



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



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO** – Happy Mother's Day to everyone.

Congratulations to all our members who participated in Achievement Day April 22 at the Lobster Shanty in Pt. Pleasant. They will be recognized at the meeting.

At the district spring luncheon our club received an award for “superior performance in achieving 130 goals 2022-2024” in the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project Challenge proposed by NJSFWC president Shirley Holly. WCOL far exceeded the 130 number in several categories including: collecting 1300 cans of tuna, 340 pair of wool socks, 201 lap blankets, and 133 pair of eyeglasses. Congrats ladies!

Memorial Day is May 27<sup>th</sup> this year “the federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces”. If you are marching in the parade and/or attending the wreath laying ceremony at Municipal Park, you are invited back to my house for a cookout. Hamburgers/ Hot dogs will be provided and there will be a sheet at the meeting to sign up to bring a salad or dessert. Significant others are of course welcome.

Please bring peanut butter, jelly and/or mac and cheese to the meeting. This is the last collection for *Emmanuel Cancer Foundation*, Special State Project. They need staples to get them through the summer months. Thank you.

**1ST VICE PRESIDENT, BARBARA BOWEN** - The flowers are blooming, the sun is shining, and we are happy. Spring has arrived ! Money is due for South Pacific (\$77), and you need to pick your meal for Lefty's. Choices are : 1.Herb Crusted Grouper, 2 Pork Chops. 3.Chicken Parm with Linguini,4. Penne ala Vodka . You could write the number on the check. The date again is Tuesday, June25th. if you are also going to Footloose, you may write a check for \$154 if you would like. 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** - I haven't received any new membership applications and I have not heard of any guests attending. If you are Bringing a guest, please have them check in with Lillis. and see me before the meeting starts. Please wear your name tags, so new members know who you are, thanks!

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARIA KOWALEWSKI** – Please check your personal information in the Handbook. 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** – Happy Mother's Day! I will report at the meeting.

**FEDERATION SECRETARY – SHIRLEY HOULIHAN** - May is an exciting month, our state convention is next week, and our honor roll and Order of the Lily will be presented with their well-deserved recognition! It is also the month we honor women as we wish all a Happy Mother's Day! As you are already aware you are awesome women and I wish you days that are just as awesome as you!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

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

I sent out 5 boxes of toys, games, personal items, etc. to Operation Smile. The approximate value was \$500. Great job ladies! Thank you so much.

**ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti -** Nothing to report. But asking all committees if there is something we could do for your committee next year or help out with, let us know.

**ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi -** As posted in the April newsletter the sing along group will be singing on June 12, at our last WCOL meeting of the year.

If you are in the sing along group, you should have received the word sheets at the April general meeting or received a call from me.

We will be meeting to go over the songs on April 16 and May 21 after Literature. Please arrive by 1:15.

We will be singing a cappella as usual.

Thank you, Jeanne.

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

*"Motherhood is the exquisite inconvenience of being another person's everything." —Unknown*  
*Happy Mother's Day to all!*

**Wrapped in Love –** No report of this month.

**N.J. Sharing Network -** The annual 5K Celebration of Life is scheduled for May 18th in Ocean Grove, N.J. We have 5 participants. If you are interested in participating, please see me at the meeting.

**Wreaths Across America -** Wreaths can be sponsored all year long and the cutoff date for wreaths to be guaranteed delivery this year is December 3rd. Please see Jo Faccioli for forms.

**Holiday Stockings: Carol LaVelle -**

## DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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

Thanks to everyone who donated paper towels and baby wipes to the Providence House. We collected 5 rolls of paper towels and 22 packages of baby wipes in

April. Congratulations we met our goal of 100 rolls of paper towels and 50 packages of baby wipes.

**Pinwheel Garden: Pinwheels for Prevention-  
Prevent Child Abuse:**

## EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

**Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith -**

**Read Across America: Debbie Smith -** Hope everyone stays healthy and enjoys the warm weather this coming week!

**Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski**  
Literature will meet on Tuesday, May 21st at 12:30 in the Community Center. We will discuss "The Last Romantics" by Tara Conklin. Joyce Huffert is bringing dessert.

**Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –**

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

## ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

**Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser –**  
Happy Mother's Day to all!

Soles4souls - We are continuing our collection until June.

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, Retro Fitness or the Lacey Recreation Center. Joyce's address is in our handbook. To date we have collected 155 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 – Diane and Joyce

**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** –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 April meeting we collected 85 cans of tuna and 6 miscellaneous food items for our local food bank. Please continue to support the Food Bank. Thank you!

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**CARING CORNER: Diane Moser** - Happy Mother's Day everyone!

No cards were sent to our members this month. If you know someone in our club in need of a card, please let our president or me know so that we can send a card. Thank you!

## **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](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 you.

**Roving Reporter: Joan Engelhart** –

Maria Kowalewski is presently the corresponding secretary of the woman's club was born in Newark, New Jersey. Maria moved to Cedar Grove and when she and Leonard got married in 1985, they relocated to Forked River. They were married for 39 years and have a daughter Karen and one granddaughter Michelle. During their marriage Leonard was a police sergeant in the City of Newark.

Maria attended Bloomfield College and Ocean County College where she obtained a degree as a Paralegal. In 2016 she retired from the Ocean County Surrogates Court in Toms River. Prior to that she worked for the City of Newark and Century 21.

Her hobbies include reading, gardening and crafting. Maria has traveled to Europe and through-out the U.S. Maria is also involved with St. Pious Church as a "Good Samaritan".

Maria believes "If you see someone without a smile give them one of yours" Maria has plenty of smiles to go around. Thank you, Maria, for your interview.

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

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

Congratulations to Karen Martenak, a new member to our Woman's Club, on winning \$125 at our April Meeting. Our proceeds this year have been designated to help construct a Sensory Decompression Room at our Mill Pond School. Thank you all for your continued support.

**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 –**

Congratulations to all of our members who placed their creative items at the Shore Conference. Our Club took home SEVEN Gold, FIVE First and TWO Second Place Honors. Quite impressive.

Second Place winners were:

Maria Kowaleski and Linda Hruska.

First Place winners were:

Maria Kowaleski – Paint&Sip Wine Bottle  
Linda Hruska – Two 1<sup>st</sup> Place photos  
Eleanor DelVecchio – Acrylic Landscape; and,  
Laura McDonald – Miniature Basket.

Gold Place Winners were:

Beverly Eichler – Portrait  
Laura McDonald – Christmas Ornament  
Linda Hruska – Three Gold Place Photographs  
Nancy Conway – Two Needlepoint Projects.

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.

### **FUNDRAISING: Shirley Houlihan –**

**Monthly Baskets:** Thank you to those who take chances on our lovely baskets. At our April meeting our basket brought in \$155 for our Club. Congratulations to our winner, Judy Fischer.

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

Congratulations to April's Winners:

\$500 Irene Norton, Ticket #134

\$100 Barbara Fragasso, Ticket #323

\$100 Andrea Higley, Ticket #222

\$100 Lori McDonald, Ticket #132

\$100 Barbara Fragasso, Ticket #324

### **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 Street 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 at our General Meeting. If you want to attend the June 25 play, please give me a check at the April meeting for this event. Thank you.

### **SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: Joan Engelhardt -**

This month we are collecting peanut butter and jelly for Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. We have been doing projects for them for the last two years. This is the last project that they have asked us to do.

## **BIRTHDAY**

### **MAY:**

Lee Verkouille	5/2
Carol Acevedo	5/11
Margit Verrone	5/12
Janet Sramaty	5/14
Rose Mary Milo	5/17
Sandra Leonardis	5/25
Linda Downing	5/27

### **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