



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO - Happy New Year! Let's make this a year to remember.

Welcome to all our new members. Please sign up to work on one of our committees. The following are collected each month's meeting: Cans of tuna or a side; Items for the nursing home; Items for Home Life (cell phones or eyeglasses); Items for Operation Smile (small arts and crafts items); Items for Conservation (old sneakers); Items for Doggie Angels; Food containers for Providence House. This is certainly a lot, and no one is expected to bring all these items to one meeting and most of the list is ongoing. However, Tricky Tray and Day of Service are one-time events.

Day of Service is January 18 and NJSFWC has aligned this with the National Day of Service. Our focus is to help stock the Community Foodbanks of New Jersey. The items collected at the meeting will be brought to the Woman's Club of Pt. Pleasant Club House along with items from the sixteen other Shore District Clubs. Our club will be collecting items for "Dinner-in-a-Bag".

We need to complete one or more bags each with the following items:

Dinner in a Bag Kit

- 1 - 2 lbs. Bag of Brown Rice
- 1 - 14.5 oz. Can of Vegetables - Low Sodium
- 1 - 29 oz. Can of Tomato Sauce - Low Sodium
- 1 - 14.5 oz. Can of Diced Tomatoes - Low Sodium
- 1 - 12.5 oz. Can of Chicken - In Water
- 2 - 8 oz. Grated Parmesan Cheese - Shelf Stable Container

If you can, please bring one of these items to Wednesday's meeting.

And bring your item for Tricky Tray!

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, BARBARA BOWEN -

Happy New Year to all ! We have our Tricky Tray this month. Don't forget to bring items (unwrapped) that you received & don't want. Someone else may love it. I will be taking checks for \$155.00 for the play at Hunterdon Hills on Tues May 9th. Barbara Bowen

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, MARILYN HOCK -

Reporting monthly or when your project/event is complete is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL CANDELETTI -

Happy New Year ! We are having three guests join us at the General Meeting. Please have all guests check in with Lillis and see me prior to the start of the meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARIA KOWALEWSKI -

Happy New Year!

RECORDING SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY – Hi ladies hope you had a nice New Year’s Eve. We have 97 members and 8 honorary! I would like to remind everyone that dues in the amount of \$36 are due in March and anyone who can pay early will be very much appreciated! Regards Andrea

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

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER – Happy New Year! Please do not forget to include your income/expense voucher when giving me funds or requesting reimbursement. Thank you.

FEDERATION SECRETARY – SHIRLEY HOULIHAN – Happy New Year! January 11th is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, also known as #WearBlueDay. On this day, Blue Campaign invites you to do your part in raising awareness of the crime — and it is as simple as wearing blue. Why blue? It is the international color of human trafficking awareness. Just find your favorite blue outfit or article of clothing and wear it to our meeting on the 11th.

Furthermore, on January 16th is the National Day of Service in which NJSFWC participates. On that day we will be meeting with the Shore District to put together meal bags for the foodbank. Items that can be brought to the meeting were in last month’s newsletter. If you can join the district in bagging items they will appreciate your assistance, if you are unable to join the district, please bring items to the January meeting.

Start preparing your items for our Mini Achievement Day in March in order to participate in the District Achievement Day. Further info regarding categories can be found on NJSFWC.org website at <https://njsfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2022-Supplement-Art-and-Culture.pdf> Any questions regarding Achievement Day should be directed to Joan Schuler. Finally, save the date for convention May 1 to 3rd in Atlantic City at the Hard Rock Casino.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Carol LaVelle – Happy New Year!! “Operation Smile” - We are still collecting crafts, games, small toys stuffed animals, coloring books, etc. The complete list is on the website & will also be available at the general meeting. Thank you all.

ARTS & CULTURE: Diana Monia – We will have a short meeting after our General Meeting on Wednesday to discuss making Smile Bags for children to receive after

surgery. I will discuss materials needed and assign different duties for the making of these bags. All who can stay to discuss this project will be appreciated. Thank you.

ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi – Happy New Year to all!

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

NJ Sharing Network/Wrapped in Love: Jo Faccioli
Wrapped in Love – A donation of 9 blankets so far will be donated in January 2023 and sent to the N.J. Sharing Network. I am asking for donations of yarn once more because the money has run low at the NJ Sharing Network for this project. My ladies who knit and crochet like using Pound of Love yarn, any color except black. This yarn can be purchased at Joann's Fabric, Michael's and Amazon. Thank you as always for your generosity.

Intergenerational with Girl Scouts:
Chris Rakowski –

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – :

Happy New Year and a BIG thank you for donating the following for women and children at Providence House: 20 gift cards, 46 coats, 43 Tupperware, 154 pairs of socks, and 20 gift bags. We are still collecting Tupperware that can be used in a microwave. DSVAP Group

Providence House:
Pinwheel Garden:

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith - Happy New Year!

Read Across America: Debbie Smith

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Fran Celentano – Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone is healthy and ready for a new year. Literature will discuss, “Where the Crawdads Sing” at 12:30 on Tuesday, January 17th. A volunteer is needed to lead the discussion and volunteers are needed to bring a dessert. See one of us at the meeting.

Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –

Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Monika Sisbarro

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

**Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser
Happy New Year!**

Sneaker Collection

We are collecting sneakers again! We will be collecting sneakers through May. Please bring your clean, new or used sneakers to our general meetings, activity day or they can be dropped off at Joyce Huffert's home. Her address is in our WCOL handbook.

Thanks to all who purchased Milkweed packs. We sold over 200 packs which will help the Monarch butterflies! Thank you for making this project a great success!

Diane Moser and Joyce Huffert
Environmental Co-Chairpersons

Doggie Angels: Lil Campbell – 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 – Please collect cell phones for soldiers and eyeglasses. Thank you for your support!

Nursing Home: Sally Blood – Donations for the following items are always appreciated: toiletries, toothpaste, toothbrushes, stuffed animals, dolls and gently used clothing. Please bring the items to our general meetings. Thank you.

Food Bank: Carol Crotty – Hi Ladies. At our December meeting we collected 87 cans of tuna and 20 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

COMMUNICATIONS

Email/Website/E-Billboard – Jo Faccioli – If you are not receiving emails from the Club, make sure I have your email address.

Advertising - The lighted signs at the corner of Lacey Rd. and Route 9 and Manchester Ave. have advertised the WCL meeting. Future meetings will be sent to the various free newspapers. If you are hosting a fundraiser, please send the information to Jo Faccioli for advertising.

Website - Please review for your department and let me know if there are any corrections or changes. Check out the photos of each event. Also, if you wish to advertise your fundraiser on the website, you must send me your information.

Facebook: Nancy Conway/Carol Candeletti –

Photos: Linda Hruska -

Newsletter: Joan Schuler – Please try to forward information for the Newsletter by the Friday/Saturday after the Board Meeting. Thank you.

Roving Reporter: Joan Engelhardt - Wishing everyone a Happy New Year and a healthy one.

For January I interviewed Carol LaVelle a member of the Women's Club of Lacey since 2017. An active member Carol is currently chairing "Operation Smile" Born in Bayonne, she later moved to Bergen County. In 1976 Carol relocated to Forked River.

Carol graduated from North Bergen High School and Berkeley Secretarial School. Years later Carol attended Ocean County College to obtain her Medical Assistant Certification. For 25 years she worked for Dr. Zurich in Toms River.

Married to Joe for 56 years she is the proud mother of Michael and Danielle. Included in her family is four grandchildren. Carol is a volunteer with "Samaritans Interfaith in Manahawkin, New Jersey. During the week she also babysits her youngest grandson, Cameron.

Both Carol and Joe have traveled to Europe visiting Italy, France and England. They have also visited several Caribbean islands Aruba being their favorite.

Carol's motto is "live life to the fullest. We never know what is around the corner". Thank you, Carol, for your lovely interview.

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM (CIP):

Mariana Marzacco and Dot VanBlarcom -
50/50 Raffle for Multiple Disability School Programs

Congratulations to Maria Fiorenca on winning December's 50/50 in the amount of \$165.00. Please continue to support this year's project which is focused on supporting the Cedar Creek Autistic Sensory Decompression Room. Thank you for your support.

EULOGIES: Nancy Fortin – With great sadness I regrettably advise that Jane Rogers, a member of our Club since 2012, passed away in December

HOSPITALITY: Milli Pape –

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Ellena DiCicco –

REGISTRATION/PHONE: Lil
Campbell/Nancy Conway –

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Joan Schuler – Achievement Day is right around the corner (April 2023). Please consider submitting whatever your creative project may be on behalf of the WCOL. The categories are endless, from door decoration, jewelry, needlepoint to photography; just to name a few. If you are interested or have any questions, please see me for a list of the categories as well as its specific sizes and rules for each. The list is also on our website for your review. Thank you.

ACTIVITY DAY: Lina Kazala – Happy New Year and 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. Please pick up your new play date schedule for 2023 and send for your new play card for Mah Jongg. We play Mondays 12-3:30 at 15 E. Lacey Road.

FUNDRAISING: Shirley Houlihan –

Monthly Baskets: Carol Setzer – Congratulations to Jeanne Scaffiddi on winning the basket at our December meeting. It brought in \$175.00. Thank you.

Calendar Club: Helen DelaCruz – We will be selling tickets for this fundraiser (\$25 a ticket which entitles you to win more than once for six months). The proceeds are used to fund Lacey high school scholarships. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Bunco (to benefit Emmanuel Cancer Foundation):
Carol Setzer – This fun event will be held in our Community Center on April 29.

Trips: Barbara Bowen – Further trips will be discussed at our January meeting.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: Joan Engelhardt – Ongoing Book Stamp Funding; Spring events include Bunco in April and a spring Victorian Tea at Mathis House, Toms River in March. Sign up for the Mathis House tea will begin on Wed. and a fee of \$55 per person is due at the February meeting. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY:

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

FEBRUARY:

Charlene Brown	2/5
Rose Squeo	2/7
Lori Vircillo	2/7
Nancy Fortin	2/11
Dot Van Blarcom	2/12
Carol Setzer	2/15
Ellena DiCicco	2/23
Lina Kazala	2/26
Nancy Protonentis	2/28