



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – LORI YOUNG - Happy Fall, everyone! I am enjoying this cooler weather. Our Calendar Club tickets are ready for sale. A big THANK YOU to Debbie Terry for agreeing to take charge of the tickets. These tickets fund our annual high school scholarships. It would be so wonderful if we could sell all 500 this year. Please consider taking five tickets to sell to family and friends.

Lacey Day is scheduled for Sunday, October 13 from noon to four. Please stop by the table under the pavilion at Gille Park to lend some support. Lori Young, President

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MARIA KOWALEWSKI -

For your convenience and good health, flu shots will be available at our October meeting by the Ocean County Health Department between 9 and 10:30. Please bring your insurance cards and ID. Thank you!

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI –

I will be collecting all compiled reports at this meeting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you need a blank report I will have some at this meeting. Please contact me or print one from the website under Member Information. I will also start creating narratives for each department. When I finished I will send out so you can add information that may have been left out or forgotten.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL LA VELLE –

We have one guest coming to our general meeting. If anyone is bringing a guest, please let Lillis, Nancy or me know. Thank you!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, JOAN

ENGELHARDT – I will report at the meeting.

RECORDING SECRETARY, LEE CASSARINO –

I will report at the General Meeting.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY –

WE now have 89 paid members and 7 honorary! All our licenses are up to date through December! If you are planning an event where a license will be needed please let me know ahead of time sometimes it takes a while to receive.

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER: I have Income and Expense Vouchers for whenever you have funds for deposit or have an expense for which you are seeking reimbursement for approved expenses of the Club. I will report at the meeting regarding the Club's two bank account.

FEDERATION SECRETARY – LORI VIRCILLO -

All Holiday Stocking donations will be sent to our troops overseas through Operation Jersey Cares. While gathering items for your stockings, please include medical and medicinal items requested in the September ALMANAC. The October Almanac is online. See it at NJSFWC.ORG.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Mariana Marzacco

The WCOL will continue to fund this event as our 50/50 fundraiser At our September meeting we raised \$125.00 and our lucky winner was Joan Schuler. Thank you for your support.

Carol LaVelle – 52 coloring books & 41 boxes of crayons were collected from Lacey Township High School cheerleaders & were sent off to Virginia for the children.

ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti - We will be having a short meeting after the General Meeting on the

9th. Anyone is welcome to join us. I will bring fabric in for any sewers that could make Smile Bags. We are also going to try our hand at making doggie toys. I'm looking for donations of fleece and old t-shirts for the toys. If anyone has any ideas for other projects, please let me know.

ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi - Any members interested in joining our group are welcome. We have a sing-along at the June and December meetings. We will be singing a cappella as usual. Thank you, Jeanne.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

NJ Sharing Network - We will have a shared table at Lacey Day, October 13th, 2024, at Gille Park. Anyone who wishes to volunteer can join us. We will be there from 11:30 to 3:00 p.m.

- **Wrapped in Love** - 7 blankets were sent up to New Providence. Lap blankets are sent to families two years after the "gift of life". These blankets represent a "thank you and we have not forgotten you".

Wreaths Across America - Wreaths can be sponsored all year long and the cutoff date for wreaths to be guaranteed delivery this year is December 3rd. Please see Jo Faccioli for forms. Forms are also available on the website. If you have a corporate connection, please see me for an approved letter and form specific to our Club. For every wreath purchased you are sponsoring a Veteran's grave, and our Club gets a donation back.

Holiday Stockings: Amy Meyer -

We will be collecting items for our "Holiday Stockings or Our Troops" at our October meetings.

A list of needed items will be on our website.
*Please Note-"NO CANDY" and we already have all the socks we need

Volunteers will be needed when the October meeting is over, to help stuff the stockings. It will not take much time to complete this. Remember, "Many hands make light work".

If anyone is unable to bring items to the meetings or Activity days, contact me, and I will be happy to come to your house and pick them up from you.

Thank you, Amy Meyers

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – Providence House:

October is the month of falling leaves and Halloween, so the DSVAP members met to create 10 adorable trick-or-treat bags. The bags included: stickers, candy, craft, ornamental gnome, gum, chips, ghost lollipop, drink box,

more candy, pencils, granola bars, play dough, & gel pens. Our next meeting will be 10/29 @ 1:30PM at 200 Boox St FR. We will be putting together the November basket for the raffle. Our theme is Thanksgiving, and you will be sooo thankful if you win!! Thanks to all who donated the following: 14 rolls of paper towels, 20 drink boxes and 6 individually wrapped snacks. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me (Maddie 609-501-4207) for more information.

Pinwheel Garden: Pinwheels for Prevention- Prevent Child Abuse: Jackie Stephens.

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith - We are continuing to collect books for the Bridge of Books Foundation. Thanks to all that have already donated. Debbie

Read Across America: Debbie Smith

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski
Happy Fall. Literature will meet at 12:30 on Tuesday, October 15th. We will be discussing "My Grandmother Said to Tell You She's Sorry". Janet and Karen are bringing goodies.

Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –

Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Mariana Marzacco -

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser –
We are holding a One Warm Coat drive for the month of October. Gently worn coats should be: Clean and Wearable, freshly laundered, no holes or stains, no broken zippers or missing buttons. Drop off points: WCL October general meeting, Lacey Retro Fitness, Lacey Recreation office, Activity Day (Mondays 12-3 PM) Lacey Community Center, and October 13-14th Pheasant Run Community Center.

Doggie Angels: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer and Rae Mauiri – Please continue to bring in old towels, newspapers, etc. for our friends at the Popcorn Park Zoo. Thank you.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Home Life: 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 –Both nursing homes are always in need of donations. Crystal Lake has said they need larger size clothing (easy on/off clothing, such as sweatpants).

Food Bank: Carol Crotty – At our September meeting we collected numerous cans of tuna and also miscellaneous food items for our local food bank. Please continue to support the Food Bank. Thank you!

Operation Smile: Carol La Velle - We are going to make smile bags for Operation Smile. If anyone needs the pattern go to njsfwc.org under Projects, Operation Smile is listed.

STANDING COMMITTEES

CARING CORNER: Diane Moser – No cards were sent out since our last meeting. If you know of anyone of our members in need of a card, please notify our president and me.

COMMUNICATIONS

There's more to October than football, costumes, and pumpkin spice. It's a month packed with meaningful observances, causes, and fun holidays from Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Mental Illness Awareness Week, Homemade Cookies Day and Make a Difference Day!

Email: Jo Faccioli - If you changed your email or if you are a new member, please make sure I have your email address.

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 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. **NOTE:** If you send an announcement or dates for the newsletter, please copy me for the website and calendar. **Calendar:** It is updated regularly. Any information or dates you have in advance can be placed on the calendar.

Facebook: Jo Faccioli – Is up and running. If you belong to Facebook, please visit our page and follow at <https://www.facebook.com/womanscluboflacey>

Photos: Linda Hruska

Newsletter: Joan Schuler – Please read the Newsletter to keep up to date on all our ongoing events.

Eulogies: Nancy Fortin -

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.

Roving Reporter: Justine Weinberg -

This month I had the pleasure of interviewing Valerie Freidman, a member of the Woman's Club of Lacey since 2016. Valerie was born in Woodbury, New Jersey and has lived in various other towns in the state before moving to Forked River in 2005.

Valerie graduated from Burlington Township High School and received her Elementary Education degree from Glassboro College, now Rowan University. She has worked in retail sales and as a caregiver, at one time having cared for an elderly patient for 16 years.

Valerie met her husband, Wayne, on a blind date. While driving home after meeting Wayne's family, he surprised her with a marriage proposal on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. They were married a year later and next May will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Wayne and Valerie have three children, Joel, Amy and Holly, and six grandchildren, each of their three children having given them two grandchildren.

Valerie enjoys reading, walking, playing Mah Jongg and traveling. Her travels have taken her to Hawaii, Cancun, Aruba, St. Martin and Mexico including the majority of states along the east coast. Valerie's maiden name is Keenan and the biggest item on her bucket list is to visit Ireland, enjoy the beautiful countryside, and meet her many relatives.

Since joining the Woman's Club in 2016, Valerie has been active on a number of committees including Literature, Arts and Crafts and the Bunco fundraiser. Her plans for the future include additional travels and enjoying time with her family.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Joan Schuler – For those of you new to our Club, in April as a member you get the opportunity to show off any hobby or handwork creation you may have. There are many categories to which you can enter including painting, needlework, poetry, short story writing, house plants, photography, etc. Please see me and I will forward the specific instructions, etc. Hopefully, you will decide to participate.

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. If there are any changes in the schedule, I will let you know.

FUNDRAISING: Diana Monia -

Calendar Club: Debbie Terry - Calendar Club tickets have been received and will be available for purchase at the October meeting and continue to be for sale through the end of December 2024. Members can call me if they can't make the October meeting and would like to get tickets before November. As of today, 40 tickets have been handed out to members who attended the board meeting on October 1st, but we have no actual purchases yet. 500 tickets are available for purchase at \$25 per ticket with 30 chances to win. The drawings will be held at the monthly club meetings from January to June 2025. There will be one \$500 winner and four \$100 winners at each drawing. I look forward to a big crowd at my table at the October 9th meeting!

Monthly Baskets: Thank you to those who take chances on our lovely baskets. At our September meeting our basket brought in \$220 for our Club. Congratulations to our winner.

Trips: Barbara Bowen –

Ladies, welcome to the pleasant cool weather of October. There are still a few people who haven't paid for Miracle on 34th St. on Dec.8th. The \$77 is due at the meeting, as well as your meal choice. The Irish Cabaret starring Andy Cooney at the Hunterdon Hill Playhouse on Friday ,March14,2025.will be available for sign up on Wednesday. If you sign up payment may be made that

day or at our next meeting in November in order for us to get the early bird discount. The cost is \$139 which includes bus ride, meal and the show. We need 20 to sign up in order to have the bus pick us up in town. I'll read a further description of the show at the meeting. Barbara Bowen.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Maria Fiorenza

BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER:

Denise Cosenza-Brisco	10/1
Jeanne Scaffiddi	10/1
Dawn Korman	10/2
Lori Young	10/2
Mary O'Malley	10/5
Denise Froberg	10/7
Maria Kowalewski	10/12
Marge Gerba	10/19
Cathy Katsianis	10/25
Pat Wesley	10/25
Diane Moser	10/27
Christine Urban	10/30

NOVEMBER:

Imelda Fragomeni	11/02
Lillis Campbell	11/05
Marilyn Hock	11/05
Sandy DeYonker	11/14
Peggy Bea	11/19
Valerie Negra	11/29
Judy Schermerhorn	11/30