



# Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO** – The deadline is now: all **Calendar Club money, ticket stubs and unsold tickets must be returned.** If you are not attending the luncheon, please make arrangements to get them to Rae or myself. Also, this is the last chance to purchase a ticket...think about last minute Christmas gifts.

Thanks to Maddie, Laura and Monika WCOL has a tree at the display in front of the Methodist Church. It is decorated with photos of "Women of Achievement" from around the world. Great job ladies. Stop by and see all the trees.

Thanks to all departments and committees for your work this past year. You have much to be proud of. Now let's make sure all reports are turned in to Jo as we will be working on these reports to NJSFWC in January.

I wish each of you a very blessed and joyful Christmas and a healthy new year. Let us remember to pray for all in need of our prayers and for peace in the world.

**1ST VICE PRESIDENT, BARBARA BOWEN** -  
Holiday greetings to all! We have many pocketbooks & scarves for sale at our meeting, some still have price tags on them. Our prices range from \$5-\$10. Shopping begins when you arrive. I also have information about trips. Stay Healthy & well for the New Year! Love, Barbara Bowen

**2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI** –  
**Reports** – Thank you to everyone who gives me their reports in a timely manner. It is much appreciated.

**3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL CANDELETTI** –  
Four new members will be installed at the Luncheon. I have received applications to join our Club from Judy Fisher and Valerie Negra. We have six guests coming on 13<sup>th</sup>. Please wear your nametags and have all guests check in with Lillis and me before the meeting. Merry Christmas!

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARIA KOWALEWSKI** – Happy Holidays and a great New Year to all!

**RECORDING SECRETARY, LORI YOUNG** –  
I will report at the General Meeting.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY** –  
Hello ladies. As of December, we have 96 members and 8 Honorary. All our licenses are in my possession through next Sept! If you will need a license for any event you are planning, please let me know ahead of time sometimes it

takes a while depending on the town's schedule. Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season Regards Andrea

**TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER** – Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas to all. May our holidays be filled with love, hope and joy!

**FEDERATION SECRETARY – SHIRLEY HOULIHAN** – Another year almost over... Wow! Happy December, however, you spend your holidays I hope they are peaceful, full of love and joyful. NJSFWC (New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Club) is sponsoring a Scentsy fundraiser featuring items that include wax warmers and other home and body products. Many of these items cost under \$10. These items will help fill your life with fragrance. Sale runs from November 1st to January 31st. If you have any questions, you may contact our Consultant, Lauren McCarthy at 732-221-5614 Website:  
<https://laurentheresawhite.scentsy.us/party/17699613/njsfwc-fundraiser>.

**CORRECTION** for the Save the Date!! The dates for this year's Convention are Monday, May 6th to Wednesday, May 8th, 2024. the same as last year. The beginning of the 130th Celebration will be on Sunday, May 5th, 2024. The Convention theme is "Federation: A Sisterhood of Friendship".

The National Day of Service will be on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This years' service project will center around Domestic Violence Shelters. We will be collecting items at the January meeting to assist with the National Day of Service.

Rutgers has confirmed the dates for the 2024 Girls' Career Institute - June 2 – 5, 2024. GCI will begin on Sunday afternoon instead of Monday.

Shore District Council Monday, January 22 Point Pleasant Woman's Club House 513 St. Louis Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach Meeting: 10:00 a.m. All members are invited to attend. Please let Lori know if you plan on attending.

Finally, the NJSFWC Writing Contest deadline is approaching, and entries must be submitted by January 14, 2024. If you want a full list of the rules, please reach out to me as I can send you that information. Your writing entries must fall into the following five categories:

1. Book Review: 2,000-word limit. Please use "Word Count" when creating your document.
2. Haiku: 17 syllables (5-7-5). Only one entry per person.
3. Play or Skit One act: This should be a 10 – 15 minutes play/skit.
4. Poetry: Minimum 8 lines, maximum 50 lines, any style.
5. Short Story: 2,000-word limit. Please use "Word Count."

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS**

### **ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Carol LaVelle –**

We will be participating in Operation Smile starting January. I will be collecting craft items, small toys, games, etc. at each general meeting. The entire list of needed items can be found on our website & copies will be available at the meeting. Thank you. Wishing everyone a very happy & healthy Holiday season!

### **ARTS & CULTURE: Chairwoman needed -**

### **ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi -**

We will have a sing-along at our Christmas luncheon.

## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH**

Happy Holiday to All - prayer is a powerful tool especially when done as a group. Please pray for peace in the world this coming season and beyond.

**Wrapped in Love** - 18 + blankets will be sent up to the NJ Sharing Network this month bringing the total for this year to 199. Thank you and I am so grateful to you! If you are new to the club, I collect handmade lap blankets which are donated to families who have given the gift of life by organ and tissue donation. If you need yarn, please contact me. These blankets are greatly appreciated by all who receive them.

**Wreaths Across America** - December 16th, 12:00 noon is the date for the ceremony and laying of wreaths at Good Luck Cemetery in Lanoka Harbor. This is a rain or shine event do dress properly. I would recommend parking in the Murray Grove parking lot. If you signed up for this event, I would email you with any changes prior to December 16th. Thank you for your participation.

### **Holiday Stockings: Carol LaVelle -**

## **DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

### **Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – : Providence House:**

Wishing everyone a happy holiday! The DSVAP group met and filled 10 stockings with numerous personal hygiene items to make the mothers of Providence House feel special. We currently need 46 more rolls of paper towels and 34 packages of baby wipes to reach our donation goal. Thank you for all you do, may the new year bring you many blessings.

### **Pinwheel Garden:**

## **EDUCATION & LIBRARIES**

**Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith** - Our club collected over 700 books for the Bridge of Books Foundation. Many thanks to Diane Bauernhuber, Fran Geduldick, Dianne Rogalski, Judy Schermerhorn, and soon to be new member, Karen Martenak, we counted and sorted all the books. They have also been delivered. Thanks again to all who donated. Have a wonderful holiday!

### **Read Across America: Debbie Smith -**

**Monthly Book Club:** Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year. There is no meeting in December, but you can pick up the January book, "The Only Woman in the Room", starting December 19th.

### **Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –**

**Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Mariana Marzacco**

## **ENVIRONMENT ISSUES**

**Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser –** Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Our guest speaker, Joe Soto from Ramblin Farms, has been rescheduled to the February General meeting. He will discuss the benefits of organic farming.

We are collecting items for craft projects to be used at the Lacey township branch of the Ocean County library for their program with autistic children. These items are things that you have around the house that you think could be used to make crafts. Here is a list of some items: paper towel and toilet paper cardboard rolls, ribbon, yarn, gently used crayons or markers, corks, wrapping paper, stickers, paper clips, egg cartons, etc. Please bring them to our general meetings starting this month. Thank you.

**Doggie Angels: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer and Rae Mauri** – Please continue to donate old towels, blankets, sheets, etc. for our hairy friends. It sure makes their life a lot better. We love the treats and toys, the Animals at the Pop Corn Zoo!

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Home Life: Carol Jones/Sheila Anderson** – Our collection of cell phones has been down so please reach out to family and friends and collect as many used cell phones as possible for our soldiers. Also don't forget to donate your used eyeglasses. Thank you for your support!

**Nursing Home: Dawn Korman** – The residents of Pheasant Run generously donated chocolates and various treats, along with holiday greeting cards to Crystal Lake. Crystal Lake was very appreciative!

Crystal Lake has a pause on visitors to the facility due to an uptick in covid cases. They are constantly monitoring the situation with daily testing of all staff and residents.

Crystal Lake continues to accept all donations and has requested a basketball hoop for Christmas.

Spring Oak remains to be Covid free, and we are actively working together to develop a few dates where they need our support.

Spring Oak is also looking for bingo prizes, such as individual snacks. And of course, they are always accepting personal care products.

Thank you to our members who have donated items, or who have contributed with their time. Your kindness and generosity are appreciated!

**Food Bank: Carol Crotty** – Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. At our November meeting we collected 117 cans of tuna and 17 miscellaneous food items for our local food bank. Please

continue to bring 3 cans of tuna, potato and rice sides and/or hamburger helper and/or food staples to our General Meetings so we can continue to support the Lacey Food Bank. Thank you!

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**CARING CORNER: Diane Moser** - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This month 5 cards were sent out to our members.

### COMMUNICATIONS

**Email: Jo Faccioli** - If you changed your email or if you are a new member, please make sure I have your email address. This will help to keep you up to date on the happenings of the Club.

**Advertising: Jo Faccioli** - If you are hosting a fundraiser, it is your responsibility to get the information to me as soon as possible. Several announcements and photos were posted on **Lacey Patch** under **Neighborhood News** and the **Woman's Club of Lacey and NJSFWC facebook pages**.

**Website: Jo Faccioli** - Please visit [www.womanscluboflacey.org](http://www.womanscluboflacey.org) and make sure your information is correct. Also, if you wish to advertise your fundraiser on the website and add it to the calendar you must send me your information.

**Calendar: Jo Faccioli** - Is updated regularly. Any information or dates you have in advance can be placed on the calendar.

**Facebook: Jo Faccioli** – Facebook is up and running. If you belong to Facebook, please visit our page, and follow us to keep up with what is happening and to share so all know about the work we do.

**Photos: Linda Hruska**

**Newsletter: Joan Schuler** – Please try to forward information for the Newsletter by the Friday/Saturday after the Board Meeting to [jschuler13@gmail.com](mailto:jschuler13@gmail.com). Thank you.

**Roving Reporter: Joan Engelhart** – My December interview is with Joyce Huffert who became a Woman's Club member in 2012. Joyce was born in Willow Grove, P.A. She graduated from Mooreland High School and Wilford Beauty Academy in PA.

Married for 40 years when her husband passed away. They owned Bob's Hair Shack in Bayville, New Jersey. Joyce was a hairdresser for 47 years. Parents to three children and grandparents to five.

Joyce is extremely involved with her church and Intergenerational Club where she works with kids. The WCOL also keeps her busy.

Joyce is a busy lady with all these activities, and she believes "We cannot live without God in our lives."

Thank you for your interview. Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year's.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM (CIP):**

**Mariana Marzacco and Dot VanBlarcom -**  
50/50 Raffle for Multiple Disability School Programs  
Congratulations to Maria Fiorenza who won \$115.00 at our November Meeting. Thank you to those who take a chance and much appreciation for supporting our Lacey Township special needs programs.

**HOSPITALITY: - Helen DelaCruz** – Please check your handbooks for reminders of your contributions and assistance for our monthly meetings. Thank you.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN: Chairwoman needed –**

**REGISTRATION/PHONE:**  
**Lil Campbell/Nancy Conway** – Members, please remember \$2.00 is being collected by all those attending our General Meetings to help offset the cost of administration costs of our Club. Thank you.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Joan Schuler** – It's never too early to think about what you might like to enter for April 2024 Achievement Day. There are several categories to show off your talent to our Club and then at our Spring Conference in April. Please contact me for more information. Thank you.

**ACTIVITY DAY: Lina Kazala** – THANK YOU for supporting Activity Day. This is a social fun day, and we are exercising our brains with card playing and Mah Jongg games and enjoying good snacks. We play on Mondays 12-3:30 at 15 E. Lacey Road.

### **FUNDRAISING: Shirley Houlihan –**

**Paint and Sip: Maria Kowalewski** – This fundraiser was a lot of fun. Thank you to those who were able to participate!

**Monthly Baskets: Carol Setzer** – Thank you to those who take chances on our lovely baskets. At our November meeting, the basket raised \$140.00 for our Club.

**Trips: Barbara Bowen –**

### **SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: Joan Engelhardt –**

If your Handbook does not yet have a Smiley Face stamp on it, please consider a \$5.00 donation to help support this worthwhile cause and get it stamped. Thank you.

### **BIRTHDAY**

#### **DECEMBER:**

Carol Jones	12/3
Eleanor DelVecchio	12/8
Robin O'Brien	12/10
Betty O'Neill	12/13
Joan Engelhardt	12/16
Jo Faccioli	12/17
Jackie Ott	12/19
Carol LaVelle	12/23
Carol Candeletti	12/29
BJ Graham	12/29

#### **JANUARY:**

Fran Guduldick	1/2
Mickey Esposito	1/4
Carol Nicolay	1/4
Diane Bauernhuber	1/5
Nancy Pribila	1/25
Carole Crotty	1/30