



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO – Happy Easter! Happy Spring!

Thanks to Helen and her committee for all they did to make our 59th birthday celebration so special. Congrats to Debbie Smith and her committee for such a successful “Celebration of Reading” in our elementary schools. And we enjoyed the 3rd graders colorful posters.

Good luck to all our Achievement Day participants at the district judging. Thanks to Joan for chairing this project as well as to Lori, Nancy and Maria for volunteering to help at District Achievement Day set up.

WCOL voted on *NJ Children's Alliance* for the 2024-2026 Special State Project. The winner will be announced at the Convention.

Thanks to the scholarship committee for their hard work reading all the student applications. WCOL will be awarding four \$1000 scholarships to deserving LTHS students. Great job WCOL!

Please check out the WCOL website: womanscluboflacey.org. Jo does an outstanding job highlighting all we do.

If you have not paid your 2024 club dues, please contact Andrea to make arrangements.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, BARBARA BOWEN -

Happy Spring ! Our guest speaker is Christine Valori from NJ Angels volunteers with the foster care system. I will still be taking names for the shows at Surfflight and also payments if you have them.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI –

Reports – Please begin compiling your committee reports for submission. I will be collecting all reports at the May meeting and the only one left to submit is your June report. This process of compiling it 6 months in advance will assist us in getting a jump start on reporting to the State. This process worked out very well last year and in January we had an easier time coordinating with all departments. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you need a blank report, please contact me or print one from the website under Member Information.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL CANDELETTI –

We have 3 new members in the club. Please welcome Karen Martenak, Karen Perks and Christine Russell to the Woman's Club of Lacey. I have not received any new applications. I'm expecting one guest for our meeting. Please have all guests check in with Lillis and see me before the meeting starts. Also, please

wear your name tags, so our new members know who you are.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARIA KOWALEWSKI – Happy Spring!

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY –

Hello ladies, we have 96 members and 7 honorary, all our licenses are up to date! I appreciate anyone who got back to me about dues! I am still waiting for some who said they have sent checks or would send checks immediately. I know the postal service sometimes takes its time, but I will let you know as soon as I receive them! Thanks so much. Regards Andrea

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER – Happy Spring!

FEDERATION SECRETARY – SHIRLEY

HOULIHAN – NJSFWC is selling a Super 50/50 that will be drawn at Convention in May. Last year's winner took home \$4000. Tickets are \$10 each and if you'd like to purchase one, please let me know and give me the

money as they will be available at the Spring District conference.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Carol LaVelle – This will be the LAST month of this year that I will be collecting for Operation Smile. The complete list of items needed can be found on our website. Please bring your contributions to this month's meeting. Thank you for your support!

ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti - The Arts and Culture committee made up about 50 floral arrangements. Dawn Korman and I dropped them off at Crystal Lake. They were ecstatic to receive them. Used them for their Easter celebration table décor and were going to give them out as a table prize for the residents to brighten their room up. We are going to work on making smile bags for Operation Smile for the 2024-2025 delivery in the Spring of 2025. If anyone would like to join the committee, come see me.

ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi - The sing along group will lead the sing along at the June general meeting. Our theme is show tunes. We will meet on April 16 and May 21, after Literature to go over the following songs:

“Give my regards to Broadway”

“Forty Second Street”

“Hello Dolly”

“Put on a Happy Face”

“Raindrops keep fallin’ on my head”

“New York New York”

“Let There be Peace on Earth”

If you were in Merrilee Singers, you might have the music.

See you at the general meeting.

Jeanne

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Wrapped in Love - This month I collected 4 lap blankets so far. They will be sent to NJ Sharing Network at the end of the month.

N.J. Sharing Network - April is Donate Life Month. If you are not registered as an organ donor but would like to, please go to www.registerme.org. Always let your family know your intentions to be an organ donor. The annual 5K Celebration of Life is scheduled for May 18th in Ocean Grove, N.J. We have 5 participants thus far and our team's name is *Woman's Club of Lacey*. If you are interested in participating please register under

our team name at

<https://www.sharingnetworkfoundation.org/5k>.

Wreaths Across America - A key message of the 2024 theme, Live with Purpose, is to have a belief in the greater good.

Holiday Stockings: Carol LaVelle -

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – :
Providence House:

Spring has sprung and I hope everyone is enjoying warmer weather. Thanks to everyone who donated paper towels and baby wipes to the Providence House. We collected 7 rolls of paper towels and 5 packages of baby wipes. We met our goal of 100 rolls of paper towels and only need 18 more packages of baby wipes. Rachel Johnston, the director of Community Affairs and Education Manager has moved on to another position in Florida. We wish her well working with domestic abuse victims in that area. Our new liaison is Laurie Toole who expressed her thanks for the journals and all your donations.

Pinwheel Garden:

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith -

Read Across America: Debbie Smith - Thank you to all our members that voted for our winners of the Read Across America poster contests. The winners from Forked River School were 1st place: Maya Wills (Duck for President) 2nd place: Christian Dudek and 3rd place Zachary Nieves. Lanoka Harbor School 1st place: Reeve Dunlevy (The Cat in the Hat) 2nd : Connor Murphy and 3rd: Sarah Buchner, Cedar Creek School 1st place: Charlotte Mandrik (Clydesdale Horses) 2nd: Michael Baldasari and 3rd: Nova Turner. Thank you to Christine Russell who delivered the prizes with me to all the winners.

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski Happy Spring! Looking forward to some warmer, sunnier weather. Literature will meet at 12:30 on Tuesday, April 16 we will discuss Agatha Christie's 'And Then There Were None'. Come help solve the mystery.

Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –

Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Mariana Marzacco -

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser – Happy Spring everyone!

Soles4souls - We are continuing our collection until June. We are collecting “New“ and “Gently Used“ shoes and sneakers. Please bring them to the general meeting or drop them off at Joyce Huffert’s house, Retro Fitness or the Lacey Recreation Center. Joyce’s address is in our handbook. To date we have collected 80 pairs of shoes!

All of the shoes from our drive will go to micro-enterprise programs in developing countries around the world. These programs serve as long term opportunities to break the cycle of poverty for those in need. 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: Carol Jones/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 – Carol Candeletti and I dropped off beautiful table top decorations to brighten up the residents rooms. Just in time for their Easter celebration! Both nursing homes are always in need of donations. Crystal Lake has said they are in need of larger size clothing (easy on/off clothing, such as sweatpants).

Here are a few dates of volunteer opportunity at Crystal Lake.

4/11 1:30 Pizza party.

4/17 1:30 Birthday Party

4/24 1:30 Cupcake decorating.

4/27 1:30 Board Games and More!

If these dates don’t work for you, please let me know, I am sure we can work something out.

Food Bank: Carol Crotty – At our March meeting we collected 98 cans of tuna and 17 miscellaneous food items for our local food bank. Please continue to support the Food Bank. Thank you!

STANDING COMMITTEES

CARING CORNER: Diane Moser - Happy Spring everyone!

Two cards were sent to our members this month. If you know someone in our club in need of

a card, please let our president or me know so that we can send a card.

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. I am trying to determine why some email addresses are not allowing for the newsletter to be attached. Copies will be at the meeting, or you can email me, and I will send one separately.

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**.

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: Jo Faccioli - Is updated regularly. Any information or dates you have in advance can be placed on the calendar.

Facebook: Jo Faccioli – Facebook is up and running. If you belong to Facebook, please visit our page, and follow us to keep up with what is happening and to share so all know about the work we do.

Photos: Linda Hruska

Newsletter: Joan Schuler – Please try to forward information for the Newsletter by the Friday/Saturday after the Board Meeting to jschuler13@gmail.com. Thank you.

Roving Reporter: Joan Engelhart – Welcome to spring.

This month I interviewed Virginia Yahve’s who has been a member of the Woman's Club of Lacey since 2013. Virginia was born in Brooklyn and completed her education at P.S. 89. She began her working career on wall street as a consultant. Later on, when she moved to Middletown, New Jersey she worked in sales.

In 1974 she married John a/k/a Mike. There were too many Johns in the family. Parents to a daughter and son. Their son lives in Long Island with his wife and three children. Their daughter lives in Cornwall, New York

with her husband and also has three children. Altogether they have six grandchildren. Virginia and Mike will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in August. When Virginia and Mike decided to retire, they moved to Barnegat.

Virginia enjoys going to WCOL, Mah Jongg and spending time with her grandchildren. They have traveled to several of the islands and enjoy cruising. Traveling up and down both the east and west coast of United States was something they enjoyed.

Virginia's motto is "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today".

Thank you for your interview, Virginia.

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM (CIP):

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

Congratulations to Val Friedman who won \$110 at our March Meeting. Please continue supporting our 59/50 raffle. Last year we furnished our Cedar Creek School with a Sensory Decompression Room for autistic children which was a great success. This year our funds went to our Mill Pond School to build a Sensory Decompression Room. Your support made this possible. Thank you.

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.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ACHIEVEMENT DAY: **Joan Schuler** – We have 16 items that will be entered in our Achievement Day participation which will be judged at the Shore Conference on April 23 at the Lobster Shanty. Good luck to those talented women. I will announce the results next month. Many thanks for representing our Club.

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.

FUNDRAISING: **Shirley Houlihan** –

Monthly Baskets: Thank you to those who take chances on our lovely baskets. At our March meeting our two baskets brought in \$125 for our Club.

Congratulations to our winners, Diane Moser and Barbara Bowen.

Calendar Club: Rae Mauiri and Pat Wesley

Congratulations to March's Winners:
\$500 Madeline Stapleton, Ticket #0314
\$100 Nicole Schneyman, Ticket #0164
\$100 Dianne Rogalski, Ticket #0230
\$100 Vilma Scagnelli, Ticket #0151 and
\$100 Ingro Desvousges, Ticket #0388

Trips: Barbara Bowen – Reminder, Big Band Sentimental Journey, is on Sunday, April 28 at 3:00. Tickets have been purchased. No further tickets will be sold for this event. I'm looking forward to the show.

The dates for the shows at the Surfflight this summer are as follows:
South Pacific on Tuesday, June 25th at 2:00 followed by dinner at Lefty's in Barnegat. Footloose on Tuesday, July 23rd at 2:00 followed by dinner at Lefty's in Barnegat. Miracle on 34th Street Sun. Dec. 8th at 2:00 followed by dinner at The Waterfront in Forked River. The cost for each is \$77. I will have sign-up sheets for each at our General Meeting. If you want to attend the June 25 play, please give me a check at the April meeting for this event. Thank you.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: Joan Engelhardt

The special State Project with Emmanuel Cancer Foundation ends this coming June. During the past two years we have held a Bunco Tournament chaired by Maria Kowalewski and also held a Victorian Tea at The Mathis House in Toms River chaired by Diana Monia both of which were very successful.

In addition to the above two fundraisers, we purchased gifts for a young lady that was a client of the Foundation for her birthday. Just this past November the committee helped out at the Foundation's holiday party and supplied gift cards for their clients.

BIRTHDAY

APRIL:

Linda Hintz	4/1
Debbie Smith	4/3
Mary Barna	4/4
Nancy Conway-Hermann	4/10
Judy Hill	4/11
Diana Monia	4/21
Doris Nelson	4/24
Barbara Bowen	4/27
Valerie Freidman	4/28
Shirley Houlihan	4/30

MAY:

Lee Verkouille	5/2
Carol Acevedo	5/11
Margit Verrone	5/12
Janet Sramaty	5/14
Rose Mary Milo	5/17
Sandra Leonardis	5/25
Linda Downing	5/27