocates for Children

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	JWC of Jefferson Twp., Highlands	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo	Central Valley Cont Club, College
21-40	Woman's Civic Club of Hammonton, Southern	Marlton WC, Garden,	Franklin WC, College
41+	Haddon Fortnightly EMD, Southern	WC of Lacy, Shore	Pompton Lakes WC, Ramapo

Communications

Membership Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo	WC of Boonton, Highlands	WC of Brick Township., Shore
21-40	WC of Runnemede, Garden	WC of Caldwell, Liberty	Women's Comm. Club Cape May, Southern
41+	Haddon Fortnightly EMD, Southern	WC of Spring Lake, Shore	WC of Parsippany-Troy Hills, Highlands

Fundraising

Membership

Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	JWC of Jefferson Twp, Highlands	North Arlington WC, Palisades	WC of Hillsborough, College
21-40	Woman's Civic C of Hammonton, Southern	JWC of Sparta, Highlands	Suburban WC of So.Plainfield, College
41+	WC of Lacy, Shore	WC of Merchantville, Garden	Thursdsay Morning Club, Highlands

GFWC Signature Project – Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention

Membership

Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo	WC of Boonton, Highlands	No Winner
21-40	WC of Belleville, Liberty	Marlton WC, Garden	Hopatcong WC, Highlands
41+	WC of Vineland, Southern	Woman's League of Mt Holly, Garden	WC of Lacy, Shore

Women's History

Membership

Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo	Central Valley Cont. Club, College	WC of Brick Township, Shore
21-40	WC of Matawan, Shore	Marlton WC, Garden	Arlington WC EMD, Liberty
41+	Long Valley WC, Highlands	Pompton Lakes WC, Ramapo	WC of West Deptford, Garden

Leadership

Membership

Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo	WC of Brick Township, Shore	WC of Absecon, Southern
21-40	Marlton WC, Garden	WC of Belleville, Liberty	WC of Lyndhurst, Palisades
41+	WC of Spring Lake, Shore	Millville WC, Southern	WC of Paramus, Palisades

Legislation/Resolutions

Membership

Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo	WC of Absecon, Southern	Contemporary WC of Hasbrouck, Palisades
21-40	WC of Matawan, Shore	Woman's Civic Club of Hammonton, Southern	WC of Belleville, Liberty
41+	Millville WC, Southern	WC of Denville-Rockaway Area, Highlands	Haddon Fortnightly EMD, Garden

Membership

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Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	Cont. Club of Hasbrouck Heights, Palisades	WC of Boonton, Highlands	Pines Lake WC, Ramapo
21-40	WC of West Milford Township, Ramapo	Woman's Civic Club Hammonton, Southern	WC of Matawan, Shore
41+	Roxbury WC, Highlands	WC of Lacy, Shore,	Haddon Fortnightly EMD, Garden

Special State Project

Membership

Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4-20	WC of Boonton, Highlands	Sussex WC, Highlands	No Winner
21-40	W Civic Club of Hammonton, Southern	WC of Upper Saddle River, Ramapo	Cresskill WC, Palisades
41+	Roxbury WC, Highlands	East Brunswick WC, College	WC of West Deptford, Garden

WEBSITE

First Place:	Second Place	Third Place
Woman's Club of Ramsey, Ramapo	Metuchen Edison Women's Club, College	Woman's Club of Lacy, Shore

Best Free Website

Woman's League of Mount Holly, Garden

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

HAIKU

	SELECTION	INDIV/GROUP/AUTHOR	CLUB/DISTRICT
First Place	Secret Volumes	Linda Hruska	WC of Lacy (Shore)
Second Place	Today	Karen Kirk	WC of Belleville (Liberty)

SHORT STORY

	SELECTION	INDIV/GROUP/AUTHOR	CLUB/DISTRICT
First Place	This Pile of Rubbish	Coni Evans	WC of Verona, Inc (Liberty)
Second Place	Sloppy Luck and the Importance of Water	Barbara D. Hall	Pines Lake WC, Inc. (Ramapo)
Third Place	My Face	Elaine Anderson	Blair WC (Highlands)

POETRY

	SELECTION	INDIV/GROUP/AUTHOR	CLUB/DISTRICT
First Place	Goodbye Dear Kathie	Jill Hediger	WC of Carlstadt, Inc. (Palisades)
Second Place	May 4, 1970/2024	Barbara D. Hall	Pines Lake WC, Inc. (Ramapo)
Third Place	The Hellebore	Dorothy Meissner	WC of Upper Montclair (Liberty)
Skit One-Act Play	The Women Who Built Henry the VIII	The Long Valley WC Performance Group	The Long Valley Woman's Club (Highlands)

YOUTH WRITING CONTEST

POETRY

First Place - Cat. 1-(Grades K-2)	City Stroller Adventures	Victoria Yannotta	WC of Upper Saddle River (Ramapo)
First Place – Cat. 2 (Grades 3-5)	Rollercoaster	Dorothea Sheehan	WC of Wenonah (Garden)
Second Place Cat. 2 (Grades 3-5)	Changing Seasons	Brayden Calderon	WC of Belleville, Inc. (Liberty)
First Place-Cat. 3 (Grades 6-8)	Chick-Fil-A	George Kordalis	WC of Upper Saddle River (Ramapo)
Second Place-Cat. 3 (Grades 6-8)	I'm Sorry Planet	Mariana Cardona Rios	WC of Belleville, Inc. (Liberty)

YOUTH ESSAY

Cat 1 (K, 1 & 2) First Place	The Great Cookie Dilemma	Arjun Rajagopol	WC of Upper Saddle River (Ramapo)
Cat 2 (3,4,5) First Place	The Loud Lady	Leah Ford	WC of Upper Saddle River (Ramapo)
Cat. 3 (6,7,8) First Place	Pie Face	Lucy Kamen	WC of Upper Saddle River (Ramapo)

YOUTH SHORT STORY

First Place Cat. 2 (Grades 3-5)	The Weird Doll	Milena Foster	WC of Wenonah (Garden)
First Place Cat. 3 (Grades 6-8)	Nuotatrice (Swimmer)	Joanna Doheny	WC of Wenonah (Garden)

ESO

Christine Novak – The Haddon Fortnightly, Garden –7th Century
 Patricia Sherwen – Woman’s Club of Arlington, Liberty – Century Level
 Shelley Rothstrein- Woman’s Club of Paramus, Palisades – Member Level/Star Level

NEWSLETTER AWARDS

Class A

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Suburban WC of South Plainfield, College	Millville WC, Southern	Saddle Brook WC, Ramapo

Class B

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Cresskill Woman’s Club, Palisades	No Winner	No Winner

Class C

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
WC of West Deptford, Garden	Greater Pascack Valley WC, Palisades	WC of Parsippany-Troy Hills, Palisades

PRESSBOOK AWARDS

Class A

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Greater Pascack Valley Woman’s Club, Palisades	N/A	

Class B

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Woman’s Club of Westwood, Palisades		

Class C – No Entries

SCRAPBOOK AWARDS

Class A No Entries

Class B

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Woman’s League of Mt Holly, Garden		

Class C

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Woman’s Club of Parsippany- Troy-Hills, Highlands		

1894 SOCIETY – 2024-2025 - Individual

Each of the following clubs and individuals is a supporting member in the NJSFWC 1894 Society for April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025
 Their contribution enables the Headquarters Foundation Fund to achieve its objective of financial stability. Thank you all for your generosity.

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Bortone, Annette	Groneman, Lynda	Moran, Janice	Sebahie, Rosie
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Brock, Mary Ellen	Hansen, Deborah	Murdock, Joan	Sherwen, Patricia
Buono, Patty	Heeren, Marge	Niemiec, Carol	Shoemaker, April
Burlew, Christina	Henkel, Carol	Nolan, Bernadette	Sidun, Patricia
Byrne, Susan	Hill, Claire	Norian, Katherine	Silverstein, Wendy
Caccavo, Laurie	Holly, Shirley	Norwood, Mercedes	Soucek, Kathleen
Campbell, Clara	Hosier, Dee	O'Brien, Elaine	Speechley, Carole
Carbley, Linda	Hossfield, Elaine	Olson, Phyllis	Spillane, Barbara
Carlson, Susan	Hossfield, Elaine	Osborne, Karen	Stein, Andrea
Carnvale, Doreen	Hublely, Kathy	Otto, Kim	Sullivan, Marie
Carr, Stephanie	Hudson, Lucy	Passaretti, Jill	Sutton, Peggy
Carrubba, Janice	Hugelmeyer, Maribeth	Pease, Isle	Swinburne, Carol
Cerbo, Catherine	Hunterton, Kathy	Pechar, Laura	Tatineni, Kanthi
Chambers, Katie	Huresky, Virginia (Ginny)	Perugino, Patti	Thompson, Carole
Chambers, Susan	Jasinkiewicz, Pat	Pipelng, Rori	Torti, Marilyn
Chanda, Phyllis	Jeisi, Karen	Pullaro, Jane	Troiano, Theresa
Cibelli, Debbie	Jennings, Carol	Quilici, Randi	Varga, Dianna
Ciocco, Madeleine	Kaffka, Margaret	Quinn, Ann	Vozzo, Marianne
Clark, Alexandria	Karthauser, Kathleen	Ralls, Jan	Webb, Lynn
Dahl, Patricia	Keane, Jennifer	Raymond, June	Weissenburger, Ann
Davidson, Jeanne	Keim, Lynn	Reddick, Kathleen	Westerberg, Sue
DeChristopher, Karen	Kirby, Betty	Ree, Tina	Westog, Barbara
Di Matties, Marie	Kocher, Grace	Reilly, Janet	Whitehouse, Patti
Dietz, Bruna	Kokol, Ora	Reinhardt, Shirley	White-Preis, Lois
Dobalo, Laurel	Kovacs-Felici, Gail	Reip, Taimi	Wiebers, Diana
Donnelly, Joyce	Lagitch, Betty		Wilinski, Dorothea
Douglas, Roxanne	Lawton, Anna		Wilson, Beverly
Dreger, Joyce	Lazur, Karen		Winkler, Carol
Drogo, Janet	Levy, Nancy		Wolfe, Mary
Eilers, Frances	Link, Patty		Woodruff, Rose Marie
			Yorlano, Sharon
			Zarzycki, Marilyn

1894 SOCIETY – 2024-2025 - Clubs**COLLEGE**

Branchburg Woman's Club
Bridgewater Woman's Club
Cedar Wood Woman's Club
East Brunswick Woman's Club
Flemington Woman's Club
Holland Township Woman's Club, Inc.
Metuchen Edison Women's Club
North Brunswick Woman's Club
Somerville Civic League
Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield
Woman's Club of Cranbury
Woman's Club of Hillsborough

GARDEN

EMD of Haddon Fortnightly
Gloucester County Woman's Club
The Haddon Fortnightly
Woman's Club of Merchantville
Woman's League of Mount Holly
Woman's Club of Penns Grove Carneys Point
Woman's Club of Pennsville
Woman's Club of Wenonah
Woman's Club of West Deptford
Woman's Club of Woodstown
Ex Pres Club Garden District

HIGHLANDS

Blair Woman's Club of Blairston
Denville Rockaway Area Woman's Club
Denville Rockaway Area Woman's Club
Hopatcong Woman's Club
Junior Woman's Club of Sparta
Junior Woman's Club of Sparta
Long Valley Junior Woman's Club
Long Valley Woman's Club
Past Presidents Club Tenth (Highlands)
Roxbury Woman's Club
Sparta Woman's Club
Thursday Morning Club, Inc.
Vernon Township Woman's Club
Washington Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Boonton
Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills

LIBERTY

Woman's Club of Allwood
Arlington Woman's Club EMD
Junior Woman's Club Arlington
Woman's Club of Arlington
Woman's Club of Belleville
Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights
Woman's Club of Bloomfield
Women's Club of Caldwell
Woman's Club of Maplewood
The Woman's Club of Verona

PALISADES

Book and Needle Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Carlstadt
Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights
Cresskill Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Dumont
Women's Club of Englewood
Greater Pascack Valley Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Haworth
Woman's Club of Leonia
Woman's Club of Lyndhurst
New Millford Woman's Club
North Arlington Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Norwood Northvale
Woman's Club of Old Tappan
Past Presidents Club, Palisades
Woman's Club of Ridgefield Park
Woman's Club of Rutherford
Woman's Club of Westwood

RAMAPO

Woman's Club of Franklin Lakes
Past Presidents Club
Pines Lake Woman's Club, Inc.
Pompton Lake Woman's Club
Suburban Woman's Club of Pompton Plains
Woman's Club of Ridgewood
Riverdale Woman's Club
Woman's Club of West Milford

SHORE

Woman's Club of Asbury Park
Woman's Club of Brielle
Woman's Club of Colts Neck
Howell Women's Club
Matawan Women's Club
Woman's Club of Middletown
Stafford Township Woman's Club
Woman's Club of Spring Lake

SOUTHERN

Colony Club of Ocean City
Millville Woman's Club

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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.

GFWC Report Area	Club	Project
Advocates for Children:	The Haddon Fortnightly EMD	“Snowflake Run”
Arts & Culture	Suburban Woman’s Club of South Plainfield	“He’ARTS Creative”
Arts Performing	Woman’s Club of Upper Montclair	“Celebrating Italian Heritage”
Civic Engagement and Outreach	Montville Township Woman’s Club	“Military Coupon”
Communications	The Haddon Fortnightly EMD	“Big Belly Trash Cans”
Education & Libraries	Woman’s Club of Woodstown	“Wash Tub”
Environment	Peapack-Gladstone Woman’s Club	“Celebration of Earth Day at Matheny”
Fundraising	Woman’s Club of Verona	“Community Share Your Light Night”
Health & Wellness	Woman’s Civic Club of Hammonton	“Home Safety for Women”
Leadership	Woman’s Club of Brielle	“Women’s Leadership Conference”
Legislation/Resolutions	Millville Woman’s Club	“Maximizing GWFC Legislative Action Center”
Membership	Woman’s Club of Vineland	“Membership Orientation with a Twist”
Special State Project	East Brunswick Woman’s Club	“Potluck Luncheon”
Women’s History	Sparta Woman’s Club	“Beaded Necklace Club History Prog.”
GFWC Signature Program		
Domestic Violence	Woman’s Club of Belleville	“Holiday Celebrations for Safe House”

Carol J. Sas Award

First Place: Roxbury Woman’s Club., Highlands
 Second Place: Woman’s Club of Upper Montclair, Liberty
 Third Place: Woman’s Club of Paramus, Palisades