



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – LORI YOUNG - Hello Members! It's finally pumpkin spice season. Halloween decorations are popping up all over town. It's a wonderful time of year at the shore. This month, I will be presenting several fundraising ideas to you and asking for your support. It is going to take a group effort to make one or more of these succeed. At the general meeting, I will have sign-up sheets for each fundraising idea. We will run with the ones that have the most support from the members. My mom used to say, "Many hands make light work." Let's have many hands pitching in to raise some funds for our Club.

Let's dress in PINK for our October meeting in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month!

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MARIA KOWALEWSKI - The Ocean County Board of Health will be at our October 8th meeting to administer flu shots between 9-10. If you are interested in getting a flu shot, please bring your insurance cards and identification with you.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOILLI – Reports – Report Narratives are in the works.

3ND VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL LA VELLE – Welcome fall! There were 10 women who were interested in our club at Lacey Day and signed up on our clipboard. I sent out emails to them inviting them to our next general meeting.

If anyone is bringing a guest or knows someone is coming for the first time, please let me know so I can welcome them.
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, SANDY DE YONKER
We currently have 90 members and 6 honorary members. All permits are up to date.

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER – Welcome fall. I have Income and Expense Vouchers for whenever you

have funds for deposit or have an expense for which you are seeking reimbursement for approved expenses of the Club. Wishing everyone a wonderful 2025-26 WCOL year.

FEDERATION SECRETARY – LORI VIRCILLO – NJSFWC 60th Anniversary Open House at Headquarters Nov. 13 & Nov. 15. RSVP openhouse@njsfwc.org by Nov 3.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Mariana Marzacco
Our lucky winner in September was Carol Crotty winning \$125.00. Thank you for your continued support. Wishing everyone a fun Halloween.

ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti – A small group of us filled bags which were handed out on Lacey Day. If any committee needs help or wants something made for them, please let me know. Any new member if you are interested in joining this committee, please contact me. The LTHS Fall production will be Arsenic & Old Lace on 11/20, 21 & 22 at 7pm. 11/23 at 2pm.

ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi -

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

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 - 16 blankets as of this writing will be donated to the NJ Sharing Network this month.

Wreaths Across America: Jo Faccioli - I encourage you to donate at least one wreath towards this wonderful organization for Veterans. Visit our page at <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/178953/Overview/?relatedId=159755>.

If you are not comfortable purchasing on line, I will have forms at the meeting. Please bring a check made payable to **Wreaths Across America** and I will do the bulk mailing. Questions? See me at the meeting or call me. Wreaths cost \$17.00 each. I will speak more about this at the meeting. I am looking for someone to replace me and take over Wreaths Across America effective January 1st, 2026. It is an easy department and I will assist as needed. See me at the meeting if you are interested. Thank you

Holiday Stockings: Amy Meyer -

I am very short on goods to stuff the holiday stockings for the Military at next month's meeting. Kindly review the list attached on our web site and please be as generous as you can! We have 60 stockings to fill! Thank you for your anticipated donations.

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Volunteers will be needed when the October meeting is over, to help stuff the stockings. It will not take much time to complete this. Remember, "Many hands make light work".

I will also be collecting items on Monday at Activity day October 6. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 908 581-3086.

Thank you, Amy Meyers

Special Needs Adults: Debra Gamsby/Janet Mulero -

Intergenerational: Joyce Huffert/Rose Squeo -

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton -

Providence House: The DSVAP would like to thank everyone who participated in the Woman's Club Day of Service by stopping by the Joy of Angles Thrift Shoppe

on Saturday (9/27). Because of your generosity, we are able to donate \$250 to the Providence House. It is also our pleasure to provide October's basket for auction. Please consider buying tickets for the gorgeous mum planter, pumpkin lawn ornament, stunning hanging basket filled with fall foliage, the attractive fall themed kitchen mat, and beautiful painted wood sign.

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

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith - Our Committee will continue to collect gently used children's books through November.

Read Across America: Debbie Smith

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski
Welcome Fall Literature. We will meet at 12 pm on Tuesday, October 21, at the Community Center. We will be discussing "Daring to Drive" by Manual Al-Shariff.

Handbooks are in and being distributed. If you already see a smiley face on your book, you donated the \$5.00 last year to the state project. Those who wish to donate to donate this year, please leave your book with us at the registration table with the \$5.00 stuck inside. They will be stamped and returned after the meeting. The state project is a 2-year project, and we only collect 1 time.

Scholarships: Karen Martinak-

Girls Career Institute: Darlene Johnson/Diana Monia -

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser -
Welcome back everyone!

Coat Drive - September 10, 2025--October 31, 2025,
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. Drop off locations are WCOL general meeting, Charles Smith Community center (Mondays only 12:00-3:00 PM), Lacey Recreation office and Retro Fitness Gym in Lacey.

Doggie Angels: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer and Rae Mauiri - 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 –

Food Bank: Carol Crotty – Thank you to everyone who contributes to our food drive. At our September meeting we contributed 60 miscellaneous food items to our Food Bank. We have switched from collecting tuna to Mac & Cheese or miscellaneous condiments. Thank you for your support.

Operation Smile: Carol La Velle – Once again, we partnered with Lacey High School cheerleaders to collect crayons & coloring books for the children. They donated 100 of these items. I sent over 150, including donations from our club. Thanks again!

Let's Get Moving: Lori Young – It doesn't seem that Let's Get Moving is a good fit for our club at this time so I am going to stop collecting reports of hours of exercise. That doesn't mean we should stop moving! Regular exercise keeps us healthy, so keep it up! Let me know if you have any ideas about health and wellness to bring to the membership.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

CARING CORNER: Diane Moser – I sent one sympathy card this month to the family of Andrea Higley.

COMMUNICATIONS

Welcome back and welcome to all new members.

Fall - "Nothing quite compares to the breathtaking display of fall colors."

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 two of our members passed away over the summer. For several years, Marilyn Hock served our club as Recording Secretary and Andrea Higley as Financial Secretary. Andrea was placed on the Honor Role in 2021.

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/Lori Virchillo - This month I had the opportunity to interview Judy Hill a fairly new member who joined our club in 2023. Judy was born and raised in Clark attending Clark Regional High School. After marrying, she and her husband bought a house in Rahway where she live for 10 years before moving to Jackson. Judy raised two sons, one in Florida and one in New York state, and a daughter here. After retiring from Centra State Healthcare at age 80 she moved to Lacey to be with her daughter, Sandra, and grandson Jayson. Judy has five grandchildren and two greats!

Judy loves to travel and has traveled extensively in the West including tours of the Grand Canyon, Idaho, Oregon, and the "best trip" Utah. She loves the WCOL

and in fact persuaded her sister-in-law, Karen Perks, who married her younger brother to join the club. They both enjoy socializing with the members and playing cards on Activity Day.

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 handiwork creation you may have. 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, and rules provided by New Jersey State Federation Women's Club (NJSFWC) of which we are a subsidiary. This all happens April 2026 which we take to our Shore Conference. If your project receives a Gold Award, then it goes on to the States in May. Naturally, if you want more information or specific information, please do not hesitate to talk to me about it or visit NJSFWC's website. I hope you will 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/Carol Candeletti - Our Calendar Club raffle ticket sales are going strong. We have 30 tickets sold and 95 more distributed to members as of the end of September. The sale of tickets will continue until the end of December 2025. If you can't make the meeting but would like tickets to sell before the November meeting feel free to get in touch with me and I can deliver to you. Tickets are \$25 and the drawings will be held at the monthly club meetings from January to June 2025. There will be one \$500 winner and four \$100 winners at each drawing. Carol is away but please visit me across from Lil and Nancy's table at the entrance and take a few tickets to sell. If you can't sell them, you can always return them. Look forward to seeing you there!

Monthly Baskets: Thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraiser. At our September meeting Pat Spielman and Lori Vircillo were our lucky winners and we collected \$265 which contributes to the operating expenses of our Club. Thank you.

Trips: Barbara Bowen – For those of you who went on our trips to Surflight, hope you enjoyed yourselves. We have 1 more play, Elf on Nov. 30th. The \$80 is due at the Oct. meeting, that is the latest.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Cathy Katsianis -

BIRTHDAY

October:

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

NOVEMBER:

Imelda Fragomeni	11/02
Lillis Campbell	11/05
Sandy DeYonker	11/14
Peggy Bea	11/19
Valerie Negra	11/29
Judy Schermerhorn	11/30