



# Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO –**

Woman's Club of Lacey, Happy 59<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Thanks to the Birthday Committee for all their work. The Captain's Inn will be supplying a delicious buffet and LTHS Drama cast will be entertaining us with numbers from the high school spring musical *Anastasia*.

Achievement Day entries will be on display in the Activity Day Room, and don't forget to vote for your favorite poster also on display there. Kudos to Debbie Smith and her committee.

This month the Nominating Committee will be presenting a slate for the 2024-26 Executive Committee. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Elections will be held at the May General Meeting and installation of new officers will occur at the June meeting.

Nominations for Honor Roll and Order of the Lily are due in writing by today's meeting.

*Shore District Spring Conference* is Tuesday April 23 at the *Lobster Shanty*. If you plan to attend you must sign up at this meeting, select an entrée and submit your check for \$55. Registration is due March 20. Achievement Day entries and District Club Work Reported will be recognized.

Members have all received an email with a description of the three finalists for the next Special State Project: I Support the Girls; NJ Children's Alliance; Embrella. Please read these over and be prepared to vote at this month's meeting. The result of the WCOL vote will be sent to NJSFWC headquarters and will be added to the tally of all NJ clubs. The new Special State Project will be announced at the Convention.

NJSFWC Convention at the *Hard Rock* is May 6-8. If you are interested in being a delegate, please see Barbara Bowen at the conclusion of the meeting.

## **1ST VICE PRESIDENT, BARBARA BOWEN -**

Happy Birthday to our Club & to all March Birthday People! Those who are going to the show at the Grunin Theater at Ocean County College on Sunday April 28th to see Big Band Sentimental Journey at 3:00, bring your check for \$28.00, please. I have 15 people signed up but can add more, only if you bring your check. I will send one check by Friday. The Doo Wop Project show we saw last Friday was Fabulous !!! We were dancing in the aisles. Happy St. Patrick's Day & Happy Easter. Barbara Bowen

## **2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI –**

**Reports** – Please continue to complete your reports. Together we make a difference.

## **3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL CANDELETTI –**

Happy Birthday WCOL ! I have received applications

from four of the guests that attended last month's meeting. One has completed the process of joining. Please welcome Darlene Johnson as a new member to the Woman's Club of Lacey. We are expecting two guests to join us at the meeting. Please have all guests check in with Lillis and see me before the meeting starts.

Please wear your name tags. Thank you!

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARIA KOWALEWSKI** – Wishing everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day and **Happy Birthday WCOL!**

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

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY** – Hi ladies, I hope everyone is doing well. As of 3/8 we have 99 members and 8 honorary! Our dues are to be paid

by the March meeting. So far, I have 46 people that have paid early, and I want to thank them .for doing that, it makes it easier to handle! I have membership cards so if you wish pick one up when you drop off your check It will serve as your receipt. If you paid early, I also have those cards ready for anyone who wants one Thanks so much Andrea.

**TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER** – Happy Birthday Woman’s Club of Lacey!

**FEDERATION SECRETARY – SHIRLEY HOULIHAN** – Happy Birthday Woman’s Club of Lacey! It’s an amazing club founded during Woman’s History Month the theme this year emulates what we stand for. This year's theme is centered on “Women who advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion.” 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** –

I am still collecting small toys, crafts, dolls, crayons & coloring books, etc. for Operation Smile.

Also, personal items such as small toothpaste & toothbrushes, soaps, combs would be great to fill the smile bags. The complete list is on the website. Thank you. Happy Easter!

**ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti** -

The committee decided to make potted floral arrangements for some of the residents at Crystal Lake. We met on 3/5 to arrange them.

**ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi** -

## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH**

**Wrapped in Love** - This month we collected 5 lap blankets. They will be sent to NJ Sharing Network at the end of the month.

**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** - 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:**

We need 23 more packages of baby wipes to reach our goal and paper towels are always needed. Happy Easter!

**Pinwheel Garden:**

## **EDUCATION & LIBRARIES**

**Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith** - Happy Easter!

**Read Across America: Debbie Smith** - Thank you to all the wonderful women that read in our four elementary schools last week for Read Across America. Many of our members read to multiple classes and in multiple schools. I appreciate all of your time and efforts. Please don’t forget to vote for our poster contest winners at the March meeting!

**Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski** Happy Spring! Happy Easter! Literature meets on Tuesday, March 19th at 12:30 in the Community Center. We will discuss “Camino Island” by John Grisham.

**Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber** –

**Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Mariana Marzacco** - Two delegates and two alternates were selected from the girls we met with at Lacey High School. The two delegates will be attending GCI at Douglass College. If either cannot attend, then one of the alternates would attend.

## **ENVIRONMENT ISSUES**

**Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser** – Happy Birthday to The Woman’s Club!

Starting this month we are conducting a shoe drive for Soles4Souls. We are collecting “New“ and “Gently Used“ shoes and sneakers. Please bring them to the general meetings or drop them off at Joyce Huffert’s house. Her information is in our handbook.

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** – I have spoken with the activity directors at Crystal Lake, and Spring Oak. 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.

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

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

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**CARING CORNER: Diane Moser** - Happy Birthday to the Woman's Club!

Two cards were sent to our members this month.

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

**Roving Reporter: Joan Engelhart** – Andrea Higley Financial Secretary for the Woman's Club of Lacey has been a member since 2014. Born in New York City, her family moved to Old Bridge, NJ when she was in 5th grade. She attended Middlesex Community College for two years and finished her degree in accounting at Monmouth University. Her career in accounting lasted 30 years at Dow Jones located in Cranford, NJ.

Andrea and her husband were the parents of two children. Unfortunately, he passed away several years ago. Six grandchildren and one great-grandchild complete her family. Andrea is now sharing her life with Frank.

Andrea's hobby is trading stocks, and she has done well. She also enjoys traveling and has been to several Caribbean Islands.

Andrea has a busy life with her family and hobbies. She wishes for "Peace for the World."

Thank you, Andrea, for your interview.

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

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

Congratulations to Barbara Bowen who won \$115 at our February Meeting. Please continue supporting our 50/50 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** – Looking forward to our creative projects to be displayed at the March Birthday Club Meeting. Thank you to all who are participating and your labor of love for what you have accomplished. All of your handy work will be displayed at the Shore Conference to be held at the Lobster Shanty on April 23. 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 February meeting our two baskets brought in \$260 for our Club. Thank you, Lina, for selling all those tickets.

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

Congratulations to February's Winners:  
\$500 Lillis Campbell, Ticket #383  
\$100 Jessica Rocco, Ticket #11  
\$100 Michelle Junay, Ticket #338  
\$100 Sue Constantin, Ticket #251 and  
\$100 Ellena DiCicco, Ticket #234

**Trips: Barbara Bowen** - 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. 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 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 –**

Wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy Easter!

**BIRTHDAY**

**MARCH:**

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

**APRIL:**

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| 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 |

***THE WAY OF LIFE, How Will you Live?***

*If you want your dreams to come true, don't oversleep.*

*The smallest, good deed is better than the grandest intention.*

*Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.*

*The pursuit of happiness is: the chase of a lifetime!*

*A friend walks in when everyone else walks out.*

*The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.*

*One thing you can give and still keep . . . is your word.*

*Minds are like parachutes . . . they function only when open.*

*Ideas won't work unless YOU do.*

*One thing you can't recycle is wasted time.*

*One who lacks the courage to start has already finished,*

*The heaviest thing to carry is a grudge.*

*Don't learn safety rules by accident.*

*We lie the loudest when we lie to ourselves.*

*Jumping to conclusions can be bad exercise.*

*A turtle makes progress when it sticks its head out.*