



# Woman’s Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2024



## **PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO – Happy Valentine’s Day and Galentine’s Day!**

- All reports have been completed and sent to NJSFWC, thank you to all who have reported so conscientiously and to Jo for a great job compiling all the information. I received an email from state president, Shirley Holly, regarding her “130 challenge” asking for 130 items to be collected by clubs in recognition of the 130<sup>th</sup> year of the state federation. Her comments, ”Wow, you did an incredible job and went above and beyond.” I’ll share examples at the meeting.
- Club dues are due by the March meeting. I am requesting that members make payment to Andrea at the February meeting if possible. At the February or March meeting place your check in the box labeled “DUES” at the head table. Cash payments MUST be in an envelope with your name on it. This should facilitate the collection. Membership cards will be distributed at the meeting following payment.
- Honor Roll and Order of the Lily recommendations must be submitted in writing by the March meeting.
- The WCOL Brick for Memorial Garden has been sent to headquarters with the following inscription:

Woman’s Club of Lacey  
United in friendship  
and service  
to our community  
Federated since 1965

- NJSFWC Presents CEO (Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program) March 7 10:00 AM-3PM Battleground Country Club Cost \$55. Buffet served. Must be sent in by February 20. If you are interested, please bring a check to the general meeting payable to Woman’s Club of Lacey.
- Watchtower Boat Cruise up Hudson River April 30 honoring the NJ Federation of Women’s Clubs in saving the Palisades. Cost \$50. Payment due at general meeting payable to WCOL.

**1ST VICE PRESIDENT, BARBARA BOWEN** - Happy Valentines Day ! Our speaker this month Joe Soto from Rambling Farms arranged by Diane Moser for Environment. **Trips are listed on Page 4** of this Newsletter.

**2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI** – Reports – Year end reports were sent to NJSWFC on January 27<sup>th</sup> in time for the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Thank you to everyone who participated in getting the reports to

me. The compiled information from your reports should impress everyone. Together we make a difference.

**3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL CANDELETTI** – I haven’t received any new applications. A past member, Cathy Katsianis, has re-joined the club. We are expecting two guests to join us at the meeting. Please have all guest check-in with Lillis first and then come to see me. Don’t forget to wear your name tags. Thanks!

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARIA KOWALEWSKI** – Happy Valentine’s Day!

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

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY** – Hello ladies. We have 97 members and 8 honorary members. All our licenses are up to date! As you all know, Membership dues for the year are \$36 and payable by March. Anyone who can pay a bit early will be appreciated since so far only 15 of our 97 members have paid and it’s hard to handle everyone in March. Hopefully, I will have women’s club cards soon so don’t forget to ask for one it is your receipt in case someone was missed. Thanks! Regards Andrea

**TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER** – Happy Valentine and President’s Day!

**FEDERATION SECRETARY – SHIRLEY HOULIHAN** – It is time for nominations for honor roll and order of the lily as our nominations need to be in by April 1<sup>st</sup>. We resolve our nominations by the March meeting. The call to the convention will be arriving around February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The deadline for delegates and meals is April 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS**

**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Carol LaVelle** – I am still collecting small toys, stuffed animals, games, coloring books, etc. for the children. Please bring your gifts to the general meeting. Thank you!  
Happy Valentine's Day

**ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti** - We met on 2/6 to discuss what we could work on in the upcoming months. We will be meeting again after the General Meeting.

**ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi** -

## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH**

**Wrapped in Love** - This month I collected 17 lap blankets and sent them up to headquarters in New Providence. If you are new to the club, I collect handmade lap blankets which are donated to families who have given the gift of life by organ and tissue donation. If you need yarn, please contact me. These blankets are greatly appreciated by all who receive them.

**N.J. Sharing Network** - The annual 5K Celebration of Life is scheduled for May 18th in Ocean Grove, N.J. If

you are interested in participating, please email Jo Faccioli or speak to Joan Schuler at the meeting. We will register as a team once I know who is interested. For additional information on the event:  
<https://www.sharingnetworkfoundation.org/5k>

**Wreaths Across America** - All 478 wreaths have been picked up at the Good Luck Cemetery. **Good News!** The Woman's Club of Lacey, Inc. is now registered as a Sponsorship Group! We will get a \$5.00 return from all wreaths ordered for Wreaths Across America Day - December 14th, 2024.

**Holiday Stockings: Carol LaVelle** -

## **DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

**Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton** – :  
**Providence House:**

Happy Valentine's to all. Thanks to all who braved the weather to come to the meeting and my sympathy to those that had to deal with flooding. We collected 20 rolls of paper towels and 7 packages of baby wipes. Also collected were 19 toothbrushes/toothpaste and 13 shampoos/conditioners as well as 21 journals. We need 3 more rolls of paper towels and 23 more packages of baby wipes to reach our goal. After delivering our donations to the Providence House I was informed that paper towels are always needed as are snacks.

**Pinwheel Garden:**

## **EDUCATION & LIBRARIES**

**Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith** - Happy Valentine’s Day!

**Read Across America: Debbie Smith** - Our Read Across America poster contest will be going on at the end of February and the beginning of March. Please help vote for our winners at the March meeting. Thank you to all of the ladies that volunteered to read in our elementary schools. I will be contacting you soon to give you more information.

**Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski** Happy Valentines Day! Literature will meet on Tuesday, February 20th at 12:30 in the Community Center. We will be discussing ‘The Kind Worth Killing’ by Peter Swanson. Bakers are needed. Please see either Maria or me at the meeting, a sign-up sheet will be at the literature meeting for future baking.

**Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber** –

**Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Mariana Marzacco**

## ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

**Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser –**

**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 –**

I have spoken with the activity directors at Crystal Lake, and Spring Oak. Currently, there is no Covid in either building. Visitation is allowed. Of course, if you are sick or have recently been exposed to covid, they ask you not to visit. Masks are always optional at your discretion. On behalf of WCOL, I recently purchased a wonderful indoor/outdoor basketball hoop, and a ball for the residents of Crystal Lake. I am hoping we can do something for the residents of Spring Oak.

We are always accepting donations, and ideas on how to best serve the residents.

If you are interested in volunteering/visiting either facility here are some dates for the month of February. If you cannot make these dates, more are available. Just ask, I have their monthly calendars.

### **Crystal Lake:**

2/14 Valentines Day and Birthday Party- 1:30

2/20 Cherry Pie and Coffee Social Time- 1:30

2/23 Winter Social - 2:00pm

### **Spring Oak:**

2/2 Winter games - 2:00

2/13 Valentines Party - 2:00

2/22 Table Golf and Prizes 2:00

2/29 Leap Day Games - 2:00

**Galentine's Day – Shirley Houlihan –** As outlined in January's Newsletter, on Valentine's Day in honor of the friendships that WCOL provides, this year I would like to do a Galentine's Day Pollyanna. If you wish to participate, please refer to that previously outlined therein (I ask that you bring in a small, wrapped gift (\$5-\$10 max).

**Food Bank: Carol Crotty –** Wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. At our January meeting we collected 70 cans of tuna and 8 miscellaneous food items for our local food bank. Please continue to support the Food Bank. Thank you!

## STANDING COMMITTEES

**CARING CORNER: Diane Moser –** Happy Valentine's Day to all! This month 2 cards were sent to our members.

## 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 -** 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](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 -** 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](mailto:jschuler13@gmail.com). Thank you.

**Roving Reporter: Joan Engelhart –** Jeanne Scaffiddi was born in Woodbridge, New Jersey where she graduated from Patterson College with a degree in Music Educational. This degree was put to good use in her career. Jeanne's first marriage was to Robert Haralla in 1972 until his passing in 1985. Her second marriage to John Scaffiddi was in 2008 until his death in 2023 during that time they adopted a daughter Tracy. She also has one grandchild from Nicole John's daughter from his first marriage.

Jeannie taught music at Immaculate Heart Academy and St. Benedicts School, Holmdel. She also taught in Hazel Schools System retiring in 2014. During her career she was also a gym teacher and was a gym competition judge for 35 years. Which was something she really

enjoyed. At St. Benedicts she was choir director for many years.

In 2014 Jeanne moved to Forked River. Jeanne now serves as cantor at St. Pious.

Jeanne's motto is "Always be helpful to people" and "Faith is all important".

Thank you, Jeanne, for your interview, you have certainly led a life that is full of faith and compassion.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM (CIP):**

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

Our January 50/50 was \$95 to our lucky winner who donated it back to the club, so the total was \$190.00. 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** – Think about what you might like to enter for April 2024 Achievement Day. There are several categories to show off your talent to our Club and then at our Spring Conference in April. I now have the forms needed to complete for your projects. Please contact me for more information and Forms. Thank you.

**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 January meeting our basket brought in \$90 and our lucky winner was Barbara Bowen. Congratulations Barbara.

**Calendar Club: Rae Mauri and Pat Wesley**

Congratulations to January's Winners:

\$500 Faith Hyland, Ticket # 0226

\$100 Tina Pilot, Ticket # 0260

\$100 Nancy Malcolm, Ticket #0374

\$100 Mike Yahoves, Ticket #0273 and

\$100 Sandy DeYonker, Ticket #0050

**Trips: Barbara Bowen** – The money for the Doo Wop Show at the Grunin Theatre at Ocean County College on March 8th is **due on Wednesday, February 14 (\$48**, cash or check made out to the club). If you didn't sign-up, you can still attend as the final count goes in this week. The show is at 8:00 with dinner on your own if you choose.

The show, Big Band Sentimental Journey, is on Sunday, April 28 at 3:00. The cost is \$28 due at March's General Meeting. Again, you can still sign up, but let me know 2/14/24 so I order enough extra tickets. I'm looking forward to both shows. I have the sign-up lists for both shows.

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 Left's in Barnegat. Miracle on 34th Steet 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 on Wednesday, February 14 with due dates for payment for each. Barbara Bowen

**SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: Joan Engelhardt** –

No events at this time. Happy Valentine's Day!

If your Handbook does not yet have a Smiley Face stamp on it, please consider a \$5.00 donation to help support this worthwhile cause and get it stamped. Thank you.

### **BIRTHDAY**

#### **FEBRUARY:**

Rose Squeo	2/7
Lori Virchillo	2/7
Nancy Fortin	2/11
Dot Van Blarcom	2/12
Carol Setzer	2/15
Ellena DiCicco	2/23
Lina Kazala	2/26

#### **MARCH:**

Rose Neubauer	3/3
Connie Galvin	3/4
Tina Pilot	3/27