



# Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER MAY 2025



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI YOUNG** – To all the mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, pet moms, and surrogate and stand-in mothers in our circle, Happy Mother's Day to you all. May your Mother's Day be full of the love of family and friends.

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, members of our club attended the Shore District Spring Conference and Achievement Day show at the Lobster Shanty. Our Club received several honors including Best All-Around work reported in the following:

- Fundraising
- Membership
- Advocates for Children
- Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention
- Education and Libraries
- Health and Wellness

Having won recognition in each of these areas, we were entered into competition with all the Clubs in the State at the NJSFWC State Conference last week. We had many grand awards for members' achievement day projects which were eligible to go to the State Conference as well.

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to attend the NJSFWC State Conference in Atlantic City. This was my second year attending and it was very exciting. Our Club was recognized for our work in several areas. We received a first place award for all around work in fundraising. We received a second place award for all around work in the area of membership as well. We earned a third place award for work in the area of Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. Our work in the area of Advocates for Children earned us a second place award in the State. And lastly our website was named the third best website in the State. Congratulations to all our chairpersons and committee members for representing our Club so well.

The Lacey Township Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 26. The Woman's Club of Lacey will be marching in the parade again this year and also presenting a wreath at the ceremony at the Veteran's memorial by the Municipal Building. Please consider supporting our Club by marching or riding in the parade.

## **1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MARIA**

### **KOWALEWSKI - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

This month's speaker will be Cheryl Clearo, who is a certified Rutgers Master Gardener. She will discuss "Container Gardening".

**Please review your personal information** in our Handbook. If any changes are needed, please inform me by the June meeting either by email or in writing so that we can make those changes to our new Handbook which is distributed in September. Thank you.

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

**Reports** - Get your reports ready for June and send to me for the first 6 months of the year. I will start a preliminary report/narrative for each

department and will send it out to the Chairwomen over the summer. You will learn at the meeting that descriptive narratives = recognition. If you need assistance filling out your narrative, please contact Jo Faccioli or Lori Young for assistance.

## **3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL LA VELLE**

We accepted two new members into the club & have received a few new applications. Again, if anyone is bringing a guest, please let me know. Happy Mother's Day!

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, JOAN**

**ENGELHARDT** – I will report at the meeting.

**RECORDING SECRETARY, LEE**

**CASSARINO** – I will report at the Meeting.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA**

**HIGLEY** – We have 88 members and 6 honorary. All licenses are up to date.

**TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER** – I will report at the meeting.

**FEDERATION SECRETARY – LORI**

**VIRCILLO** - Congratulations to our WCOL. At the Shore District meeting our club received recognition for best reports in 6 areas: Advocates for Children, Domestic Violence, Education, Health and Wellness, Membership, and Fundraising. Great job members!

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS****ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Mariana**

**Marzacco** - Our lucky winner at the April Meeting, winning \$135 was Amy Meyers. Thank you for supporting our 50/50 raffles. All proceeds are designated towards special school projects for our multiple disability students.

**ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti** – I hope everyone had a very Happy Mother's Day ! Thank you to those that contributed to this month's basket.

**ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi -**

At our June luncheon we will have a sing along of old time tunes. Will be lots of fun!!

**SPECIAL NEEDS FOR ADULTS:**

**Debbie Gamsby/Janet Mulero** - The Special Needs Adult Committee was formed by the Woman's Club of Lacey to address the need for socialization activities for Special Needs Adults who now find themselves without a safe, healthy outlet to interact with others. A monthly dance or karaoke event will be hosted for these adults. The first special needs committee dance will be held at the Captains Inn on May 23, 2025 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. It is being funded by Shack Transportation and the Captains Inn. The room can only hold 100 so reservations are needed for special needs adults and any member wishing to attend. Meals are provided for the special needs adults only therefore all others need to purchase their own meals and drinks. Co Chairwomen for this new addition are Debbie Gamsby 732-773-2549 and Janet Mulero 732-814-1226, new members to our Club.

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH**

***Happy Mother's Day - "Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother."***

**April is Donate Life Month**

**NJ Sharing Network** – The annual 5K Celebration of Life will be held on May 17th at the Ocean Grove boardwalk. If interested please visit the website and sign up under the Woman's Club of Lacey team. Veterans - This Memorial Day please take time to thank a veteran for their service and remember those who have passed.

**Wrapped in Love** - This month 6 blankets have been donated for the month of April. 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.

**Holiday Stockings:** Amy Meyer –

**DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

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

May brings flowers and before you know it summer will be upon us. Our group will be filling sand pails with chalk, crayons, play dough, puzzles, gum, snacks, toys, drink containers, and other fun items for the children from the Providence House. Thank you for all the paper towels and snacks donated, they are much appreciated.

**Pinwheel Garden: Pinwheels for**

**Awareness and Prevention-of Child Abuse:**

**Jackie Stephens.** - Thank you to everyone who helped plant the pinwheels.

**EDUCATION & LIBRARIES**

**Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith –**

**Read Across America: Debbie Smith -**

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

**Kowalewski - Happy Mother's Day!** Literature will discuss "Marsh Queen" by Virginia Hartman on Tuesday, May, 20th. We meet at 12:30 in the Community Center. Justine is bringing a treat. In June we will have a pot luck. Think what you'd like to bring. Sign up sheet will be at the Literature meeting. Also, again bring a favorite book.

**Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber** – Thanks to everyone in the Scholarship Committee. The names of the four students to receive our scholarships have been forwarded to the school and will be revealed at their awards night on May 29.

**Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Mariana Marzacco** - Starting in September Darlene Johnson and Diana Monia have agreed to take over as chairwomen for this Committee. Thank you, Darlene and Diana.

### **ENVIRONMENT ISSUES**

**Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser – Environmental** - We have about 12 volunteers that signed up for the Lacey Beach cleanup on May, 31, 2025. We will be assigned a beach location about a week before the event. Once I hear from them, I will send an email to all volunteers with this information.

The Methodist Church would like to thank you for all your plastic donations and I am happy to report that they have received their goal and Trek will be providing them with an outside bench for their prayer garden. They will resume collecting same in October and hopefully we can collect again at that time.

**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!** Please continue with your usual donations. Thank you for your support!

**Nursing Home: Dawn Korman** – I received 12 homemade “knot” blankets from a group of wonderful women in the Adult Community of Paramount Escapes. Along with several beautiful blankets from our members! These beautiful “Welcome Blankets” were donated to Crystal Lake for their newest admissions.

If anyone would like to join me on the following days to visit/volunteer, here is the May schedule for Crystal Lake:

5/5 1:30 Cinco De Mayo Fiesta  
5/8 2:00 “Have a Coke and a Smile”  
5/16 1:30 “Let’s go to Hawaii”  
5/20 1:30 Monthly Birthday Party  
5/22 2:00 Card Games  
5/28 11:00 Outside BBQ (11:30)

As always donations are always welcomed, and please try to donate your empty Parmesan Cheese shaker containers!!! Thank you, and happy Mother's Day to everyone!

**Food Bank: Carol Crotty** – At our April meeting we collected 106 cans of tuna and 15

miscellaneous food items for our local food bank. Please continue to support the Food Bank. Thank you!

**Operation Smile: Carol La Velle** – I filled four very large boxes to send to the children, which came to an estimated value of over \$600. Thanks to all for your continued support & generosity. Happy Memorial Day!

**Let’s Get Moving: Lori Young** - Last month 35 of our members participated in the 30 minute Chair Yoga introductory class with Adrienne Costa DiPaolo. That came to 17 hours of activity! Ladies, the winners of the Let’s Get Moving Challenge at the NJSFWC State Convention last week clocked over 10,000 hours! We need to step up our game if we hope to receive recognition next year. If any of our members are exercising, please let me know how many hours and what activities you are doing each month.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**CARING CORNER: Diane Moser** –One card was 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.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Email: Jo Faccioli** - If you are not getting emails from the Woman's Club of Lacey, I don't 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 announcement and photos were posted on Lacey Patch under Neighborhood News and the Woman's Club of Lacey and NJSFWC Instagram and Facebook pages.

**Website: Jo Faccioli** –

Please visit [www.womanscluboflacey.org](http://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.

**Facebook/Instagram: Jo Faccioli** - Please follow us on both social media sites.

**Calendar:** It is updated regularly. Any information or dates you have in advance can be placed on the calendar.

**Photos: Linda Hruska**

**Newsletter: Joan Schuler** – Please Read the Newsletter before our meetings so you know what is happening with our Club. 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:** Our Club needs a parliamentarian. A parliamentarian sits beside the president and advises her on proper meeting procedures. If you are willing to take on this challenge -- do some reading, watch some videos, possibly take an on-line course -- please let President Lori Young know. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**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** - Judy Schermerhorn was born in Newark and raised in N. Caldwell. She graduated from James Caldwell High School and attended Russell Sage College in Troy, NY. Judy has worked as a dental assistant, as a proofreader and page makeup artist at a book printing company and in an insurance agent's office, remaining in that business for 15 1/2 years as a licensed producer. Following retirement from that position, Judy went on to obtain her real estate license when she moved to Forked River in 2004.

Judy met her husband, Russell, when they both were employed at the printing company. They were married in East Greenbush, New York, where they lived until moving to Morris Plains in 1975. They adopted their daughter, Darcy, in 1972. They have two grandsons, 21 years of age and 17. Sadly Judy was widowed in 1995.

Judy was installed as a member of the Woman's Club in December 2004. The first committee on which she served was Hospitality, then co-chaired Literature Club. Most importantly she spent four years on the Board as second Vice President.

Judy finds many activities to occupy her time. She has always been an avid reader. She has spent many years crocheting and sewing and now stained glass is her most recent hobby. For two years she found it very gratifying when volunteering as a special advocate for children at CASA. She loves to travel, visiting Spain, Mexico, Sicily & Tuscany. Her Mom is 101 so it's likely the longevity gene has been handed down. If so, Judy says "Here I come World!!!"

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**ACHIEVEMENT DAY:** **Joan Schuler** First, many thanks to Carol LaVelle and Maria Kowalewski for assisting me. The Shore Conference was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and our Club was well represented with 23 items. All of our entries were beautiful. Our Club was well represented. Grand place winners were Carol LaVelle – Environmental; Arts & Cultural Laura McDonald, Nancy Conway Beverly Eichert, Jo Faccioli, Linda Hrusha, & Joan Schuler. We also had 4 2<sup>nd</sup> and 2 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Congratulations and thank you for participating. Six entries went to State & there we were awarded four: Beverly, Linda, Jo & me.

## **ACTIVITY DAY:** **Lina Kazala – REMINDERS:**

Due to Memorial Day, Activity Day is Tuesday, May 27.

On June 9 we are not playing due to voting. 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 drawing was on April 9. Our lucky winners were as follows:

\$500, Pat Van Zandt ticket #218  
\$100, Michelle Herman, ticket #12  
\$100, Noelle Natoli, ticket #383  
\$100, Mary O'Malley, ticket #389 and  
\$100, Karen & John Maxman, ticket #209.

**Monthly Baskets:** April's lovely baskets contributed to our Club in the amount of \$150. Our two lucky winners were Christinne Russell and Dianne Rogalski. Congrats! Thank you.

**Trips: Barbara Bowen –Happy Mother's Day to all !** Money is due for 9 to 5 at the General meeting, \$80. The sign-up sheets will again be in the back of the room. There will also be sign-up sheets for future Social Committee activities. Barbara Bowen

**Social Committee – Linda Hruska** – The Woman's Club of Lacey's "Social Committee" was discussed in September. The purpose was to go beyond the women's group of volunteering and get to know each other more personally and have fun. Our committee includes Barbara Bowen, Kathie DeMey, Nancy Conway, Joan Engelhardt, Judy Fisher, Jackie Stephens, Monica Sisbarro and me, Linda Hruska. We bounced ideas of where to go around, and the list grew. We were so excited! We scheduled a trip to Holland Ridge Tulip Farm at the end of April, but the weather was threatening our plans. Thankfully, it all turned out well with a perfect day and lunch afterwards:

**Nancy Conway** - A sign-up sheet will be at the meeting for those wishing to go to "Out of Sight Alpacas" on Wednesday, May 21st at 10 am. Cost is \$12 cash that day. We will go to lunch at Lefty's afterwards.

**Joan Engelhardt** – Next, on the schedule is Cuisine on the Greene July 23rd. Cost is price of entre and \$7.00 extra for tax and tip. We will be carpooling. The sign-up sheet will be at May 14th meeting. Any questions please call me.

## **Judi Fisher and Kathie DeMey**

September 17<sup>th</sup>, High Tea at A Sweet Memory Cake Shoppe, Waretown, \$51 for a 5 course meal picked by a chef (includes; tax and gratuity). Check payable May/June should be made payable to Judith Fisher. Sign-up sheet will be at both meetings Any questions please see Judi and/or Kathie.

## **SPECIAL STATE PROJECT:** **Cathy Katsianis** **BIRTHDAY**

### **MAY:**

Marie Lacedonia	5/11
Janet Sramaty	5/14
Sandra Leonardis	5/25
Linda Downing	5/27