



# Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – MARIA KOWALEWSKI

A warm welcome back everyone. I hope you had a relaxing Summer. I am looking forward to Fall and the cooler weather. **Our new handbooks are ready.** Don't forget to pick yours up. Nancy and Lil will be giving them out at the September General meeting. If you would like to contribute \$5.00 towards the State's Special Project you will have a "Smiley Face" stamped on your handbook. Also I suggest that you list your emergency contacts on page 28 of the book. A big thank you to Karen & Jackie for a wonderful job.

**Our Calendar Club tickets are ready** to be distributed as well. This is our main fundraiser to raise funds for Scholarships. Please be as generous as possible. Ask your friends and family to consider buying a ticket or two. They make great Christmas gifts. Thank you Nancy for arranging to have Riggs print the tickets.

A big thank you to Carol Lavelle for the delicious Welcome New Members breakfast on September 1st.

**Lacey Day** is scheduled for September 26th from 12-4 at Gille Park. It's a great way to promote community awareness of our club and perhaps attract new members. Come and spend an hour or two sitting with us. **I have a sign-up sheet.**

There is a **Shore District Council meeting** on September 28th at the Women's Club of Matawan. Morning bites and Doreen's soup will be served. The cost is \$5.00. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. We usually carpool. They have asked us to bring empty supermarket bags for the food pantry. I think all of us have tons lying around at home and in our cars. Please bring your extras to the September meeting. **I have a sign-up sheet for the Shore District meeting as well.**

Jo will be sending out a list of other items we will be collecting at the September and October meetings for at many charitable projects.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Your President. Maria Kowalewski

**1ST VICE PRESIDENT, KAREN MARTENAK** - The directories for 2026-2027 are complete and will be distributed at the Wednesday, September 9, general meeting.

We are trying to secure a speaker from Embrella for the November general meeting. At that meeting the Ocean County Health Department will be providing flu vaccines.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI – Welcome Back - Happy Fall**

September 11th is the 25th Anniversary of the tragedy at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Please take a moment of prayer and remember the souls that were lost that day and the families that have been left behind. Let us never forget.

### Reports

Please continue to document the activity of your departments and fundraisers.

**3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL LA VELLE –** Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a nice, relaxing summer.

We had 6 of our new members attend our board welcome breakfast last week. There will be one guest coming to our general meeting.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, JACKIE STEPHENS** – Welcome back ladies! I looked forward to an exciting 2026-27 year at the woman's club of Lacey.

**RECORDING SECRETARY, LORI VIRCILLO –** Welcome back to everyone. I look forward to serving as Recording Secretary for the board in 2026-2027. I wish Dawn the best in her new career endeavor.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SANDY DE YONKER-** I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! We presently have 98 paid members and 6 honorary members. All our permits are up to date. Happy September!

**Treasurer's Report, JOAN SCHULER**  
When you have income, please fill out two Income Vouchers, one for my records and one for

your records so you can keep track of monies you have given to me. When submitting an Expense Voucher for expenses which have been approved, please include your receipts for my records. Also, when buying approved supplies for the Club, please ask for our State of NJ tax exempt form. Thank you.

#### **FEDERATION SECRETARY – LORI YOUNG**

Welcome back, everyone! I hope your summer was restful and rejuvenating. Please take a moment to check out the NJ State Woman's Club website. You can google "NJSFWC" and the link will come right up. Click on "Materials" and then "Almanac" to see what's happening with other Clubs in the state. If you are interested in attending a workshop on *Artificial Intelligence, Reporting Writing, the CANVA software or parliamentary procedure*, you'll find those links there as well. You can also sign up for the **E-Connections** newsletter simply by entering your email address. This little newsletter comes every couple of weeks and is full of useful things. I'm looking forward to working on some fun projects with our Club members this year.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS**

**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Mariana Marzacco and Judy Schermerhorn** – Hoping everyone had an enjoyable and safe summer. Just a reminder that all proceeds from the 50/50 raffles are designated to Special Needs Projects at our Lacey Schools.

Also, you have a chance to win some money. Congratulation to Katherine DeMay who won \$155.00 at our June Meeting.

#### **ARTS CREATIVE: Carol Candeletti:**

Happy Labor Day ! Summer is almost over and it's that time again. I hope everyone had a healthy and fun summer! I will have a sheet out for joining or re-joining the Arts and Culture Committee. If you had signed up before and want to continue in the committee, please sign up again. Please let me know what you would like this committee to be. Any ideas are more than welcome. Do you want to do crafts? Go to museums? Let's have a short meeting after the General Meeting to discuss a few topics.

#### **ARTS PERFORMING: Chris Urban/Jeanne Scaffidi** MERRILEE SINGERS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Want to check us out? Come, sit in our first rehearsal September 15 at 10:15am to 11:30am here at the community center. You can just listen or sing along. No pressure at all.

Here is our rehearsal schedule:

September 15, 22  
October 13, 20  
November 17, 24  
December 8

For more info call:  
Chris Urban- 609-693-6853  
Dianne Rogalski- 609-242-5680

PS: Does anyone have an electronic keyboard to give away? Please call Chris Urban with any information.

#### **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH**

**Lacey Day** – is September 26<sup>th</sup> at Gille Park. A sign-up sheet to man the tables will be passed around at the meeting.

**NJ Sharing Network: Jo Faccioli** - if you are not already an organ donor please consider this and add to your license and let your family know your wishes.

**Wrapped in Love: Jo Faccioli** - 18 blankets have been donated over the summer.

#### **Wreaths Across America : Jo Faccioli.**

The status of WAA will be discussed at the September meeting.

#### **Holiday Stockings: - Laura McDonald**

**Adults with Special Needs: Debra Gamsby/Janet Mulero** – The Committee hosted three successful dances in June, July and August. Pictures of each are posted on Debra's Facebook page. Dance dates are published on the Club calendar on our website. Please check us out!

Our dances are growing in popularity, and after one year, we are now hosting about 99 adults with special needs and their caregivers each month. We offer our guests an evening of music and dancing and a light dinner and dessert. And we have a lot of fun doing it.

We need volunteers to help with set up each month. Setup crew meets at the Community Center at 3:30 and finishes about 5:00 pm. There will be a committee sign-up sheet at the General Meeting. Please do come and join us on September 25th for our Disco dance! Debra Gamsby and Janet Mulero, Committee Co-Chairs

**Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – Providence House:** The DSVAP met over the summer to fill 10 backpacks with school supplies. Each backpack was filled with a pencil case, pencils, colored pencils/markers, crayons, notebooks, post-it-notes, rulers, beanie babies, scissors, glue sticks, erasers, tissues, and folders. Backpacks were taken to Providence House for the children displaced from their homes due to domestic violence. Thank you; your generosity is appreciated.

**Intergenerational: Joyce Huffert and Dolores Martinez** – Nothing to report

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

Welcome back ladies! Hope you enjoyed your summer.

**Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith** – Hope everyone had a great summer! We will again be collecting gently used children's books to donate to the nonprofit Bridge of Books. Please ask your neighbors, children, and grandchildren to give us their used books before throwing them out. We donated over 1500 books last December and would love to do it again. You can bring them to meetings or drop off at Activity Day. This will continue until the end of November. Thank you for your support.

**Read Across America: Debbie Smith -.**

**Poster Contest: Christine Russell -**

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

Welcome back, everyone! September 15th is our Book Club Meeting. We will be discussing "The Guest List" by Lucy Foley.

**Scholarships: Kathy Cook/Christine Russell–**

**Girls Career Institute Darlene Johnson/Diana Monia**  
Girls' Career Institute has two chairs: Darlene Johnson and Diana Monia. Our committee sponsors two juniors at \$400.00 per girl from Lacey High School to attend Douglass College to experience college life. We will interview the students and choose two girls and an alternate. The students will attend Douglass June 2nd through June 5th.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

**Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser** – Welcome Back Everyone!

Coat Drive - September 9, 2026--October 31, 2026

We are holding a coat drive with Your Grandmother's Cupboard. Gently worn children and adult donations should be clean and wearable, freshly laundered, no holes or stains and no broken zippers or missing buttons. We are also collecting hats, gloves and scarves. Drop off locations are WCOL general meeting, Charles Smith Community center (Mondays only 12:00-3:00 PM), and Retro Fitness Gym in Lacey.

**Doggie Angels: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer and Rae Mauri** –

## **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

**Home Life: Sheila Anderson** – We are continuing to collect cell phones for our soldiers. In addition, don't forget to donate your old eyeglasses. Thank you to those who have donated in the past and to those who will contribute now. It is definitely appreciated!

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

**Food Bank: Carol Crotty** – In June, we donated numerous miscellaneous food items to the food bank. They have requested donations of the following pantry items-  
Baked items such as cake mix, pancake mix, oatmeal, pancake syrup, flour, sugar, baking powder and baking soda. Thank you.

**Operation Smile: Carol La Velle** – I hope everyone had a great summer! I will be collecting all year for Operation Smile. Some suggested items are any type of small toys, barbie dolls, matchbox cars, puzzles, games, cards, coloring books & crayons.  
Personal items are needed also: hotel size shampoo, travel toothpaste, tooth brushes, and wide tooth combs. The complete list is on our website.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**CARING CORNER: Diane Moser** – Welcome Back Everyone!

Three cards were sent out since last meeting; Get Well - Kathy Barrett; Sympathy - Janet Malera for loss of her father; Sympathy card - Mille Pape for loss of her partner. Diane Moser

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Communication – Jo Faccioli-**

Please make sure I have your email, so you are kept up to date about the ongoings 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](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.

### **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, as well as Lacey Patch.

**Photography** -While we are lucky to have a very talented photographer in our midst, Linda cannot be everywhere. Please remember to take photos of your events, meetings, etc. so we can proudly post and share with the community our great works.

### **Photos: Linda Hruska**

**Newsletter: Terry Acquavita** – Welcome back everyone! Thank you to all submitted their entries to the newsletter in a timely manner. It's very much appreciated.

### **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 – 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:**

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Joan Schuler** – Achievement Day is not until April, but it is an excellent idea to decide

what you would like to enter at the Shore Conference. There are many categories to which you can enter including

painting, needlework, poetry, short story writing, house plants, photography, etc. There are specific sizes for each category and rules which are provided by New Jersey State Federation Women's Club (NJSFWC) of which we are a subsidiary.

If your project receives a First Place Award, then it is entered at the State Convention in May. Naturally, if you wish more information or specific instructions, please do not hesitate to talk to me about it or visit NJSFWC's website. I hope you will consider participating.

**ACTIVITY DAY: Lina Kazala** – Activity Day is on Mondays, 12:00 – 3:00 and will continue each week as on our written yearly schedule. We should be well rested and eager to play.

### **FUNDRAISING: Lori Young**

Fundraising Report September 2026

June and July bake sales at the Lacey Farmer's Market brought in nearly \$700. August was cancelled due to impending thunderstorms. We had 14 of our members volunteer to staff our booth and approximately 24 members providing baked goods. This was really great participation. Thank you one and all for helping make this a successful event for our Club. It was a lot of fun interacting with so many members of our community and their kids and dogs. We had shade and chairs, water and a bathroom available. June was HOT but July was a really great day.

Final bake sale for the year will be Friday, September 18th. Please sign up at the General Meeting to staff the booth or bake something to sell.

### **BUNCO - October 11th, 1:00 p.m.**

If you signed up for a BUNCO ticket, please bring your payment to the September meeting. At this point we are SOLD OUT and have a wait list. Thank you for your consideration.

### **SPECIAL STATE PROJECT – Cathy Katsianis -**

#### **Calendar Club: Debbie Terry/Carol Candeletti** –

The Calendar Club tickets have been received and will be available to distribute at the September meeting. The sale of tickets will continue until the end of December 2026. Ticket pricing remains at \$25 per ticket with 30 chances to win. The drawings will be held at the monthly club meetings from January to June 2026. There will be one \$500 winner and four \$100 winners at each drawing. Looking forward to seeing you all on

September 9th even though it seems like the summer just can't be over yet. Please stop by and see me at the meeting if you have any questions or pick up some tickets, no need to pay immediately. If you can't sell them, you can always return them to me by the end of December. I am looking forward to a successful fundraiser again this year and bringing joy through a scholarship to a few deserving seniors in Lacey!

**Monthly Raffle:**

Gift card for Home Depot won by Linda Hruska  
50/50 won by Beverly Eichler \$125.00

**Social Group : Barbara Bowen**

We have only 1 more trip to Surflight on Sunday, Dec.6 to see Holiday Inn. I have 8 spots available. Money is due by the Oct. meeting. It is still \$81. Dinner is at Lefty's. Sign-up sheet as always at back table.

**Trips : Barbara Bowen**

**SEPTEMBER 23** – Dinner and wine glass painting at Dolce Liberta.

**OCTOBER 4** – Bus trip to Cold Springs NY on the Sea Streak from Highlands, NJ.

**OCTOBER 15** – Jacks and Lights at Argos Farm

**OCTOBER 27** – Cape May Zoo

**NOVEMBER 4** – Howling Wolf Farm in Jackson, NJ.

**NOVEMBER 19** – Tour the Hindu Temple in Windsor, NJ.

**NOVEMBER 21** – Holiday at the Playhouse Bus Trip

**DECEMBER 2** – Bell Works Christmas Markets

**JANUARY 26** – Ceramics Painting in Bayville, NJ

There is an additional event on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm at the Methodist Church on Lacey Road. Tickets are \$45.00 PP, \$10 for children 8 and under. Tasting appetizers, entrees and desserts from local restaurants while listening to live music, will be fun and delicious. See Monika Sisbarro for details.

**BIRTHDAYS**

**SEPTEMBER**

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Carla Dos Santos | 9/2  |
| Janice Hyer      | 9/4  |
| Regina Flach     | 9/6  |
| Terry Acquavita  | 9/12 |
| Joan Schuler     | 9/12 |
| Beverly Keubler  | 9/13 |
| Marie Lawton     | 9/16 |
| Monika Sisbarro  | 9/19 |
| Maria Fiorenza   | 9/23 |
| Virginia Yohoves | 9/28 |
| Caroline Lindsey | 9/28 |

**OCTOBER**

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|-----------------------|-------|
| Denise Cosenza-Brisco | 10/1  |
| Jeanne Scaffiddi      | 10/1  |
| Lori Young            | 10/2  |
| Dawn Korman           | 10/2  |
| Sheri Prato           | 10/3  |
| Mary O'Malley         | 10/5  |
| Denise Froberg        | 10/7  |
| Maria Kowalewski      | 10/12 |
| Marge Gerba           | 10/19 |
| Cathy Katsianis       | 10/25 |
| Diane Moser           | 10/27 |
| Christine Urban       | 10/30 |

**Calendar Club Winners June 2026**

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| Karen O.         | \$500 |
| Karen M.         | \$100 |
| Kathy C.         | \$100 |
| Kathy & Steve W. | \$100 |
| Regina F.        | \$100 |

**50/50 Kathy D.**

**Gift card - ??**