



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – LORI YOUNG - Happy New Year everyone! I wish all our members a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2026.

This month we will be forming a five-member nominating committee to select members to serve on the executive committee for the upcoming term of June 2026 through June 2028. Positions available include President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, financial secretary and federation secretary. Duties of each of these executive board members are outlined in our Bylaws in ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, or would like to nominate someone, please let me know as soon as you can. I am available to meet with any member to answer any questions you might have as well.

This month is the first drawing of our Calendar Club Raffle for 2026! Many thanks to everyone who sold or bought a ticket. Special thanks to Debbie Terry and Carol Candeletti for all they have done to prepare for our drawings. Good luck to everyone who purchased a ticket.

Don't forget to bring an item for this month's tricky tray. Any new item you are willing to give up just might just be what another member needs.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MARIA KOWALEWSKI -
Wishing everyone peace and good health as we start a new year!

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOILLI –
Reports – Report Narratives are in the works. You may receive an email from me asking for clarification. If you do please try to get back to me as soon as you can. Reports are due to the state by February 1st.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL LA VELLE –
Happy New Year! We accepted two new members into our club. I will introduce the ladies at the general meeting . If anyone is bringing a guest, please let me know.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, JACKIE STEPHENS – A letter from Cheryl Fairchild, NJSFWC

Honors Chair, stating our contribution to the NJSFWC Memorial Fund ensured the names of Elizabeth O'Neil and Marilyn Hock were inscribed in the Memorial Book. Memorial cards were also sent to their family members.

A postcard from Operation Smile thanking us for our generous support in 2025. Received gift of 50.00 in memory of Justine Weinberg from Carol and Rich Otterbein, her friends of many years.

RECORDING SECRETARY, LEE CASSARINO –
I will report at the General Meeting.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SANDY DE YONKER
Happy New Year Everyone! As of today, we have 100 paid members and 6 honorary members. All permits are up to date. Dues will be collected at the January and February meeting. Make checks out to Women's Club of

Lacey for \$36.00. If paying by cash, please put your cash in an envelope with your name printed on the outside. Envelopes will be available at the meeting.

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER – Happy New Year! For our new Members, if you have an income or expense to the Club, I have vouchers which need to be provided with either the income or requesting an approved expense. Please ask me for the Vouchers and fill out when providing me with funds or requesting reimbursement. Thank you.

FEDERATION SECRETARY – LORI VIRCILLO – Happy New Year! To learn more and be informed by the activities, projects and other clubs, please subscribe to E-Connection by going to <https://njsfwc.org/materials.org>. Also, if interested there is a Shore District meeting which will be held in Point Pleasant on 1/26, 9:30 registration and meeting starting at 10, cost \$5.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Mariana Marzacco and Judy Schermerhorn - Congratulations to Diane Mozer winning \$185 at our Christmas Luncheon meeting.

I have been in touch with Mallory Kravosky at the Lanoka Harbor School who has begun outfitting a Sensory Room for their multiple disability students. I would like to designate our yearly contribution to help her achieve her goal. .

ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti – Happy New Year! Please let me know if any committee needs help or want something made for their committee. New members, if you are interested in joining this committee, please let me know. Thanks, Carol

ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi -

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Happy, Healthy New Year to All!

NJ Sharing Network: Jo Faccioli - Are you an organ donor? Please make sure your family is aware of your choices. If not, register here at www.registerme.org

Wrapped in Love: Jo Faccioli - Five blankets as of this writing will be donated to the NJ Sharing Network this month.

Wreaths Across America : Jo Faccioli - December 13th was a successful Wreaths Across American Day. Some of us went to St. Joseph's while others went

to Good Luck Cemetery. St. Joseph's received all 1725 wreaths needed for their Veterans. I do not think they will be without them again so we will focus once again on the Good Luck Cemetery. When I get the new forms, I will post. Thank you again for all of your donations.

Holiday Stockings: Amy Meyer -

Special Needs Adults: Debra Gamsby/Janet Mulero – Dec 19, we had our Whoville event. Total raised was \$895. This includes cash donations, 50-50 and the \$10 donation at the door. We also made several exceptions (guests we do not charge) for a total of approximately \$400.

Everyone had a great time! We donated leftover teddy bears to Providence house committee.

Jan 2, we had our New Year's event. Total raised was \$823. \$125 50/50, \$540 from door \$158 in cash donations which includes \$150 from Dawn Korman for our hall rental fee. (She also came and spent two hours helping us set up.) We also made several exceptions for a total of approximately \$400.

Thank you to Nancy Conway, who arranged for an amazing DJ, DJ Mr. T, who was kind enough to donate his time and talent for our New Year's celebration! Since our last report we have received approximately \$2,500. In in-kind donations.

We've posted a save the date, posted pictures on Facebook, if anyone would like to see them and we've updated our Amazon wish list. Anyone wanting to donate, volunteer, cook, set up, clean up or any other talent you would like to share please reach out to Debra or Janet. Thank you to everyone who donated monetary, and kind, and with all their hard work.

Debra Gamsby & Janet Mulero Cochairs 😊

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – **Providence House:** Happy 2026 to you all. The DSVAP group is planning on filling small heart decorated bags for Valentine's Day for the clients of Providence House. The bags will be packed with toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, body lotion, bath bombs, and other essentials to make the women clients feel cherished. Each bag will also contain a \$10 gift card so each woman can buy herself something special. The bag will be held in the arms of an adorable teddy bear donated by the Special Needs Adult Committee. It is our hope that the Providence house clients sense their worth and are aware that people like the generous women of WCOL care for them.

Intergenerational: Joyce Huffert, Dolores Martinez and Rose Squeo - Intergenerational meets every Third Wednesday of the month at the Pheasant Run Clubhouse. Approximately 30 students along with faculty from 4th grade through high school attend these meetings. We meet during the months of November through March from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. We do

different activities each month, bingo, winter craft , game day and bingo. It is a nice two and a half hours spent with the students. At the end of the school year, members and teachers meet for lunch. We can accommodate ten members at each meeting. Please e-mail me at dm9043@live.com before each meeting if you are interested in attending. Thank you.

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

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith – Happy New Year! Hope everyone stays healthy!
Debbie.

Read Across America: Debbie Smith

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewsk
Wishing everyone a healthy and happy new year. Literature will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 20th. We will be discussing “All that’s left unsaid” by Tracey Lien. A volunteer is needed for refreshments.

Scholarships: Karen Martinak–

Girls Career Institute: Darlene Johnson/Diana Monia -

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser – Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

We are starting a shoe/sneaker drive in January with Your Grandmother’s Cupboard. Shoes and sneakers must be gently used, clean and in good condition. Drop off at general meetings, activity day, Retro Lacey, Lacey Recreation and Joyce Huffert’s house in Pheasant Run. 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 – 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 Five F sed eyeglasses. Thank you for your support!

Nursing Home: Dawn Korman – Gently used clothing, coats, stuffed animals are always welcome at the nursing home. Thank you.

Food Bank: Carol Crotty – Thank you to everyone who contributes to our food drive. At our December meeting we contributed 62 miscellaneous items of food. Thank you for your support.

Operation Smile: Carol La Velle – I am starting to collect again for Operation Smile. The list of items needed is on our website, personal items as well as toys, dolls, games, etc. Thanks for all your generous donations. May 2026 be a happy & healthy year. for all!

Social Committee: Barbara Bowen - The Social group upcoming events are being planned.

STANDING COMMITTEES

CARING CORNER: Diane Moser – Three cards were sent this month; one Get Well card to Judi Fisher, and two Sympathy cards were sent to Denise Cozenza-Brisco and the family of Justine Weinburg.

If you know of anyone of our members in need of a card, please notify our president or me.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication :- Jo Faccioli - Please make sure I have your email, so you are kept up to date on the goings on of the Club.

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

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.

Calendar: Jo Faccioli –

If you are planning an event, please let me know so I can add it to the calendar of events.

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

Photos: Linda Hruska

Newsletter: Joan Schuler – If you wish to place your upcoming event or information concerning your committee, please forward to me via email after the Board meeting which meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Thank you.

Eulogies: Nancy Fortin – Sadly, Justine Weinberg passed away on December 30, 2025.

Hospitality: Helen DelaCruz – Please check your handbooks for reminders of your contributions and assistance for our monthly meetings. Thank you.

Parliamentarian: Chairwoman – Terry Acquavita

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: Lori Vircillo -
THE "DEPUTY" ROVING REPORTER-Maria Kowalewski

JUSTINE WEINBERG became an active member of the Women's Club of Lacey in 2016. As you know, she passed away on December 30, 2025. Justine became our Roving Reporter in September 2024. She did an exemplary job of reporting. During the decade as a member of our club she participated in many of our fundraising events. She donated her time and served on many of our committees. She loved to read and was a member of our Book Club. She did whatever she could to make the Women's Club of Lacey a success. Justine was intelligent, kind, reliable and a valued member of our club. She will be lovingly remembered and missed by all.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Joan Schuler – Please let me know if you are interested in participating in our Achievement Day or just want to hear what it is all about. There are many categories to which you can enter including painting, needlework, poetry, short story writing, house plants, photography, etc. This all happens in April. Hopefully, you will consider entering your project. Wishing you a very happy new year!

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/Carol Candeletti -

Monthly Raffle: Thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraiser. At our December meeting Barbara Bowen won a gift card to TJ Maxx/Marshall and Marge Gerba won the beautiful handbag hand-made and contributed to WCOL by Lori Young. The total proceeds of \$385.00 contributed to our fundraising account less the \$50 purchase of the gift card. Congratulations to our winners and thanks for participating.

Trips: Barbara Bowen –

Tricky Tray: Barbara Bowen – Happy New Year to all! Be ready for our after Holiday tricky Tray ! Bring a new or SLIGHTLY USED ITEM to put on the table. For \$5 you purchase a card with about 25 tickets to put in numbered cups in front of each item you are interested in winning. We've had some great gifts ! The sign-up sheets for shows at the Surfflight will again be on the table. Barbara Bowen

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Cathy Katsianis -

BIRTHDAY

JANUARY:

Fran Geduldick	1/2
Mickey Esposito	1/4
Carol Nicolay	1/4
Diane Bauernhuber	1/5
Debbie Terry	1/13
Nancy Pribila	1/25
Antonia Celano	1/26
Carole Crotty	1/30

FEBRUARY:

Georgette Basso	2/6
Rose Squeo	2/7
Lori Vircillo	2/7
Nancy Fortin	2/11
Kathy DeMey	2/11
Carol Setzer	2/15
Ellena DiCicco	2/23
Linda Smolinski	2/24
Lina Kazala	2/26