



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO – Happy June! Wishing you all a summer to enjoy.

As we close this club year and the term of this administration I look back over the past two years and see all that we have accomplished and all the special times we have shared. It has been an amazing experience serving as your president and I am so thankful to have had the opportunity. I want to thank the members of the Executive Committee who did so much to make the Woman's Club of Lacey a club to be proud of:

Barbara Bowen, 1st VP, Jo Facciolli, 2nd VP, Carol Candeletti 3rd VP, Lori Young, Recording Secretary, Maria Kowalewski, Corresponding Secretary, Joan Schuler, Treasurer, Andrea Higley, Financial Secretary, and Shirley Houlihan, Federation Secretary.

Thank you also to all Department and Committee Chairs as well as each member- long time members and brand-new members. Together we “pursue with diligence the best life for our home and community”.

My best wishes and support to our new President, Lori Young and to new members of the Executive Committee, Carol LaVelle, 3rd VP, Joan Engelhardt, Corresponding Secretary and Lee Cassarino, Recording Secretary.

Thank you all for the privilege of serving as WCOL President.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, BARBARA BOWEN - It's the end of a fabulous Woman's Club year. I have tickets for South Pacific, see me at the meeting. Otherwise, I will meet you outside the theater. The money is due at the meeting for Footloose which is scheduled for July 23 & you must make your meal choice (\$77). Wishing you all a great summer. Barbara Bowen

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI –
Reports – I will be collecting all compiled reports at this meeting. 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 – Seven members will be installed on June 12th at the Luncheon. Two past members have rejoined the club, Toni Celano and Cathy Katsianis. I don't have any Guests attending. I have not received any new applications for membership. Please wear your nametags and have all guests check in with Lillis and me before the meeting. It has been a pleasure serving as Membership Chairperson for the past several years. Have a great summer and see you in September !!
Thanks Carol

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARIA KOWALEWSKI – Wishing you all a happy and safe summer. Check your personal information in the Handbook and let me know by the June meeting if any changes need to be made. Thank you.

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY – Hi ladies, I am planning to put in for our licenses for the last three months of the year. Then we will be good through December. As of today, we are all caught up through September! Regards Andrea.

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER – Have a wonderful summer!

FEDERATION SECRETARY – SHIRLEY HOULIHAN - After four years first as your Co-President and then as your Federation Secretary I have been blessed to have learned a lot about our members and the wonderful organization to which we belong. I urge you to be involved and appreciate the fellowship that your sisterhood provides us. The state project for the next two years will help the children in our state who are victims of child abuse.

New Jersey Children's Alliance is a statewide non-profit membership organization whose mission is to promote hope, healing, and justice for child abuse victims by supporting Child Advocacy Centers throughout the state with training, resources, advocacy, and leadership. We aid communities in providing a coordinated investigation and comprehensive response to victims of criminal child abuse by providing support, training, and technical assistance to Child Advocacy Centers and multidisciplinary teams in all NJ 21 counties. An important goal is to ensure that children are not re-victimized by the very system designed to protect them.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Carol LaVelle – Thank you all for your support of Operation Smile.

ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti -

Let's get a jump on making some smile bags over the summer. If anyone needs the pattern go to njfswc.org under Projects, Operation Smile is listed. Let's all think of other projects we could work on next year. If anyone has any suggestions, please let me know. Have a great summer and see you in September !! Thanks, Carol.

ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi - The sing along group will be singing on June 12, at our last WCOL meeting of the year. We will be singing a cappella as usual.

Thank you, Jeanne.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

"Fathers are their son's first hero and their daughter's first love."

Happy Father's Day to all of your men out there.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe summer.

Wrapped in Love – Eight lap blankets were delivered in May to the N.J. Sharing Network. I have plenty of yarn to donate. If you would like some yarn, please email me or call me and I will bring it to the meeting for you. In addition, kindly remember my friend, Lea, in your prayers. Lea has taken ill and was a big donor to our Wrapped in Love program donating close to 80 blankets a year.

N.J. Sharing Network - The annual 5K Celebration of Life was held on May 18 at the Ocean Grove boardwalk. Please take a moment and look at the photos on the website.

Wreaths Across America - Applications for wreaths will be available at the September meeting but will also be available now on our website and our Facebook page. The club will receive \$5.00 for each wreath purchased and will be a nice fundraising event for our Club and at the same time, we can honor our loved ones. To order wreaths through the Club

visit: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NJ0284P

The cutoff date for wreath purchase is December 3rd. If you are not familiar with Wreaths Across America, please visit their website www.wreathscrossamerica.org

Holiday Stockings: Carol LaVelle -

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – **Providence House:** Thank you all for your continued support to the Providence House. I hope everyone enjoys their summer and congratulations to our new board members.

Pinwheel Garden: Pinwheels for Prevention-Prevent Child Abuse: A big shout out to Joan Schuler, Jackie Stephens and Barb Tomalo for decorating the front of the township sign adjacent to the library with pinwheels.

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith -

Read Across America: Debbie Smith -

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski Literature will be discussing "A Woman of No Importance" on Tuesday, June 18th at 12:30 in the Commentary Center. We will also have a pot-luck lunch. Sign-ups will be at Activity Day and the June meeting. Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe summer.

Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –

Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Mariana Marzacco -

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser - Soles4souls - We are ending our Shoe campaign in June after our general meeting.

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, Joyce’s address is in our handbook. To date we have collected 308 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 for your participation it is greatly appreciated.

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: 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 –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).

Food Bank: Carol Crotty – At our May meeting we collected 75 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 Summer Everyone!

Two cards were sent to our members this month. If anyone knows someone on 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.

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 – 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 – Newsletter will resume in September. Have a great summer!

Roving Reporter: Joan Engelhart –

It has been a pleasure interviewing the ladies of the Woman's Club of Lacey for the past two years. Wishing you all a healthy and happy summer.

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM (CIP):

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

Congratulations to Jo Faccioli on winning \$117 at our May meeting. I am happy to say that the Mill Pond Sensory Decompression Room is in progress and should be completed for the new school year in September. Thank you for your support throughout the year. Wishing you all a happy and safe summer.

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 –

As you know, we received seven Gold Certificates at the Shore Conference. Those outstanding projects were entered in the State Conference in Atlantic City in May. To the credit of our talented members, we had an impressive showing representing our Club. At the State level our Club received **THREE GOLD, TWO FIRST AND TWO SECOND PLACE**. All entries received recognition. **CONGRATULATIONS** to our members who placed their creative items at the State Conference.

Second Place winners were:

Beverly Eichler – Portrait
Linda Hruska - Photograph

First Place winners were:

Linda Hruska – Photograph B&W
Nancy Conway – Needlepoint Holiday

Gold Place Winners were:

Nancy Conway – Needlepoint framed picture
Linda Hruska – Photograph, Natural Wonders
Laura McDonald – Christmas Weaving Star

In addition, Linda's Gold winning photo was selected to go on to Nationals. What an outstanding representation for our Club. 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. Remember, we play in the summer with the exception of holidays.

FUNDRAISING: Shirley Houlihan –

Monthly Baskets: Thank you to those who take chances on our lovely baskets. At our May meeting our basket brought in \$115 for our Club. Congratulations to our winners, Lina Kazala and Christine Russell.

Calendar Club: Rae Mauri and Pat Wesley

Congratulations to May's Winners:

\$500 Maria Fiorenza, Ticket #380

\$100 Melanie Bitette, Ticket #48

\$100 Dot Van Blarcom, Ticket #288

\$100 Diana Costantino, Ticket #241

\$100 Nicole Carey, Ticket #194

Trips: Barbara Bowen –

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 Steet Sun. Dec. 8th at 2:00 followed by dinner at The Waterfront in Forked River. The cost for each is \$77. Too late to sign-up for South Pacific. Payment for Footloose needs to be paid at the June meeting and I will have sign-up sheets for our December 8 trip. Thank you.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: Joan Engelhardt -

My committee and I have enjoyed working with Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. We did several nice events with them that were a lot of fun. I know they appreciated the gift cards, food and birthday supplies that were donated. We also had a birthday celebration with gifts for one of their young clients. Our special fundraiser was a Victorian Tea held at The Mathis House profits were donated to Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. Once again, I thank everyone for supporting our events.

BIRTHDAY

JUNE:

Barbara Fragasso	6/2
Kathleen Verdicchio	6/2
Gayle Cornish	6/5
Dianne Rogalski	6/6
Kathy Barrett	6/12
Carol Nichols	6/14
Barbara Moreau	6/24

JULY:

Laura McDonald	7/7
Sheila Anderson	7/15
Amy Myers-Young	7/20
Andrea Higley	7/23
Anne Gudzak	7/26
Patricia Spielman	7/29

AUGUST:

Rachel Clemmer	8/1
Joyce Huffert	8/3
Marianne Ras	8/5
Mariana Marzacco	8/8
Beverly Eichler	8/11
Barbara Tomalo	8/14
Maddie Stapleton	8/15
Diane Ash	8/27
Rachel Mauri	8/29