



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO –

- It is officially Fall and WCOL is back in full swing with all our projects. Focus for October's meeting is filling the Christmas stockings for our service men and women serving overseas. Please bring items according to the first letter of your last name. (Refer to Carol LaVelle's post)
- Also, we want to hit the goal for Providence House with 100 rolls of paper towels and 50 packs of baby wipes. We have a way to go.
- I was contacted by a former WCOL president Patricia Pasquale who is working with SIFH Global to collect socks for Ukrainian soldiers once again. Last year we did this in partnership with the Methodist church. I was amazed when she sent me a photo of a Ukrainian medic opening a box of socks from the Woman's Club. Patricia is asking for warm socks as well as notes from members. Our own Lil has agreed to chair this endeavor and will be collecting socks and notes at the November meeting- in addition to Doggie Angels items- she pointed out.
- Lacey Day was postponed due to weather until this Saturday. Please sign up for an hour at our table if you can.
- November 11 is Veteran's Day. There will be a ceremony honoring our veterans at 11 a.m. at the Municipal Complex Park (same location as Memorial Day). The organizer Bernie Snyder told me the Woman's Club members are always invited to attend. Please join me if you have a veteran in the family or just want to honor our vets.
- District Performing Arts Day is March 25. Start thinking about what you might like to do to represent our Club.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, BARBARA BOWEN -

Hope you are all well & enjoying fall. Our speaker this month will be Amanda Chirelli. She is an adult graduate of Lacey's special education program that we have supported all these years. She will be accompanied by one of her former teachers, Robin Anderson (was Westberg). It should be a very interesting program.

Also, our Christmas luncheon at the Captain's Inn will be on December 13. The cost is \$38.00.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI –

Reports – Please send in your reports in a timely manner.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL CANDELETTI –

Four out of the five guests we had at the last General Meeting joined our club. Please welcome Lee Cassarino, Dawn Korman, Jackie Stephens and Debbie Terry. A past member Denise Froberg has re-joined. We have two guests coming on the 11th. Please wear your name tags

and have all guests check in with Lillis and me before the meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARIA KOWALEWSKI – Wishing everyone happy autumn holidays!

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY – If anyone is planning an event that they will need a license for, just let me know. If you are unsure, just ask and I will explain the requirements for whether one is needed or not. Regards Andrea

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER – I want to thank Carol Candeletti, Andrea Higley and Barbara Bowen for taking time out of their busy schedule to review the books for the last year (9/1/22-8/31/2023). I am happy to report that it has been completed and everything was approved.

FEDERATION SECRETARY – SHIRLEY

HOULIHAN – As the old saying goes, Happy Fall Y'all! NJSFWC has the upcoming holidays in mind as they remind us of that Operation Yellow Ribbon (our holiday stockings for military personnel) will be collected in October at Federation headquarters. In addition to Operation Yellow Ribbon NJSFWC is encouraging participation in Wreaths Across America. Each donation of \$17 purchases a wreath that will be laid on a veteran's resting place. As a Club we should consider purchasing wreaths which will be laid in Good Luck Cemetery on Saturday, December 16, 2023. NJSFWC participation in Wreaths Across America not only honors our veterans it also supports non-profit groups by acting as a fundraiser. Finally in the holiday spirit, NJSFWC will be hosting their annual open house on November 30, 2023, from either 11-12:30 or 1-2:30. Reservations must be made in advance and light refreshments will be served. At this time federation will host a silent auction of four-foot decorated trees and holiday wreaths. Woman's Club of Lacey board has suggested we donate a shore themed wreath for this event.

The NJSFWC writing contest entries must be submitted by January 14, 2024. Consider writing one or more of the following: a book review, a Haiku, a one act play or skit about 10 to 15 minutes in length, poetry with eight to fifty lines, a short story that has a word limit of 2000 words. If you need more information, see me.

Again, the travel bug will have me missing the November meeting but be assured, I will see you all at the December Luncheon meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Carol LaVelle – 50 coloring books & 50 boxes of crayons were donated from Lacey High School cheerleaders for the children. They will be sent to Operation Smile in Virginia.

ARTS & CULTURE: Chairwoman needed -

ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffidi -
We will have a sing-along at our Christmas luncheon.
Happy Fall!

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Wrapped in Love -This month I have another delivery of 24 blankets going to the N.J. sharing Network. The response to this campaign from when it started in 2017 seems to have grown. I am so grateful to you and so are the great volunteers and workers over at the Sharing

Network. This is just one of the wonderful things they do over there, and I am happy and proud that our club participates in a great way. If you are new to the club, I collect hand-made lap blankets that are then 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.

Holiday Stockings: Carol LaVelle - Once again, we will be filling Christmas stockings for our troops. after this month's meeting. Please bring your gifts to the meeting.

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – :
Providence House:

Happy Fall! Please observe Domestic Violence Month in October by wearing purple, the color designated for domestic violence awareness, to our meeting. Our DAVPA group hopes that you enjoy the October "basket." Our next small group meeting is scheduled for 10/10 @ 9:30 am at my house (200 Boox Street FR) if anyone is interested in joining our group. We are planning on making Halloween gift boxes for 10 children at Providence House and gratitude gifts for 10 moms for Thanksgiving/Christmas. Thank you for donating paper towels and baby wipes, because of you we are closer to our goal. We now need 83 rolls of paper towels and 44 packages of baby wipes. The Providence House is always appreciative of the donations made by members throughout the year and our support. I will discuss some flyers at our meeting from the Providence House with more information about this wonderful organization.

Pinwheel Garden:

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith - Hope everyone is enjoying fall. We are continuing to collect gently used children's books for the Bridge of Books Foundation. Thank you for your continued support!

Read Across America: Debbie Smith -

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalew
Welcome Fall. Literature will meet on Tuesday, October 17 at 12:30 in the Community Center. We are discussing "The Forgetting Time" by Sharon Guskin. Bakers are needed for desserts.

Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –

Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Mariana Marzacco

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser – Happy fall to all!

We have a guest speaker “tentatively” scheduled for the November general meeting on November 11th. He is an organic gardener, and he will discuss the benefits of organic gardening. We hope all will attend the meeting

We held our first committee meeting on October 2nd and our next meeting will be on October 23rd at the community center at 3:30 pm. We are looking at several ideas for our Environmental projects for this year. If anyone would like to join our group, please come to our next meeting.

Doggie Angels: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer and Rae Mauri – 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 – 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 Director of Activities at Spring Oak at Forked River. They are having a Halloween Party on October 31st at 2:00 PM. They need some treats! I am asking if everyone can donate \$1.00 towards the purchase of sugar free candy. This will allow me to buy Halloween gift bags which my committee will fill with candy for 60 residents. Thank you.

November: We will also visit Spring Oak on Veterans' Day, November 11th at 10am. They are in need of some patriotic themed cookies. Again, I am asking for a \$1.00 donation towards the purchase of a tray of cookies. Or if anyone would like to bake, that would be great too.

Crystal Lake in Bayville. I have been in touch with the Director of Activities. She is sending me their calendar of activities and events. When I receive it, I will be sure to share it. We will be invited to host the Birthday Celebrations! In the meantime, they need donations of "gently used" items for Bingo prizes.

Thinking ahead, we would love to have holiday greeting cards for both facilities.

Food Bank: Carol Crotty – Hi Ladies. At our September meeting we collected 90 cans of tuna and 10 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 - 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 to me as soon as possible. Several announcements and photos were posted on **Lacey Patch** under **Neighborhood News** and the **NJSFWC Facebook page**.

Website: Jo Faccioli - The website is now live. Please visit it and make sure your information is correct. Also, if you wish to advertise your fundraiser on the website, 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. There were some changes made and you can view the Facebook page, but you cannot add any information. Please send me anything you wish posted until we smooth out the rough edges and we get a volunteer to take it over. Follow us on Facebook.

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 – This month I had the pleasure of interviewing my friend Marianne Ras. Marianne was born in Patterson, N.J. and lived in several New Jersey towns. After Marianne graduated from high school, she worked at Garden State Farms. While at work she spotted this beautiful Corvette in the parking lot and was determined to find out who was the owner of this car. She asked around and that was how she found the owner and her future husband Al Ras. Al was a great guy who she later married in 1965.

Parents of two children and four grandchildren. Marianne started a career in Real Estate. Having spent more than 10 years as a real estate agent she retired in 2019.

Marianne and Al loved to travel. Their 25th anniversary was spent in Bermuda. Cruising is one of their favorites having sailed twenty times or more. They also had a home in Pennsylvania and a condo in Vernon where they spent a great deal of time with their family.

Marianne enjoys planning canasta and Mexican dominos at Seabreeze where she has lived with Al since 2019.

Marianne "Believes you should treat others like you want to be treated.

Thank you, Marianne, for doing this interview and being my good friend.

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM (CIP):

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

Congratulations to Debbie Terry who won \$120 at our September Meeting. Last year's proceeds were used to build a Sensory Decompression Room for Autistic children at our Cedar Creek School. I am happy to tell you that this room is now up and running. Thank you and please continue to support our kids in need.

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 – It's never too early to 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. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information. 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 –

Paint and Sip: Maria Kowalewski – The paint and sip fundraiser is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. @ 131 South Main Street (Route 9), Forked River. If you are interested in attending this fun afternoon event, please bring a check in the amount of \$35 payable to the Woman's Club of Lacey to our General Meeting on October 11. A signup sheet and sample picture of the project will be available at the meeting.

Monthly Baskets: Carol Setzer – Thank you to those who take chances on our lovely baskets and Congratulations to Judy Fisher. The basket raised \$135.00 for our Club.

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

OCTOBER:

Denise Cosenza-Brisco	10/1
Jeanne Scaffiddi	10/1
Lori Young	10/2
Mary O'Malley	10/5
Maria Kowalewski	10/12
Marge Gerba	10/19
Kathy Wilk	10/19
Chris Rakowski-Bielick	10/25
Diane Moser	10/27
Christine Urban	10/30

NOVEMBER:

Imelda Fragomeni	11/02
Lillis Campbell	11/05
Marilyn Hock	11/05
Sandy DeYonker	11/14
Peggy Bea	11/19
Patricia Schmelz	11/28
Judy Schermerhorn	11/30