



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – LORI YOUNG – Congratulations to the Woman's Club of Lacey on its 60th anniversary! It's been 60 years of sisterhood and service to our community. We continue the tradition this month with our Hobby Fair to benefit the NJFWC's special state project, the NJ Children's Alliance. I'm hoping to see all of our members there supporting this worthy cause.

We are in need of some help with the Wreath's Across America Initiative. I'd like to ask our new members to consider helping Jo Faccioli with this program. Please come see me or Jo to get information on exactly what is involved. She is wonderful to work with and I'm sure you will find it very rewarding.

We are also in need of a couple of ladies willing to work on scheduling baskets for next year. Having the monthly baskets assigned to a department works well because there is a chair to organize, but some of our more active members have felt an undue burden of contributing too many times. We need only one basket each month and a way for all to contribute. Please see me if you have any ideas on how to fairly organize this or would be willing to develop something. It makes the most sense for the Board to continue to provide the June basket and Activity Day the one for September, but the other months are up for grabs.

The last day for submitting written nominations for Honor Roll and Order of the Lily is the March General Meeting. Thank you to those who have given me names to consider.

Please mark your calendar for the March 27th Township Meeting where the Woman's Club will receive a proclamation naming April Child Abuse Awareness Month in Lacey Township. We will meet at the municipal building at 6:30 pm. Please wear blue.

We are celebrating this month with a luncheon provided by Captain's Inn and a visit from our District Vice President, Karen Osborne. Please enjoy the celebration!

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MARIA KOWALEWSKI -

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Happy 60th Birthday WCOL! This month we will be entertained by the Lacey High School Drama Club, with a preview of their Spring Musical "The Addams Family". Our special guest is Karen Osborne, District VP of NJFWC.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLE -

Reports - Please provide robust information to the newsletter and/or please fill out a report form. I have the new forms, and they can be located on the website.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL LA VELLE -

Happy 60th Birthday/Anniversary to our club! We have 2 guests coming. As always, please let Lillis or Nancy know if a guest is coming. 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 -

IMPORANT: Dues in the amount of \$36 for the year need to be paid in March. If not paid by March 31 a late fee will be imposed of \$10 to reinstate the member paying late. Please pay at the meeting to avoid any late fee. We now have 91 members and 6 honorary. If you are planning an event where a license will be needed, please let me know ahead of time because sometimes it takes a while to receive. Thank you.

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER: As mentioned above in Andrea's report, it is very important that dues be paid on time. NJFWC has incorporated a new By-Law which stipulates that the Club dues to the Federation Headquarters need to be postmarked no later than May 1 or we will be removed as a participant in the State Federation. Thank you!

FEDERATION SECRETARY – LORI VIRCILLO -

Happy 60th Birthday Woman's Club of Lacey!
Spring CANVA Workshop Learn the basics of CANVA
Saturday, April 26, 2025 - Register by April 11
Registration: 10:00 a.m., Workshop: 10:30 a.m
Headquarters, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick

Any member who is registered for a room at the Hard Rock Hotel by March 21 for the **Annual Convention** will have the opportunity to have your room upgraded to a Mini Suite. The drawing will take place at the Board Meeting held at Headquarters on April 8 and the winner will then be notified.

Jill McDonald received an urgent plea for medium and large suitcases with wheels for a major conference and training session for staff from international countries where **Operation Smile** operates. They prefer ones newer than the 70s. You may bring the suitcase to Headquarters during the month of March ONLY, and Jill will pick up. Please contact Jill directly with any questions. jillmcdon@aol.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Mariana Marzacco

Our lucky winner of our 50/50 raffle in February was Marianne Ras winning \$105. Regarding the Sensory Decompression Room at the Mill Pond School, it is near completion. Pictures of this room are on our website. Thank you for your continued support.

ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti – We will continue to make dog toys for Popcorn Park and Smile Bags. If anyone has any ideas for us, please let me know. I'm looking for someone that has expertise in making wreaths and would like to help us or give us pointers on that, please get in touch.

ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi -

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

NJ Sharing Network – The annual 5K Celebration of Life will be held on May 17th at the Ocean Grove boardwalk. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting.

Wrapped in Love - I have 5 blankets so far but expect more by the end of the month. Yarn is very expensive so if you have some to donate, I would appreciate it. If you are new to the club, I collect handmade lap blankets which are donated to families who have given the gift of life by organ and tissue donation. These blankets are greatly appreciated by all who receive them.

Wreaths Across America - New forms are available on the website or see me if you wish to purchase a wreath for St. Joseph's Cemetery. This location was short 600 wreaths last year so our help is greatly appreciated. I will be looking for someone to co-chair this project with me. A knowledge of Facebook and Instagram would be helpful. I will also be seeking grants from larger corporations to donate to this cause. More to follow at the meeting. If you have interest in this program, please

see me at the meeting and we can make arrangements to discuss.

Holiday Stockings: Amy Meyer –

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – Providence House: Spring is on its way and not a minute too soon. In preparation for Easter, our group will be filling Easter baskets with snacks and drinks for those residing in transitional housing provided by Providence House. Many thanks to all who have contributed goods and services to this worthy cause. In February, members donated 13 rolls of paper towels, 54 snacks & 8 drink boxes bringing our total to: 70 rolls of paper towels, 47 individualized drink/juice boxes, and 140 individually wrapped snacks. Thank you all!

Pinwheel Garden: Pinwheels for Prevention-Prevent Child Abuse: Jackie Stephens.- - Happy 60th Anniversary Woman's Club of Lacey!
We have received permission from the township to display our pinwheels outside the municipal building for the month of April in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The proclamation will be read at the township meeting on March 27 at 630pm.
It would be beneficial to have a representation of women from the club there that evening. I will have a sign-up sheet available at the general meeting. Pinwheels will be placed on March 28 at 10am. I will need volunteers to help put up our display. There will be a separate sign-up sheet for that event at the meeting. April is National child abuse prevention month. Blue is the color representing that all children deserve a happy, healthy, loving environment Please wear blue at our April meeting in support of this event.

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith –

Read Across America: Debbie Smith - Many thanks to the wonderful women that read to over 40 classes during Read Across America week. A special shoutout to those of you that read to multiple classes. Thank you for your enthusiasm, your time, and your commitment to nurturing the next generation of readers. You are truly appreciated!

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski

Welcome Spring! Here's hoping that we will see warmer temperatures soon. Literature will meet on Tuesday, March 18 at 12:30 in the Community Center. We will be discussing "This Time Tomorrow" by Emma Straub. Joyce and Justine are bringing treats.

Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –

Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Mariana Marzacco - We have met with all the possible students and two have been selected with alternatives.

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser – Environmental - Happy Birthday to the Woman's Club!

We are joining with the Methodist church with their effort in collecting household bags for Trex. Here is a listing of bags to collect: produce bags, store bags, ice bags, Ziplock and other reclosable bags, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap and plastic e-commerce bags. Please bring to our general meeting and/or activity day. Please ensure they are clean and dry! **Thank you!**

Doggie Angels: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer and Rae Mauri – 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 – Cookie Day is Back! Cookie Day will be May 5 at Charles A. Smith Community Center. Details and a sign-up sheet will be available at our March meeting. Also, please continue with your usual donations. Thank you for your support!

Nursing Home: Dawn Korman –We are asking if anyone has new, or like new small afghan blankets. Or perhaps if you like to crochet/knit, small or lap blankets for the newly admitted residents. These “Welcome Blankets” will hopefully help the residents make their transition into Long Term Care a bit cozier.

I am also looking for donations of travel size toiletries, adult diapers, disposable washcloths, men/woman clothing. Also, we would like donations of small tin of cookies!! Thank you!

Food Bank: Carol Crotty – At our February meeting we collected 111 cans of tuna and 7 miscellaneous food items for our local food bank. Please continue to support the Food Bank. Thank you!

Operation Smile: Carol La Velle – We are in need of personal items such as: Travel size shampoo, wide tooth comb, wash cloths, hotel size bar soap, Tooth paste & child size toothbrushes as well as toys, dolls & games. I will be collecting this month & next month will be the last for this year. Thank you for your generosity. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

STANDING COMMITTEES

CARING CORNER: Diane Moser – Happy Birthday to the Woman's Club!

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 or me. Thank you!

COMMUNICATIONS

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 Channel 21**.

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/Instagram: Jo Faccioli - We now have an Instagram account for the WCL. Please follow us on both social media sites. Will work on an Instagram account for Wreaths Across America too.

Photos: Linda Hruska

Newsletter: Joan Schuler – Please read the Newsletter to keep up to date on all our ongoing events. Those members who wish to include a note or information in the Newsletter, please forward by the Friday after the Board Meeting. Thank you!

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 opportunity to interview Dawn Korman. Dawn was born in Toms River and attended school in Toms River followed by Carteret Community College in North Carolina. Her first work experience at the age of 14 was as a Candy Striper at Community Medical Center. Years later she worked in Bayview Convalescent Center, currently Crystal Lake, for five years as a certified nursing aid before becoming a stay-at-home mom. When her youngest child entered kindergarten, Dawn began a career in the Lacey Township School District as a Special Education Paraprofessional. After 15 years, Dawn decided on a new endeavor and obtained her real estate license. She is currently a full-time realtor with Weichert Realtors in Forked River.

Dawn met her husband, Stephen, through a mutual friend in Seaside Heights. She was so impressed she decided to call him first. They were married in 1995 at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Bayhead, and will celebrate their 30-year anniversary this year. They are a blended family with four children and five grandchildren. A sixth grandchild is due in September. Dawn enjoys many activities including camping, boating, walking nature trails and the beach. She likes to travel and especially enjoys visiting Disney in Florida and states along the way. She has also been to Canada, Germany and Austria. When asked about her future plans, she quotes an old saying, "If you want to hear God laugh, tell Him your future plans." Those plans are to enjoy life with her family while focusing on her health and her business. However she said she would especially enjoy living the "Van Life" with her husband, traveling the country and camping at the state parks, living simply without stress and worries while enjoying every moment.

Dawn joined the Woman's Club in 2023 and is the chair of the committee for nursing homes Crystal Lake and Spring Oak. Dawn has always enjoyed volunteering and making people smile and laugh. She began volunteer work as a young teenager and feels it was such a learning experience that taught her so much about life and about herself. Her greatest joy comes from being a helper. She says, "If I can help you, just ask; I will try my best."

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Joan Schuler – Hopefully, you have completed your project for entry in the Shore Conference held at the Lobster Shanty in April. Please bring in your Arts and Culture project to the March meeting for other members to admire. If you need a Registration Form or need help completing it, I will be happy to assist you, preferably after the meeting. Thank you for participating! Good luck!

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 -The Calendar Club's second drawing was on February 12. Our lucky winners were as follows:

\$500, Albert Ras, ticket # 313
\$100, Virginia Vahoves, ticket # 236
\$100, Joan Schuler, ticket #245
\$100, Angelique & Michael Faccioli ticket #172 and
\$100, Mike Petrella, ticket #109.

Monthly Baskets: February's lovely basket helped to contribute to our Club in the amount of \$155. Carol LaVelle was our lucky winner.

Trips: Barbara Bowen – Happy Spring & St. Patrick's Day ! The sign-up sheets for all 6 performances at SurfFlight will again be on the table at the back. ALL those attending the bus trip to the Irish Cabaret, please meet at the Municipal Hall parking lot in the back row at 8:15 on Fri., 3/14. The bus will leave at 8:30. I will be running a \$5 50/50 on the bus to pay the driver's tip. We will pick up more passengers in Manchester. We will arrive back about 5:45.. We will be sitting on the right side of the bus opposite the driver. After the first 2 rows you may sit anywhere behind that. I will provide water & a snack.

Let's Get Moving: Lori Young - Please continue to send me the total hours you are exercising each month. All I need is the type of activity and the number of hours you do each month. For example, yoga – 3 hours; walking 6 hours, etc. I can take a paper, text or email – whatever works for you. Let's keep moving and focusing on our health.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Cathy Katsianis

As you are aware, our fundraiser for the Special State Project for NJ Children's Alliance this year will be a Hobby Fair to be held at Community Hall on March 30. Plans for the Hobby Fair are progressing. Thank you.

BIRTHDAY

MARCH:

Helen Dela Cruz	3/7
Lee Cassarino	3/14
Karen Martenak	3/18
Tina Pilot	3/27

APRIL:

Debbie Smith	4/3
Nancy Conway-Hermann	4/10
Judy Hill	4/11
Darlene Johnson	4/11
Linda Hruska	4/14
Diana Monia	4/21
Doris Nelson	4/24
Barbara Bowen	4/27
Valerie Freidman	4/28
Shirley Houlihan	4/30