



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO – Good Morning and Happy New Year! Wishing you all a healthy and blessed 2024.

Our country has two national days of service: Martin Luther King Day and 9/11, the attack on our nation targeting the World Trade Center as well as the Pentagon. This year MLK National Day of Service is January 15. NJSFWC is observing this day with our own Day of Service supporting the GFWC Signature Project, *Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention*. The Shore District will be collecting items for battered women's shelters. Our club will be focusing on certain items requested by *Providence House*: **Journals and day planners for the women to write in, and personal items including shampoo, conditioner, body wash.** Please bring the items you are able to donate to the January general meeting. On January 15 these items will be brought to *Providence House* in support of victims of domestic violence.

The board is forming a nominating committee in accordance with the by-laws to gather the names of members who are interested in serving on the executive committee from June 2024 through June 2026. Five members are needed for this committee. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on this committee. The committee will provide a slate for executive board positions including President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, 3rd VP, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, and financial secretary. Also, if you would be interested in filling one of these board positions or know of someone you would like to recommend, please contact me and I will forward the information once the committee is in place.

Thank you for all your support for the Calendar Club fundraiser and to co-chairs Rae Mauiri and Pat Wesley. Drawings begin at the January general meeting. Good Luck!

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, BARBARA BOWEN -

Happy New Year ladies! Don't forget our Tricky Tray on Wednesday. Bring in one or more items you received for Christmas that you don't want or need. Someone else may love it! More information will be available about our trips to Ocean County College Grunin Theatre in March & April. Also, many great plays are coming to Surfflight Theater this summer. I'll need to know which ones you want to see most.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI –

Reports – Thank you to everyone who participated in providing timely reports this year. It makes the job so much easier, and I appreciate all of your efforts. Sharing what this Club has done over the year will be put into final reports which are reported to the State.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL CANDELETTI –

Happy New Year! Two members were installed at the December Meeting. I have received 2 applications for membership of which one will be a guest at the January meeting. Please have all guests check-in with Lillis first and then come see me. Thank You.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARIA

KOWALEWSKI – Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year!

RECORDING SECRETARY, LORI YOUNG –

I will report at the General Meeting.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY –

Hello ladies, Happy New Year. As of January, we have 96 members and 8 Honorary. Regards Andrea

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER – Happy New Year!

FEDERATION SECRETARY – SHIRLEY

HOULIHAN – Shore District Council Monday, January 22 Point Pleasant Woman’s Club House 513 St. Louis Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach Meeting: 10:00 a.m. All members are invited to attend. Please let Lori know if you plan on attending. Information on the Bricks should be brought to the membership at the January meeting. In addition to the nominating committee, it is time for nominations for honor roll and order of the lily as our nominations need to be in by April 1st. We resolve our nominations by the March meeting. Our ad for the convention book needs to be submitted by February 15th. The call to the convention will be arriving around February 3rd. The deadline for delegates and meals is April 5th.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Carol LaVelle – I will be collecting crafts, toys, crayons & coloring books, dolls, etc. each month for the children. Thank you all for your generosity. Wishing everyone a very happy & healthy New Year!

ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti -

ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi -

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Wrapped in Love - This month to date, I have collected 11 lap blankets. 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.

Wreaths Across America - After a heartwarming ceremony on Dec 16th, 2023, 485 wreaths were placed at the grave of all deceased veterans laid to rest at the Good Luck Cemetery in Lanoka Harbor. Thank you to our members, residents from Pheasant Run and Girl Scout Troop 478 who turned out to help distribute the wreaths. Photos are on the website under "Gallery".

Holiday Stockings: Carol LaVelle -

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – :
Providence House:

Wishing everyone a happy New Year. Many thanks for all the paper towels and baby wipes collected in

December. WCOL collected 23 rolls of paper towels and 4 packages of baby wipes. We need 23 more rolls of paper towels and 30 more packages of baby wipes to reach our goal. Thank you for your generosity and may the new year bring you good health and much joy.

Pinwheel Garden:

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith - Happy New Year to all!

Read Across America: Debbie Smith -

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski
Happy and healthy new year to all. Literature will meet on Tuesday, January 16th at 12:30. We will be discussing The “Only Woman in the Room”. Volunteers are needed for refreshments.

Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –

Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Mariana Marzacco

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser – We were collecting items for craft projects to be used at the Lacey library for their program with autistic children. This collection is on hold since they have received more than enough at this time. I will let you know if it requests such items in the future. Thank you.

Doggie Angels: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer and Rae Mauiri – This committee recently delivered to the Popcorn Park food, numerous toys for the cats and dogs, together with a \$100 check made payable to it to be used for the many animals they feed. 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 – 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 –
Crystal Lake has a pause on visitors to the facility due to an uptick in covid cases. They are constantly monitoring the situation with daily testing of all staff and residents.

Crystal Lake continues to accept all donations and has requested a basketball hoop.

Spring Oak remains to be Covid free, and we are actively working together to develop a few dates where they need our support.

Spring Oak is also looking for bingo prizes, such as individual snacks. And of course, they are always accepting personal care products.

Thank you to our members who have donated items, or who have contributed with their time. Your kindness and generosity are appreciated!

Galentine's Day – Shirley Houlihan - On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, following our meeting, I will hold a belated Galentine's Day Pollyanna, sometimes referred to as a Yankee Swap. Galentine's Day is "A Day for women to celebrate their friendships with their lady friends." Although our February Meeting is 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, I ask that you bring in a small, wrapped gift (\$5-\$10 max). All the gifts will be placed on a designated table and as you put down a gift you will be given a number. We will pick our gifts based on the order of numbers. Everyone who brings a gift, will go home with a gift. The rules of the game are simple, everyone is assigned a number at random, then the first player chooses a gift and opens it. The next player either chooses a gift unopened from the table or can take a previous player's unwrapped gift. If your gift is taken, you get to choose a new unwrapped gift to open or a previously unwrapped gift, however you may not take your just "stolen" gift back. A gift is declared "dead" or "safe" after it has been "stolen" three times. At the end, the first player may, if desired, steal any gift, even a gift that is out of play. Hence, the first player plays twice.

Food Bank: Carol Crotty – Wishing everyone a Happy New Year. At our December meeting we collected 84 cans of tuna and 11 miscellaneous food items for our local food bank. Please continue to support the Food Bank. Thank you!

STANDING COMMITTEES

CARING CORNER: Diane Moser – Happy, Healthy New Year to all!

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 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. Thank you.

Roving Reporter: Joan Engelhart – Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM (CIP):

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

Congratulations to Marge Gerber on winning \$145 at our Christmas luncheon. We are about to embark on another Sensory Depression Room for autistic children at the Mill Pond School. A room has already been assigned and again they need our financial support to help equip this room. So again, I ask for your continued support for this important project. 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. Please contact me for more information and Forms to submit your project. 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 –

Thanks to all the members who came out to the Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe on December 9th. \$187.50 was raised for WCOL. I hope to see you all again soon.

Thanks, Maddie

Monthly Baskets: Thank you to those who take chances on our lovely baskets. At our December meeting, the basket donated by the Environmental Committee raised \$195.00 for our Club and our lucky winner was Virginia Vohoves.

Trips: Barbara Bowen –

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: Joan Engelhardt –

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

JANUARY:

Fran Guduldick	1/2
Mickey Esposito	1/4
Carol Nicolay	1/4
Diane Bauernhuber	1/5
Nancy Pribila	1/25
Carole Crotty	1/30

FEBRUARY:

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