



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – LORI YOUNG –It's the Holiday Season! Our holiday luncheon at the Captain's Inn each year is one I always look forward to. Please join me in thanking Maria Kowalewski, our first Vice President, for her efforts in planning and arranging the luncheon with the Captains Inn. Sincere thanks as well to the Environmental and Doggie Angels Departments for our basket this month. We have an exciting performance coming up after our Christmas luncheon courtesy of our Arts Performing Department.

Four new members will be installed this month: Valerie Negra, Christine Russell, Susie Dolly and Caroline Lindsay. We are very pleased that you have decided to join us. We look forward to getting to know you all and including you in our many efforts throughout the community. Members, please seek these new ladies out and introduce yourselves.

Calendar Club sales are still ongoing. This is our last month for sales. Our first drawing will take place at our January 15th General Meeting. Sincere thanks to everyone who has bought or sold a ticket.

No matter which December holidays you celebrate, my wish for you all is that they are joy filled with times with family and friends. As we look ahead to 2025, we will continue to do good works and make a difference in our community through the Woman's Club of Lacey.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MARIA KOWALEWSKI -

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI –

Reports are being put together and should be ready for the February 1st, 2025, deadline. Thank you to all for your cooperation over the past year.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL LA VELLE –

Four of our new members will be installed at our December meeting. Please have all guests check in with Lillis, Nancy & me before the meeting. Wishing everyone a very happy & healthy holiday season!

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 93 paid members and 8 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: Have a blessed Christmas and the best New Year!

FEDERATION SECRETARY – LORI VIRCILLO -

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Special State Project (NJCA) pins are available for \$5 from Headquarters or at the Shore District Council Meetings.

NJSFWC Day of Service is January 20. Please bring warm socks to the January General Meeting for homeless young adults. The December Almanac and flyers are available online.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Mariana Marzacco

The WCOL will continue to fund this event as our 50/50 fundraiser. At our November meeting our lucky winner was Rose Squeo winning \$122.00. Thank you for your support.

ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We will continue to make doggie toys and smile bags. We have been asked to make a wreath for the Woman's Club. If anyone has any red, white, and blue items to donate that we may be able to use on a wreath, please let me know.
Thanks, Carol

ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi - Happy

Holidays to all  Looking forward to our holiday party at Captains Inn with our Sing Along 

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Wishing everyone the happiest of holiday celebrations. Count your blessings and remember those who are not as fortunate. Happy New Year too!

NJ Sharing Network - Interested in organ and tissue donation? Visit www.registerme.org.

- Wrapped in Love - This month 14 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" "we have not forgotten you".

Wreaths Across America - The deadline for a wreath purchase was December 3rd, 2024. Thank you to all who participated in this cause for our Veterans. The Club had 43 wreaths purchased from our WAA page for a total fundraising amount of \$215.00.

Holiday Stockings: Amy Meyer –

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – Providence House:

During this holiday season, I wish you all joy, peace, and good health now and in the coming year. I would also like to once again extend my gratitude to all who have donated paper towels and individualized snacks and juice/drink boxes. WCOL members collected 10 rolls of paper towels and 54 individualized snacks for those seeking shelter at the Providence House; transitional

housing for people experiencing domestic violence. Your generosity has made life easier for those who are dealing with challenges during this season of hope and joy.

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

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith - Thank you to everyone who helped with our book collection. We collected 1,084 books for the Bridge of Books Foundation. A special thank you to Dianne Rogalski, Fran Geduldick, Joan Schuler, and Christine Russell for helping to sort and pack all of the books. Thanks to Karen Martenak for writing up the report. Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday.

Read Across America: Debbie Smith

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski
No book gathering for December. Will resume in January. Our book for January 21, 2025 is The Book of Two Ways. Happy Holidays!

Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –

Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Mariana Marzacco -

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser –
Wishing Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

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 – 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 November meeting we collected 118 cans of tuna and 12 miscellaneous food items for our local food bank. Please continue to support the Food Bank. Thank you!

Operation Smile: Carol La Velle – I will be collecting items for "Operation Smile" until April. We need small toys, crafts, games, coloring books & crayons, small personal hygiene items. The entire list Can be found on our website. Thank you. Happy holidays!

STANDING COMMITTEES

CARING CORNER: Diane Moser – Wishing Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

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. 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**. We now have access to the township electronic bulletin board. Please let me know if you want anything advertised here.

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 opportunity to interview Debbie Terry. Debbie was born in Plainfield, NJ. She grew up with four sisters and says her sisters are still her best friends. She attended Sacred Heart and South Plainfield HS and graduated from Ocean County College with an AAS degree in accounting. At age 20, Debbie began working at Rhodia, a French chemical company, and worked there for over 40 years in accounting roles, managing inventory being her favorite.

Debbie met her husband, Bill, when she was 16 and he 21, a date set up by Debbie's sister and Bill's brother. Two sisters married to two brothers--not always a good idea. Debbie and Bill are still together after 46 years while her sister and brother-in-law divorced. This made for some tricky family relations. Debbie and Bill have three children, Megan Quinn, Kyle and Kurt, and nine grandchildren. Her daughter lives in North Carolina while her two sons live in New Jersey. Debbie very much enjoys being a grandmother!

Debbie joined the Woman's Club in 2023 and quickly became an active member. She is involved with Doggie Angels and is the current chairwoman of the Calendar Raffle fundraiser. She loves to read, play cards (especially hand and foot Canasta), hang out with her sisters and attend activities involving her grandkids.

Debbie says she is not big on travel but has fond memories of a trip she and her family took to Atlantis in the Bahamas. For many years they also traveled to various parts of Florida, their favorite beach being Siesta Key. Debbie would like to see more of the United States but says she and Bill are homebodies so they will never see all 50! Debbie's plans for the future are to live in the moment and learn to adapt to change. She will also continue to

enjoy her family since "they are the best part of life!!"

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. and/or go to our website to review the instructions. 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 -

Happy Holidays everyone! We continue to make progress on the Calendar Club Raffle. Almost three hundred tickets have already been sold, and we still have almost 100 outstanding tickets to club members that will hopefully be sold by the end of the year. Thanks so much to everyone for the continued support in this important fundraiser for scholarships. If all goes well, we could get up to \$4,000 dollars to support the students by year end. I will be collecting outstanding tickets at the December meeting and will have tickets available if anyone wants to purchase at that time. Please call me at 732-580-3397 if you can't make the meeting and I can pick up or drop off tickets at your house, you can stop at my house, or I can meet you somewhere in town.

Monthly Baskets: Thank you to those who take chances on our lovely baskets. At our November meeting our baskets brought in \$185.00 for our Club. Congratulations to our winners, Diana Monia, Caroline Linsey and Sandy DeYonker.

Trips: Barbara Bowen –Happy Holidays & a Healthy New Year to all ! The trip to Surf Light was wonderful, I think everyone had a good time. I will be planning new trips to Surf Light in the New Year. The Social Group is planning a trip to the Mathis Tea House on January 22, 2025. Please see Judi Fisher for information.,

Let's Get Moving: Lori Young -

Hello, my active ladies! So far, you all have reported over 311 hours of formal exercise to me! We have a wide range of activities including biking, Pilates, yoga, walking, and exercise. I'm still looking for reports for hours spent on exercise for September, October and November. Please pull the form off our website and send it over to me. You can also send me a text or email if that works better for you. I just need the information anyway you can get it to me. .

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Maria Fiorenza

BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER.

Carol Jones	12/3
Eleanor DelVecchio	12/8
Robin O'Brien	12/10
Karen Perks	12/10
Joan Engelhardt	12/16
Jo Faccioli	12/17
Jackie Stephens	12/18
Jackie Ott	12/19
Carol LaVelle	12/23
Carol Candeletti	12/29
BJ Graham	12/29

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