



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO – Last month eight members of our club attended the NJSFWC Fall Conference at Battleground Country Club in Manalapan. The keynote speaker was Mary Ellen Brock former NJSFWC and GFWC International President. She highlighted the *many* past achievements of the United Federation of Women's Clubs of which we are a proud member.

At the conference I met with Pat Beach of the Woman's Club of Hopatcong. She had a WCOL scrapbook from 1986 someone found while cleaning out her grandmother's attic. It was given to her and from her to me. What a treasure! Some interesting highlights:

- The major yearly fundraiser was a "Jumble Sale."
- The club held a Fashion Show sponsored by Silver Threads- admission was \$4.75.
- For 6 weeks the WCOL of Lacey was in charge of running the Recycling Center and is credited with collected 68,900 lbs. of glass and 290 lbs. of aluminum.

I will bring the scrapbook to the meeting.

WCOL is looking for a chairwoman or co-chairs for Arts Creative. We have nine members signed up and just need a little direction to get some great projects going. See me if you might be interested.

The club has purchased 20 wreaths for Wreaths Across America. The wreath laying is on December 16. If you would like to participate, please sign up at the meeting.

As you know WCOL is collecting warm socks for soldiers in the Ukraine. This is a onetime collection. Give the socks to Lil when you sign in. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

If you have not yet purchased Calendar Club tickets, time is running out. The first drawing is in January. Think of stocking stuffers for kids, grandkids.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, BARBARA BOWEN -

Ladies our speakers for the month are Ron & Valerie Negra, authors of Waves of Hope. It is a fascinating story set during World War II.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI -

Reports - Please send in your reports in a timely manner. Thank you.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL CANDELETTI -

I have not received any applications for membership and no guests are scheduled to attend our meeting. Have all guests check in with Lillis and me before the meeting and please wear your name tags.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARIA KOWALEWSKI - Happy Thanksgiving to all!

RECORDING SECRETARY, LORI YOUNG -

I will report at the General Meeting.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY -

Hello ladies. As of the end of October we have 94 members and 6 honorary members. All licenses are in my possession thru December, and we have applied for all our 50 50s and basket licenses thru next September those are still with the town! Wishing everyone a great weekend and week ahead! Regards Andrea

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER – Will report at the meeting. If you need Expense and/or Income Voucher Sheets, please contact me. Thank you.

FEDERATION SECRETARY – SHIRLEY

HOULIHAN – Wow, it's November already! Hoping everyone has a great Thanksgiving! Wreaths across America will be held on December 16th this year. Save the dates are set for NJSFWC convention in Atlantic City. They are Monday May 6 – Wednesday, May 8, 2024. More information will be forthcoming. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in December!

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Carol LaVelle – Happy Thanksgiving!

ARTS & CULTURE: Chairwoman needed -

ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi - We will have a sing-along at our Christmas luncheon.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Happy Veteran's Day - please thank a serviceman or women for their service today and every day.

Wrapped in Love - Once more - we donated 24 lap blankets to the N.J. Sharing Network. The response to this campaign from when it started in 2017 seems to have grown. I am so grateful to you and so are the great volunteers and workers over at the Sharing Network. If you are new to the club, I collect hand-made lap blankets that 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.

Holiday Stockings: Carol LaVelle - We stuffed 55 stockings after last month's general meeting. They were delivered to New Brunswick for delivery to our troops. Thanks to all who donated their time, gifts & money to support this project. Happy Thanksgiving!

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – : Providence House:

Wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving for all! Our next small group meeting is scheduled for 11/10 @ 10:00 am at Maddie Stapleton's (200 Boox Street FR) if anyone is interested in joining the DSVAP (Domestic & Sexual Violence/ Awareness & Prevention group. We are planning on making gratitude gifts for 10 moms for Thanksgiving/Christmas. Thank you for donating paper towels and baby wipes, because of you we are closer to our goal. We now need **68** rolls of paper towels and **38** packages of baby wipes. The Providence House is thankful and appreciative of the donations made by our members.

Pinwheel Garden:

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith - Thank you to everyone for donating children's books this fall. If anyone has any last-minute donations after this month's meeting, please call me and I will pick them up from you.

Read Across America: Debbie Smith -

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Tuesday, November 21st will be the last meeting of this year, we will begin again in January. At this meeting we will discuss The Giver of Star by Jojo Moyes.

Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –

Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Mariana Marzacco

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser – Hi all, Wishing all a very happy Thanksgiving!

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 – On Veterans' Day, November 11, we will visit Spring Oak at 10am.

Crystal Lake in Bayville. I have been in touch with the Director of Activities. She is sending me their calendar of activities and events. When I receive it, I will be sure to share it. We will be invited to host the Birthday Celebrations! In the meantime, they need donations of "gently used" items for Bingo prizes.

Thinking ahead, we would love to have holiday greeting cards for both facilities.

Food Bank: Carol Crotty – Hi Ladies. At our October meeting we collected 125 cans of tuna and 21 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 - Happy Thanksgiving! This month 2 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 **NJSFWC Facebook page**.

Website: Jo Faccioli - The website is now live. Please visit it and make sure your information is correct. Also, if you wish to advertise your fundraiser on the website, 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. Please visit our page and follow us. Please send me anything you wish posted until we smooth out the rough edges and we get a volunteer to take it over.

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. Thank you.

Roving Reporter: Joan Engelhart – I finally got around to interviewing the President not Biden but Lori Vircillo of the Women's Club of Lacey. Lori was born in Queens, New York and grew up in Bergen County. She married her high school sweetheart Lou, and they will be celebrating 54yrs this coming November. While raising four children Lori completed her teaching degree at Stockton College. She taught both English and French at Lacey High School. She completed her career as Librarian at Lacey High retiring in 2011.

Now that Lori had some free time, she checked into the WCOL. Joining in 2012 she was 1st V.P. for 3yrs, President for 2yrs and afterwards Federation Secretary. Once again, she is President of the Woman's Club.

She and Lou have a beautiful family consisting of four children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Luckily, she loves to cook and entertain her large family. In her spare time, she enjoys reading. Traveling is also on her list being Lou has family in Italy who they have visited several times. She has also traveled to France visiting family.

Lori is friendly, ambitious and a gracious lady who makes every member feel welcome. She believes "Being Kind to People" is the way to go.

Thank you Lori I enjoyed interviewing you.

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM (CIP):

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

Congratulations to Judy Schermerhorn who won \$120 at our October Meeting. Thank you and please continue to support 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. 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** – The paint and sip fundraiser is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. @ 131 South Main Street (Route 9), Forked River. Anyone who has signed up and has not yet paid, please bring a \$35 check to the meeting on November 8 made payable to the Woman’s Club of Lacey. If you have not signed up and wish to participate, you can sign up at the meeting; just bring a check with you.

Monthly Baskets: **Carol Setzer** – Thank you to those who take chances on our lovely baskets. The basket raised \$155.00 for our Club.

Trips: **Barbara Bowen** –

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: **Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: Joan Engelhardt** – The Emanuel Cancer Foundation is having their annual holiday party on Sunday, November 19th from 12:00-3:00pm. A party will be held at IBEW Local 400 in Wall Township. This holiday party is for the patients and their families. Its committee will be bringing gift cards as gifts to the patients. Attendance unfortunately is limited but Santa will be there.

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

NOVEMBER:

Imelda Fragomeni	11/02
Lillis Campbell	11/05
Marilyn Hock	11/05
Sandy DeYonker	11/14
Peggy Bea	11/19
Patricia Schmelz	11/28
Judy Schermerhorn	11/30

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