



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



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO** – Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and are ready to take an active role in our club as we begin a new year. I look forward to working with returning and all new members. Thanks to all who will be chairing club service programs, standing and special committees.

We will once again be holding a “Volunteer Fair” at the conclusion of the business meeting. Chairpersons will be at tables with sign-up sheets. Even if you were on a committee last year and wish to continue, please sign up again so we can have up to date records. Of course, please explore and consider working in another area also. All members should find at least one area in which they would like to volunteer.

We have openings for chairpersons for Arts Creative, Nursing Home and Parliamentary. Please let me know if you are interested.

Calendar Club tickets go on sale at this general meeting. Please support this primary fundraising initiative. You may buy tickets (\$25) or check out several tickets to sell. Rae Mauri and Pat Wesley will be at the table.

New Handbooks will be distributed; thanks to Maria Kowalewski for all her work!

Please remember to wear your name tag. Lots of new members want to get to know you by name.

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

Welcome back to all. Hope you had a great summer. Fall is here, hopefully with some cooler weather. I'm planning flu shots for our October meeting, and a speaker from Wreaths for America.

**2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI –**

**Reports** – This summer Lori Vircillo and I took care of all reporting for the first 6 months of the club activities. Thank you to everyone who has sent me their reports on time. Note: If you are reporting on something in the Newsletter, you probably owe me a report. If you are hosting a fundraiser and it has been completed, please fill out your form and add your own narrative. I would like to see the "end of year report" narrative in your own words. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

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

Welcome back ! We installed 6 members at our June Meeting. We have 4 guests coming to the General Meeting. Please wear your name tags so guests and new members can identify you. Please have all guests check in with Lillis and me before the meeting. Thanks, Carol

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARIA**

**KOWALEWSKI** – Looking forward to seeing everyone!

**RECORDING SECRETARY, LORI YOUNG –**

I will report at the General Meeting.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY –**

Hello ladies! As of today, we have 90 members and 6 honorary members. This past year we have six members who were placed in memoriam with NJSFWC. All women gave their time and efforts unselfishly and will be sorely missed! We are up to date on our licenses including our newest Calendar Club! If anyone is planning an event that they will need a license for, just let me know! Regards Andrea

**TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER** – Please remember that our Club is a State of NJ tax exempt organization. If you are purchasing something for the Club check with me so I can give you our Tax-Exempt Form for that purchase.

**FEDERATION SECRETARY – SHIRLEY**

**HOULIHAN** – Greetings from the Arctic Circle as I continue this 29-day cruise heading to Iceland tomorrow. I look forward to seeing everyone at next month's meeting. I hope everyone had a relaxing summer and you

are ready to dive into the Woman's Club community activities, fundraisers and share the fellowship of support from your fellow club women. September is Childhood Cancer awareness month. Wear yellow to show support for children battling cancer to the meeting.

In October we will be filling stockings for the military in our annual Operation Yellow Ribbon. Start your shopping the list will be available on the website.

The State Fall Conference will be held on Monday, October 23, at the Monmouth Battleground Country Club in Manalapan. The cost is \$50 with a choice of 4 entrees Filet Mignon, Norwegian Salmon, Chicken Franchise and a vegetarian meal. Registration begins at 9 AM and the business session begins at 10 AM.

NJ is the host state for the Middle Atlantic Region Conference which is being held September 28- October 1 in Atlantic City at the Showboat Hotel. The Call to Convention can be found at: <https://gbr3a0.p3cdn1.secureserver.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/FINAL-FINAL-2023-GFWC-MAR-Call-05.16.23.pdf>

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS**

**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:** Carol LaVelle – Wishing everyone a happy fall

### **ARTS & CULTURE:**

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

### **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH**

**Welcome back - I am looking forward to another year! Happy Fall!**

**Wrapped in Love** - Over the summer we donated 27 blankets. Thank you to everyone. If you are new to the club, I collect hand-made lap blankets that are then donated to families who have given the gift of life by organ and tissue donation. If you need yarn, please contact me and I will bring it to the meeting. These blankets are greatly appreciated by all who receive them.

**Holiday Stockings:** Carol LaVelle - Hope everyone enjoyed their summer.

We will be filling the Holiday Stockings for our troops after the October general meeting. I am requesting members with last names beginning **A-D** to bring generic

hygiene products, **E-K** to bring entertainment or miscellaneous items, such as pens, pads, puzzles, cards. **L-R**, specialty items for women & **S-Z** to bring food items, but no candy. **Please Note:** only purchase small articles that will fit into the stockings. A suggested list will be posted on our website & I will also have printed copies at this month's meeting.

Thank you all! Carol La Velle

## **DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

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

*Welcome back!* The DA&P met over the summer for an organizational meeting. We are planning to donate, with your help, 100 rolls of paper towels and 50 packages of baby wipes to The Providence House. Rachel Johnston (Providence House Community Affairs Manager) was happy to report that the number of women and children that their organization serves has decreased, but they were desperately in need of a car seat. I'm proud to announce that our group ordered and donated the much-needed new car seat for the transportation needs of the young children escaping abusive home situations. The Providence House was very appreciative as they were of all the donations made by members throughout the year.

**Pinwheel Garden:**

## **EDUCATION & LIBRARIES**

**Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith -**

Hope everyone had a good summer! We will be collecting gently used children's books through our November meeting. These books will be donated to the Bridge of Books Foundation for underprivileged children in our state.

**Read Across America: Debbie Smith -**

**Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski**

Welcome back and Happy Fall. Literature will meet on September 19th at 12:30 in room C at the Common Center. We will be discussing 'The Searcher' by Tana French. We will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting for group discussion leader and baking.

**Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –**

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

## **ENVIRONMENT ISSUES**

**Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser –**

Welcome back! Hope your summer was great and looking forward to some fall projects. Suggestions for a

project are always welcome and will be considered for approval by the Board and Members. 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 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: Chairwoman needed** – 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 June meeting we collected 107 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**

### **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** - The lighted signs at the corner of Lacey Rd. and Route 9 and Manchester Avenue are not working and there is no plan to fix them or replace them at this time.

Future meetings will be sent to the various free newspapers along with fundraising events. 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**. Take a peek and share photos of your events with us so we can show the community the great things we can accomplish.

**Website: Jo Faccioli** - A new version of the website is underway. It is a tedious process, however once it is accomplished it will be much easier to maintain. In the meantime, the old website is still available, but I will not be posting too much to it except for the meeting information. I am hoping to have everything up and running by the beginning of November 2023. Also, if you wish to advertise your fundraiser on the website, you must send me your information.

**Calendar: Jo Faccioli** - Is updated regularly.

**Facebook: Jo Faccioli** – Facebook is up and running. There were some changes made and you can view the Facebook page, but you cannot add any information. 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** – It's time again for the Roving Reporter to interview a lovely and interesting member of the WCOL. My first interview was with Lina Kazala, a New Jersey native. Lina has lived previously in Jersey City, Watchung, Bloomfield, Warren and now resides in Bayville. After graduating high school Lina married her high school sweetheart Joe. Happy married to Joe for 42 years and mother to one daughter Debbie. Debbie and husband Jeff reside in Toms River with their two daughters. Lina and Joe enjoyed traveling in their motor home across the country and even made it up to Alaska.

Lina was an executive secretary and owner of two businesses. Lina also enjoyed snowmobiling and boating with Joe until he passed away. After many years she was lucky enough to start dating (Joe) a friend who she had known a long time. They also had the chance to travel, and she enjoyed his company for 14 years until he passed away.

In 2005 Lina joined the WCOL and became involved with the Merilee singers. On Sundays you can listen to her singing in the choir at Village at Lutheran Church. On Mondays you will find her at Activity Day which she is Chairwoman of, and the funds collected help support our Club. In 2008 Lina became a member of "Order of the Lily". She also belongs to Forked River Tuna Club

and serves as chaplain. An organization that does fund raising for charities.

Hobbies include painting, raising house plants and learning to play Mah Jongg

I learned a lot about Lina and what she cares about doing this article.

Lina's motto is "Try to be caring and helpful, do what you can while you can".

Thank you, Lina, for sharing your life with us. You are truly a nice and caring person.

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

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

Welcome to our first meeting of the season. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. At our last meeting in June, the lucky winner of the 50/50 was Cathy DeMae, winning \$150. Congratulations.

Please remember to get your 50/50 ticket. You could be our next winner.

**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 –**

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Joan Schuler** – It's never too early to think about what you might like to enter in next year's Achievement Day. If you need a list of the different categories, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**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 –**

**Monthly Baskets: Carol Setzer** – Thank you to those who take chances on our lovely baskets and Congratulations to Joyce Huffert on winning our June basket which raised \$155 for our Club.

**Calendar Club: Rae Mauiri and Pat Wesley** – The winners of our June 6 Calendar Club drawing were as follows: Jim Galvin - \$500, Loreen Russo - \$100, Kayla Peters Tyler - \$100, Dianne Rogalski - \$100 and Debbie Fetherston - \$100. The June 14 winners were Nancy Fortin - \$500, Barbara Tomato - \$100, Mary Ann Kinsky - \$100, Ellena DiCicco - \$100 and Gary & Denise Wogisch - \$100. Please support this fundraiser by buying your ticket(s). Thank you and Good Luck!

**Trips: Barbara Bowen –**

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

### **BIRTHDAY**

#### **SEPTEMBER:**

Lorraine Pagano	9/3
Regina Flach	9/8
Joan Schuler	9/12
Beverly Keubler	9/13
Marie Lawton	9.16
Monika Sisbarro	9/19
Justine Weinberg	9/19
Carol DeFalco	9/23
Virginia Yohoves	9/28

#### **OCTOBER:**

Denise Cosenza-Brisco	10/1
Jeanne Scaffiddi	10/1
Lori Young	10/2
Mary O'Malley	10/5
Maria Kowalewski	10/12
Carol Smith	10/16
Marge Gerba	10/19
Kathy Wilk	10/19
Chris Rakowski-Bielick	10/25
Diane Moser	10/27
Christine Urban	10/30