



# Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER MAY 2023



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO - Happy Mother's Day!**

Congratulations to our Achievement Day participants. On the district level Woman's Club of Lacey received 8 golds. On the state level our club received two first places, one second place, five golds and one state gold going on to the national level.

Our service programs earned two Shore District Certificates of Merit for best all-around work in both Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention and Education and Libraries. At Convention our club received 3<sup>rd</sup> place for best all-around work in Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention. Additionally, WCOL received the 2<sup>nd</sup> place award for highest monetary contributions in the state for Special State Project- Emmanuel Cancer Foundation.

The Bunco for Special State Project last month was a great success with over 70 in attendance. There were over 20 baskets raffled, delicious sandwiches and generous prizes. A good time was had by all.

Environment had a tree planted at Gille Park. Unfortunately, the rain kept us from attending, but we will be there for the placing of the plaque. Great job ladies.

Memorial Day is soon approaching, and our club will be participating in the parade and wreath ceremony. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

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

Happy Mother's Day! The weather is slowly improving, enjoy. We have a trip to Surf Light on Sunday, June 25th to see State Fair at 2:00, followed by dinner at Lefty's in Barnegat on the way home. Twenty (20) tickets are ordered for \$75.00. Sign up at the May meeting.

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

**Reports** – Thank you to everyone who has sent me their reports on time. If you are reporting on something in the Newsletter, you probably owe me a report. If you are hosting a fundraiser and it has been completed, please fill out your form and add your own narrative. I would like to see the "end of year report" narrative in your own words. Thank you.

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

Please have guests check in with Lillis and see me prior to the meeting. Please wear your nametags to the meetings so new members could associate names and faces.

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARIA**

**KOWALEWSKI** – Wishing everyone a Happy Mother's Day!

### **RECORDING SECRETARY, LORI YOUNG -**

I will report at the General Meeting.

### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY -**

Hello ladies We currently have 85 paid members and 9 honorary! All our licenses are up to date ! Regards Andrea

### **TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER -**

Happy Memorial Day and Happy Mother's Day to all our aunts and mothers! Please remember to date and sign all checks when paying for any function. Thank you.

### **FEDERATION SECRETARY - SHIRLEY**

**HOULIHAN** – The NJSFWC State Convention was held on May 1 to 3 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. We had four delegates who attended all three days. The GFWC is declaring a National Day of Service on Saturday, September 30, 2023. The goal of the day is to help end food insecurity. Stay tuned for what WCOL will be doing to benefit the food bank.

Furthermore, the MidAtlantic Regional Conference will be held at Showboat Hotel (formerly casino) in Atlantic City from September 28 thru October 1, 2023. It is a good way to see what other club members from the area are doing, to meet other "sister" club members from other states.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS**

**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:** Carol LaVelle – Happy Mother's Day!

**ARTS & CULTURE:** Diana Monia –

**ARTS PERFORMING:** Jeanne Scaffiddi - Happy Mother's Day!

## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH**

**Happy Memorial Day - please remember to thank a Veteran for their service to this country. Happy Mother's Day to all!**

**Wrapped in Love: Jo Faccioli** – Nine blankets were donated this month. A donation of 4 totes of yarn came in this month and I gave most of it away. If you need yarn, please contact me and I will bring it to the May meeting. These blankets are greatly appreciated by all who receive them.

**NJ Sharing Network: Jo Faccioli** –

Here are some reasons to register as an organ donor: Of the over 100,000 U.S residents waiting for a life-saving transplant, over 4,000 live right here in New Jersey.

- 17 people die each day while waiting for a transplant.
- Another person is added to the waiting list every 9 minutes.
- One organ and tissue donor can save 8 lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. To register [www.registerme.org](http://www.registerme.org) and remember to let your family know your wishes.

## **DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

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

The Providence House had over 5x the amount of clients they are supposed to be serving this year, at their maximum amount they were serving 162 clients and children. Their normal capacity is 27. According to

Rachel Johnston "We would not have been able to take on that many clients without the support of our volunteers." They are still asking for microwaveable containers, gift cards to gas stations/grocery stores, paper towels, and size 4 diapers and baby wipes. Thank you all for your continued support.

**Pinwheel Garden:** Hope everyone had a chance to view our Pinwheel Garden set up to the left of the Library entrance to bring awareness to our Community of Child Abuse.

## **EDUCATION & LIBRARIES**

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

**Read Across America: Debbie Smith** - Happy Memorial Day and Happy Mother's Day!

**Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski** Literature will meet at 12:30 on Tuesday, May 15. We will discuss "The Life We Bury" by Allen Eskens. Bakers are needed.

**Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber** –

**Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Monika Sisbarro** - GCI is looking for the following items: •GCI is looking for the following items: Mod Podge •Disposable foam brushes- 1 in. flat. •Various colors of plastic or satin headbands for women (to be decorated for seniors). •Stick on gems, sequins, pompoms, small feathers, and flowers for decorations on headbands for senior citizens. •Glue guns- mini, low temp - classroom pack (will be used every year). •Hot glue sticks for mini glue guns - 4 inch. •Scissors 8" all purpose - classroom packs (will be used every year). •All-Purpose School Glue Sticks rub on. •Anti-Pill No-Sew Throw Fleece Fabric Kit(50x60) - any design. Other Items •Stickers to decorate cards and envelopes. •Magazines with pictures which would be suitable for vision boards. •Presentation boards- tri-fold cardboard - like kids use for science fairs to be used for vision boards - cheapest in Dollar Tree. •Artificial Flowers, any. •12oz.Pom juice bottles clean, empty •Miscellaneous items- which could be used for costumes or props for spirit night skits. •Decorations for any of our houses All Stars, Butterflies, Flamingos, Honeybees, Ladybugs, Swans, Unicorns. Bring them to the May meeting and Shirley Houlihan will deliver them to Mary Kay Tokar.

## ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

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

### Tree Donation

The Environmental Committee, with approval from the WCOL purchased a tree that that we donated to Lacey Township and planted in Gille Park. A notice will be sent out once the plaque is in place to commemorate this event.

### Sneaker Collection

We are collecting sneakers again! We will be collecting sneakers through May. Please bring your clean, new or used sneakers to our general meetings, activity day or they can be dropped off at Joyce Huffert's home. Her address is in our WCOL handbook.

Diane Moser and Joyce Huffert  
Environmental Co-Chairpersons

**Doggie Angels: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer and Rae Mauiri –** Please continue to donate old towels, blankets, sheets, etc. for our hairy friends. 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 –** Please collect cell phones for soldiers and eyeglasses. Thank you for your support!

**Nursing Home: Chris Rakowski –** Volunteers are needed to expand the need for party coverage to avoid asking for spontaneous volunteers. Their help consists of attending a scooping ice cream enough for all the clients. Everything is supplied by the staff. There is NO cleaning up. The staff does that. We leave after the entertainment is over. A volunteer is needed to deliver the collected items from our general meetings. The Birthday Party schedule is as follows: Friday, 5/12; Monday 6/12; none for July and August; Wednesday 9/20; Wednesday 10/11; Wednesday 11/8; and Wednesday 12/13/23 from 1:15-2:15. Donations for the following items are always appreciated: toiletries, toothpaste, toothbrushes, stuffed animals, dolls and gently used clothing. Please bring the items to our general meetings. Thank you.

**Food Bank: Carol Crotty –** Hi Ladies. At our April meeting we collected 82 cans of tuna and 20 miscellaneous food items for our local food bank. Please continue to bring 3 cans of tuna, potato and rice sides and/or hamburger helper and/or food staples to our

General Meetings so we can continue to support the Lacey Food Bank. Thank you!

## STANDING COMMITTEES

**CARING CORNER: Diane Moser**

## 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 -** The lighted signs at the corner of Lacey Rd. and Route 9 and Manchester Ave. have advertised the WCL meeting and our Bunco Fundraiser. Future meetings will be sent to the various free newspapers along with fundraising events. If you are hosting a fundraiser, it is your responsibility to get the information for me as soon as possible. Several announcements and photos were posted on **Lacey Patch** under **Neighborhood News** and the **NJSFWC facebook page**. Take a peek and share your photos of your events with us so we can show the community the great things we can accomplish.

**Website: Jo Faccioli -** Please review for your department and let me know if there are any corrections or changes. Check out the photos of each event. Also, if you wish to advertise your fundraiser on the website, you must send me your information.

**Calendar: Jo Faccioli -** Is updated regularly.

**Facebook:** Facebook is Pending.

**Photos: Linda Hruska**

**Newsletter: Joan Schuler –** Please try to forward information for the Newsletter by the Friday/Saturday after the Board Meeting to me.

**Roving Reporter: Joan Engelhart –** This month I interviewed Linda Hruska who has been a member since 2021. Linda is Woman's Club of Lacey official picture taker at all events these photos are posted on the WCOL website. Linda grew up in Bayonne, N.J. and attended Bayonne High School. Later on in life she attended Union County College.

In 1994 Linda and Mark married. They have two daughters Kristen and Melanie. Five grandsons complete their family. Linda's career started out as an assistant credit manager. Later on, she became a real estate agent and appraiser. Both Mark and Linda were business owners in Carteret, New Jersey. In 2018 they moved to Lanoka Harbor.

Linda enjoys many hobbies including furniture painting, scrap booking and baking. Her photography just earned her six gold ribbons at the District Level Achievement awards recently held in New Jersey. Her work will now go to the Atlantic City New Jersey Convention to be judged. Congratulations and good luck to Linda.

Linda and Mark have traveled to Italy, Aruba and driven across the United States that trip being their favorite. Linda's motto for life is "Slow and Steady wins the race."

Thank you for your interview!

**COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM (CIP):**

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

Congratulations to Maria Fiorenza on winning \$98 the 50/50 at our April meeting. Please remember to take a chance on winning at our April meeting and continue your support for a very worthy cause. Thank you.

**EULOGY: Nancy Fortin -**

**HOSPITALITY: Jane Grek -**

**PARLIAMENTARIAN: Ellena DiCicco –**

**REGISTRATION/PHONE: Lil**  
**Campbell/Nancy Conway –**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Joan Schuler –** Achievement Day held on April 18 at the Shore District Conference presented 12 entries from our Club by five of our very talented members. Those members included Jo Faccioli winning third place for her acrylic painting, a third place to Pat Spielman for her pillow, a second place to Linda Hruska for one of her photography prints and 6 gold awards for her other photography pictures, a gold to Shirley Houlihan and a gold to Nancy Conway for her needlepoint and a first-place award for her holiday needlepoint. All entries were lovely. At the NJSFWC State Convention our eight Shore Conference winning items entered that competition. At the State level our Club had two first place winning items, one second and 5 State gold winning photos with one photo forwarded to the National Level. Congratulations to all members who participated in 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: Carol Setzer –**

**Calendar Club: Helen DelaCruz and Rae Mauri –**  
The winners of our April Calendar Club drawing were as follows: Nancy Pribila - \$500, Eric Dela Cruz - \$100, Tracy Hines - \$100, Regina Flach -\$100 and Karen Weinberger - \$100. Good luck to everyone with our next drawing!

**Bunco (to benefit Emmanuel Cancer Foundation):**  
**Maria Kowaleski –**

**Trips: Barbara Bowen –**

**SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Emmanuel Cancer**  
**Foundation: Joan Engelhardt –** Bunco fundraiser was held April 29th for the benefit of Emmanuel Cancer Foundation.

**BIRTHDAY**

**MAY:**

Lee Verkouille	5/2
Carol Acevedo	5/11
Marie Lacedonia	5/11
Janet Sramaty	5/14
Rose Mary Milo	5/17
Sandra Leonardis	5/25

**JUNE:**

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