



# Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO** - At this time of the year I sometimes remember the tale of the Ant and the Grasshopper. The ant was hard at work while the grasshopper just fiddled away his time. I think that we can be proud that our club members are like the ant. So much is going on in our Community Service Programs as well as Standing and Special Committees. As you read the Newsletter, I am sure you will be impressed with all we are doing. Also pay attention to requests for volunteers or contributions which are currently being asked for. Several club members attended the NJSFWC Fall Conference on September 24 at Battleground Country Club. We listened to a presentation on Special State Project Emmanuel Cancer Foundation by Rosemarie Contreras and Joann Passantino. Rosemarie, who is Eastern Regional Director, will be presenting at the General Meeting this month. This should be very informative for all our club members. November 9 happens to be World Freedom Day, a United States federal observance declared by President George W. Bush in 2001 to commemorate the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the end the communist rule of Central and Eastern Europe. Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving Day.

**1ST VICE PRESIDENT, BARBARA BOWEN** -

Our guest speaker this month is Rose Contreras from Emmanuel Cancer Foundation who is the Eastern Regional Director. Also, flu shots will be given at the November meeting from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**2ND VICE PRESIDENT, MARILYN HOCK** -

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

**3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL CANDELETTI** -

We received 2 more applications for membership. That brought the count up to 3 for this month to be approved. Welcome Katherine DeMey, Linda Downing and Jane Grek to our Club. I am expecting 2 guests to join us at the General Meeting. Please have all guests check in with Lillis and see me prior to the start of the meeting. Thank you.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARIA KOWALEWSKI** - Wishing everyone a blessed Thanksgiving!!

**RECORDING SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY** -

Hello Ladies - Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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

**TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER** - Thank you to members for attaching their Income/Expense Voucher slip with the deposit and/or check request; for those giving me money, it is an excellent habit to make two copies so that you can keep a record of those funds you gave me (one for me and one for you). Happy Thanksgiving!

**FEDERATION SECRETARY - SHIRLEY HOULIHAN** - Will report at the meeting.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Carol LaVelle** -

"Operation Smile" - We are, once again, participating in Operation Smile. We will be collecting craft items, small toys, games, etc. at each general meeting. The complete list can be found on our website & copies will be available at the meeting. Thank you!

**ARTS & CULTURE: Diana Monia** -

The Arts and Culture Committee will meet again on Wednesday November 9 directly after the general meeting. We will be crafting Turkey Candy baskets to be

donated to Providence House and the Foodbank. Also, please bring small snack size prepackaged candy such as m & m's or skittles and alike to the November meeting. I look forward to working with all of you. Thank you, Diana Monia

A 40-minute presentation by the author of “**Waves of Hope**” will take place on Nov. 15th, 1:30 p.m. immediately after Literature. Author Ron Negra to Discuss and Sign His Inspiring Book “Waves of Hope” . “**Waves of Hope**” tells the remarkable story of the author’s mother, an inspiring young woman named Agnes Joan Negra and heroic acts of kindness she performed during World War II. Don't miss it!

**ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi –** Happy Thanksgiving to all! I am looking forward to our sing along at this year's Holiday Luncheon. We will use the same song sheets as last year. Unfortunately, we will not be singing at the nursing home this year , due to some issues at home. Hopefully we can do something in the spring. Hope to see you at the meeting.

### **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH**

Happy Fall and a blessed Thanksgiving to all!

**NJ Sharing Network/Wrapped in Love: Jo Faccioli**  
**Wrapped in Love** – A donation of 16 blankets were donated in October 2022 and sent to the N.J. Sharing Network; so far this year we have donated 115 lap blankets to families all over N.J.

#### **Intergenerational with Girl Scouts:**

**Chris Rakowski** – The October 8th "Oreo Truffle Party" has been canceled and will be rescheduled. Chris Rakowski-Bielick will report at the meeting.

**Holiday Stocking: Carol LaVelle** – We stuffed 54 Christmas stockings for Operation Yellow Ribbon & delivered them to New Brunswick to be sent to our troops overseas. Thanks to everyone who donated items & who helped fill the stockings. Happy Thanksgiving!

#### **Let's Sock it to Winter! Monika Sisbarro -**

We are collecting warm 80% wool content socks for soldiers in the Ukraine. Merino Wool Hiking Socks, Thermal Warm Crew Winter Boot Socks for Men & Women 3 pairs are some of the suggested socks found on Amazon. If you would like to have me purchase the socks for you just give me a donation. I will be collecting at the Club Meeting on November 9th and Activity Day.

### **DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

**Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – :** The Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention Group is collecting the following items for Providence House during the months of November and December:

- New or gently worn Women's and Children's coats
- Grocery and/or Wawa gift cards

We are also collecting motel friendly food storage containers that can be placed in the microwave to eat out of, collecting from now until June.

Thank you,  
DSVAP Group

**Providence House:**

**Pinwheel Garden:**

### **EDUCATION & LIBRARIES**

**Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith -**

We are continuing to collect new and gently used books for Bridge of Books through December. Thanks for everyone who already donated.

**Read Across America: Debbie Smith**

**Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Fran Celentano** – Happy Thanksgiving! Literature will meet 12:30 on Tuesday, November 15. We will discuss “Finding Dorothy” by Elizabeth Letts.

**Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –**

**Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Monika Sisbarro**

### **ENVIRONMENT ISSUES**

**Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser**

Hello and Happy Thanksgiving!!

**Selling Milkweed packs - \$1.00**

We will be selling Milkweed seeds for \$1.00 a packet to help the propagation of Monarch Butterflies at our November meeting. We only have about 25 packs

remaining. Hopefully all will be generous, and we will sell out of them!

### **Sneaker Collection**

We are also 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.

We hope that everyone will help us make both projects a success!

Thank you!

**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** – Happy Thanksgiving, enjoy the beautiful foliage. Please collect cell phones for soldiers, eyeglasses and aluminum tabs. I have received 20 eyeglasses and a few tabs. Thank you for your support!

**Nursing Home: Sally Blood** –

**Food Bank: Carol Crotty** – Hi Ladies. At our October meeting we collected 95 cans of tuna and 26 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 this month for Thanksgiving meals 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** - The member I decided to interview is a brand-new member. She is also a friend and neighbor of mine in the Seabreeze community. Kathy Verdicchio enjoys volunteering and that's when I mentioned that I was a member of the Woman's Club of Lacey. Kathy came to the next meeting, joined and is already on several committees.

Kathy was born in the Bronx and raised in Rosedale Queens. She graduated from Cathedral High School and attended Brookdale College. She worked at the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County for six years. When Kathy and her husband Vince moved to Texas, she worked at Dell Webb in their design studio.

Kathy and Vince have been married for 53 years. The parents of a son Peter residing in Texas with his wife and two grandchildren and also a son Stephen who passed away.

Kathy enjoys traveling especially cruises and trips to Europe. They have seen most of the USA. Reading and coloring in adult coloring books are two of her hobbies. She has done much volunteering in the past.

Kathy as you can see will definitely be an asset to the WCOL.

Kathy's motto is "Don't judge a Book by its cover".

Thank you, Kathy, for your interview.

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

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

Congratulations to Jeanne Scaffiddi on winning \$100.00 at our October meeting. Please remember to buy a 50/50 ticket - the next winner may be you. Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

**EULOGIES:** Nancy Fortin –

**HOSPITALITY:** Milli Pape –

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Ellena DiCicco –

**REGISTRATION/PHONE:** Lil  
Campbell/Nancy Conway –

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**ACHIEVEMENT DAY:** Joan Schuler -

**ACTIVITY DAY:** Lina Kazala – Come have fun learning or playing Mah Jongg or cards Mondays from 12-3:30. We will play every Monday except for certain holidays (\$2 fundraiser donation).

**FUNDRAISING:** Shirley Houlihan –

**Monthly Baskets:** Carol Setzer – Congratulations to Laurie Burgoyne on winning the basket at our October meeting. It brought in \$145.00. 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). A great Christmas gift. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**Bunco (to benefit Emmanuel Cancer Foundation):**  
Carol Setzer –

**Trips:** Barbara Bowen – . I need the money if you signed up for White Christmas at the Surflight on December 8th. I still have five tickets left; this is your last chance at the General Meeting to purchase a ticket. Thank you.

**SPECIAL STATE PROJECT:** Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: Joan Engelhardt – In the spring a Bunco tournament will be held to raise funds for our NJSFWC State Project.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

#### **NOVEMBER:**

|                    |       |
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| Imelda Fragomini   | 11/02 |
| Lillis Campbell    | 11/05 |
| Marilyn Hock       | 11/05 |
| Joan Zuczek        | 11/08 |
| Sandy DeYonker     | 11/14 |
| Peggy Bea          | 11/19 |
| Laurie Burke       | 11/22 |
| Patricia Schmelz   | 11/28 |
| Judy Schermerhorn  | 11/30 |
| Christine Frandsen | 11/30 |

#### **DECEMBER:**

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|--------------------|-------|
| 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 |