



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO -

Happy Spring and Happy Easter to all.

We had a very busy month in March.

- Arts and Culture - Smile Bags
- Advocates for Children - Club donations to buy items for Smile Bags
- Arts Performing Day - WCOL presentation of a skit
- Special State Project - Tea and Birthday Gifts for Emmanuel Cancer Foundation
- Domestic Violence - Easter Baskets for Providence House
- Pinwheel Garden/Present Child Abuse NJ
- Achievement Day entries to go to Shore District for judging
- Birthday Party

April looks to be another busy month. Thanks to our successful Calendar Club, we are able to offer four scholarships this year. Four students have been selected by that committee from 25 applications. Awards will be presented in June.

Registration has been completed for the NJSFWC Convention; our Club is sending four delegates: Myself, Barbara Bowen, Joan Schuler and Shirley Houlihan.

Members will be attending Shore District Conference at the Lobster Shanty on April 18.

Our Bunco Party to benefit Emmanuel Cancer Foundation is set for April 29. The committee has been very busy, and there will be beautiful baskets to be auctioned. If you have not bought your ticket yet, please do so. This is to benefit our Special State Project!

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, BARBARA BOWEN - I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday. Our speaker this month is from the Surrogate Office in Toms River. I'm sure you'll find it very interesting.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI –
Reports – Thank you to everyone who has sent me their reports on time. If you are reporting on something in the Newsletter, you probably owe me a report. If you are hosting a fundraiser and it has been completed, please fill out your form and add your own narrative. I would like to see the "end of year report" narrative in your own words. Thank you.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL CANDELETTI – Happy Easter !! Please welcome Pat Wesley as a new member to our Club. We will have 2 guests at our April meeting. Please have guests check in with Lillis and see me prior to the meeting. Please wear your nametags to the meetings so new members could associate names and faces.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARIA KOWALEWSKI – Wishing everyone a Blessed Easter and Passover.

RECORDING SECRETARY, LORI YOUNG – I will report at the General Meeting.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY –
Hello ladies We currently have 85 paid members and 9 honorary! All our licenses are up to date ! Hope everyone had a nice holiday! Regards Andrea

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER – Happy Spring and Easter and Passover!! Please do not forget to include your income/expense voucher when giving me funds or requesting reimbursement. Also, please remember to date and sign all checks when paying for any function. Thank you.

FEDERATION SECRETARY – SHIRLEY HOULIHAN – As the weather gets warmer, we can look forward to a few dates Women's Clubs around the shore area are sponsoring. On April 19, 11-2 pm the WCO Matawan is sponsoring a Luncheon/Games with crafts for sale; admission \$10. On April 27 the WCO Brick is sponsoring a dinner/comedy show at Uncle Vinnie's Comedy Club. Doors open at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7; \$50, BYOB. **On April 29 the Woman's Club of Lacey is sponsoring an afternoon of Bunco to benefit the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation from 11:30 to 4 pm. For only a \$20 admission there will be prizes, a light lunch, dessert, basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle will result in an afternoon of fun!** Finally, The WCO Little Silver will present Another Woman's Treasure Jewelry and Accessories Boutique selling new and gently used handbags, scarfs and costume jewelry from 9 until 4 pm on May 6-7. As a final reminder, Convention will be May 1-3 at the Hard Rock Casino in Atlantic City. We will be honoring your fellow clubwomen with Honor Roll and Order of the Lily. Please try to join us to celebrate them and their achievement as they are honored by NJSFWC and WCOL.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Carol LaVelle –
Thank you to everyone who donated money to purchase gifts for the children. If anyone has gently used small luggage, duffle bags or backpacks & would like to donate them, please bring them to our general meeting. Happy Easter!

ARTS & CULTURE: Diana Monia – Thank you to my committee who made 70 smiley bags for our Service Program, Advocates for Children.

ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi -
President's Day!

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Happy Easter, Happy Spring

Wrapped in Love: Jo Faccioli - an additional donation of 4 more blankets came at the end of March and were delivered to the N.J. Sharing Network. Yarn was distributed to those interested in making lap blankets. These blankets are greatly appreciated by all who receive them.

NJ Sharing Network: Jo Faccioli –

National Donate Life Month (NDLM) features an entire month of activities to encourage people to register as organ and tissue donors and to honor those who have saved lives through the gift of donation. Here are some reasons why registering right now is more important than ever: Of the over 100,000 U.S residents waiting for a life-saving transplant, over 4,000 live right here in New Jersey.

- 17 people die each day while waiting for a transplant.
- Another person is added to the waiting list every 9 minutes.
- One organ and tissue donor can save 8 lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. To register www.registerme.org and remember to let your family know your wishes.

The NJ Sharing Network is also hosting a 5K/Walk/Run for Life May 20th, in Ocean Grove. If you are interested, please see Joan Schuler.

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – : Providence House:

Our group is still collecting microwaveable containers, gift cards to gas stations/grocery stores, paper towels, and size 4 diapers and baby wipes. Thank you for all your past donations they are appreciated and make a difference in the lives of the women and children forced to leave their homes due to abuse.

Thanks for all you do, the women and their children appreciate your support. Thanks, Maddie

Pinwheel Garden:

On Monday the DAVAP group placed pinwheels in front of the township sign by the library to commemorate Child Abuse Awareness Month.

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith - Happy Spring!

Read Across America: Debbie Smith - I would like to thank everyone that voted for the best posters in our Read Across America poster contest. The winner in

Forked River School was Thea Troiano with her Green Eggs and Ham poster. The second place was the Allergic poster followed by the Babysitters Little Sister poster. The winning poster at Lanoka Harbor School was Ruby Allen with Junie B Jones and that Meanie Jim's Birthday. Second place was Charlotte's Web followed by the Jurassic World Dominion poster. The winner for Cedar Creek School was Cora Simas with The Little Girl Who Lost Her Name followed by the two Lorax posters. Special thanks to Dianne Rogalski who went to all the schools with me to deliver the prizes.

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalew

Please note the DATE CHANGE. Literature will meet at 12:30 on Tuesday, April 25 due to the District Conference on the 18th. We will discuss "Someone Knows" by Lisa Scottoline. Bakers are needed.

Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –

Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Monika Sisbarro

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser –

Happy Spring!

Sneaker Collection

We are collecting sneakers again! We will be collecting sneakers through May. Please bring your clean, new or used sneakers to our general meetings, activity day or they can be dropped off at Joyce Huffert's home. Her address is in our WCOL handbook.

Diane Moser and Joyce Huffert
Environmental Co-Chairpersons

Doggie Angels: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer and Rae Mauri – Happy Spring WCOL! Please continue to donate old towels, blankets, sheets, etc. for our hairy friends. It sure makes their life a lot better. We love the treats and toys, the Animals at the Pop Corn Zoo!

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Home Life: Carol Jones/Sheila Anderson – Please collect cell phones for soldiers and eyeglasses. Thank you for your support!

Nursing Home: Chris Rakowski – Donations for the following items are always appreciated: toiletries, toothpaste, toothbrushes, stuffed animals, dolls and gently used clothing. Please bring the items to our general meetings. Thank you.

Food Bank: Carol Crotty – Hi Ladies. At our March meeting we collected 106 cans of tuna and 18 miscellaneous food items for our local food bank. Please continue to bring 3 cans of tuna, potato and rice sides and/or hamburger helper and/or food staples to our General Meetings so we can continue to support the Lacey Food Bank. Thank you!

STANDING COMMITTEES

CARING CORNER: Diane Moser

COMMUNICATIONS

Email: Jo Faccioli - If you changed your email or if you are a new member, please make sure I have your email address. This will help to keep you up to date on the happenings of the Club.

Advertising: Jo Faccioli - The lighted signs at the corner of Lacey Rd. and Route 9 and Manchester Ave. have advertised the WCL meeting and our Bunco Fundraiser. Future meetings will be sent to the various free newspapers along with fundraising events. If you are hosting a fundraiser, it is your responsibility to get the information for me as soon as possible. Several announcements and photos were posted on **Lacey Patch** under **Neighborhood News** and the **NJSFWC facebook page**. Take a peek and share your photos of your events with us so we can show the community the great things we can accomplish.

Website: Jo Faccioli - Please review for your department and let me know if there are any corrections or changes. Check out the photos of each event. Also, if you wish to advertise your fundraiser on the website, you must send me your information.

Calendar: Jo Faccioli - Is updated regularly.

Facebook: Facebook is Pending.

Photos: Linda Hruska

Newsletter: Joan Schuler – Please try to forward information for the Newsletter by the Friday/Saturday after the Board Meeting to me.

Roving Reporter: Joan Engelhart – Once again the Woman's Club of Lacey new member Madelyn Stapleton got involved right from the beginning. Maddie has been a member since 2022, now serving as the club's chairperson for Domestic & Sexual Violence for Providence House.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa, she graduated from George Washington High School. Maddie earned a degree from

Penn State in Education. Later on, she taught science in Holloway Township Schools. Married to James since 1982. During that time while Jim was serving in the Navy they traveled and lived in Illinois, Saratoga Springs, New York, Orlando, Florida and Charleston, South Carolina.

Mother of three sons Jimmy, Jarrett and Joey. Proud grandmother to James and Reina. Maddie has many hobbies which she enjoys including reading and gardening. She is also involved with the Lacey United Methodist Church.

Not sure where Maddie gets all her energy from. But she strongly agrees with "Any job worth doing is a job worth doing well". Thank you for your interview and all the time you spent helping people.

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM (CIP):

Mariana Marzacco and Dot VanBlarcom -
50/50 Raffle for Multiple Disability School Programs

Congratulations to Fran Celentano winning \$148 at our March meeting. Please remember to take a chance on winning at our April meeting and continue your support for a very worthy cause. Thank you.

EULOGY: Nancy Fortin - Our sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of our dear club member, Joan Zuczek. Joan was a member of the Woman's Club of Lacey for 23 years, having joined in September of 2009. She immediately became a member of the Merilee Singers and before long, she became the official *Music Assistant* to that department, a position she held for the duration of the Merilee Singers. Joan was a loyal member and a good friend to many. She will be sorely missed.

HOSPITALITY: Jane Grek -

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Ellena DiCicco –

**REGISTRATION/PHONE: Lil
Campbell/Nancy Conway –**

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Joan Schuler – Achievement Day is right around the corner, April 18. For those members who took their projects home, please remember to bring them to the April meeting since I need to deliver to the Lobster Shanty on April 17. Good luck at the Shore District Conference in which that project will be entered. Thank you for your participation.

ACTIVITY DAY: Lina Kazala – Happy Easter!
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.

FUNDRAISING: Shirley Houlihan –

Monthly Baskets: Carol Setzer – Thank you to those who took the chance to benefit our Club bringing in \$90. Please continue to take a chance. It's greatly appreciated.

Calendar Club: Helen DelaCruz and Rae Mauiri – The winners of our March Calendar Club drawing were as follows: Monika Sisbarro - \$500, Jim Barrier - \$100, Florence and Jill Wallace - \$100, Ellena DiCicco -\$100 and Tracey Lackey - \$100. Good luck to everyone with our next drawing!

Bunco (to benefit Emmanuel Cancer Foundation):
Maria Kowaleski – This fun event will be held in our Community Center on April 29, door open at 11:30 a.m. **There will be a Bunco Committee meeting at the conclusion of the General Meeting on Wednesday, April 12th.**

Trips: Barbara Bowen – A bus trip is planned for May 9, 2023, to the Hunterdon Playhouse. The cost is \$155; if interested, please sign up. The show is the Million Dollar Quartet.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: Joan Engelhardt – On March 22, we had a Victorian Tea at Mathis House Toms River. Profits were donated to Emmanuel Children's Cancer Foundation. Gifts were purchased and delivered to Emmanuel Children's Cancer Foundation. These birthday gifts were for a young lady who is fighting cancer. Gifts were purchased with profits from Victorian Tea.

On April 29, we are having a Bunco fundraiser; profits will go to Emmanuel Children's Cancer Foundation.

BIRTHDAY

APRIL:

Linda Hintz	4/1
Debbie Smith	4/3
Mary Barna	4/4
Nancy Conway-Hermann	4/10
Ruth Ward	4/13
Diana Monia	4/21
Doris Nelson	4/24
Dotty Dobis	4/26
Barbara Bowen	4/27
Patti O'Donnell	4/27
Theresa Bandlelette	4/28
Valerie Freidman	4/28
Shirley Houlihan	4/30

MAY:

Lee Verkouille	5/2
Carol Acevedo	5/11
Marie Lacedonia	5/11
Margit Verrone	5/12
Janet Sramaty	5/14
Rose Mary Milo	5/17
Sandra Leonardis	5/25