



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



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – LORI YOUNG** - Farewell Summer! Welcome Fall and Welcome Back! I hope you all had a great summer. I'm looking forward to an active year with the Woman's Club of Lacey. This month you've all got the opportunity to decide what events and activities you'd like to participate in this year. All our department chairpersons will be signing you up after our September General Meeting. Lacey Day is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> at Gille Park. Please consider spending a half hour with me at our booth to meet some of our community members and spread the word about the excellent work we do. This year, I'd like to organize a social committee to plan some extra social activities during the month. I'd also like our Club to participate in the statewide "Let's Get Moving" challenge by logging our walking and exercise hours. Please take a moment today to introduce yourself to one of our new members. And please don't forget to double check your emergency contact information before leaving the meeting. Wishing everyone a lovely fall season.

**1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MARIA KOWALEWSKI** -

Handbooks are ready for pick-up at our September meeting. If you would like to contribute \$5.00 towards the State's Special Project, you will have a "Smiley" face stamped on your handbook. Also, for your convenience and good health, flu shots will be available at our October meeting. It is also my suggestion that once you receive your handbook that in the back of the book under "Notes" that you put in your emergency contact information in the event it is ever needed. Hopefully, never but we never know. Better to be prepared. Thank you!

**2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOILLI** –

**Reports** – I will be collecting all compiled reports at this meeting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you need a blank report, I will have some at this meeting. Please contact me or print one from the website under Member Information. I will also start creating narratives for each department. When I finish, I will send it out so you can add information that may have been left out or forgotten.

**3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL LA VELLE** –

Welcome back everyone to the start of another year at WCOL. If anyone has a guest coming to our general meeting, please let Lillis or Nancy know. I will welcome them to our meeting. Thank you!

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, JOAN**

**ENGELHARDT** – I will report at the meeting.

**RECORDING SECRETARY, LEE CASSARINO** –

I will report at the General Meeting.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY** –

Hi ladies, hope you had a great summer! WE now have 89 paid members and 7 honorary! All our licenses are up to date through December! If you are planning an event where a license will be needed please let me know ahead of time sometimes it takes awhile Regards Andrea

**TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER** – Welcome fall. I

have Income and Expense Vouchers for whenever you have funds for deposit or have an expense for which you are seeking reimbursement for approved expenses of the Club. Wishing everyone a wonderful 2024-25 WCOL year.

**FEDERATION SECRETARY – LORI VIRCILLO** -

After four years first as your Co-President and then as your Federation Secretary I have been blessed to have learned a lot about our members and the wonderful organization to which we belong. I urge you to be involved and appreciate the fellowship that your sisterhood provides us. The state project for the next two years will help the children in our state who are victims of child abuse.

New Jersey Children's Alliance is a statewide non-profit membership organization whose mission is to promote hope, healing, and justice for child abuse victims by supporting Child Advocacy Centers throughout the state with training, resources, advocacy, and leadership. We aid communities in providing a coordinated investigation and comprehensive response to victims of criminal child abuse by providing support, training, and technical assistance to Child Advocacy Centers and multidisciplinary teams in all NJ 21 counties. An important goal is to ensure that children are not re-victimized by the very system designed to protect them.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS**

### **ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Mariana Marzacco**

The above category „Advocates for Children“ was previously listed under the heading „Community Impact Program (CIP)“. The WCOL will continue to fund this event as our 50/50 fundraiser. At our June meeting we raised \$165 and our lucky winner was Karen Martenat. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

**ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti** - We are going to make smile bags for Operation Smile. If anyone needs the pattern go to [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org) under Projects, Operation Smile is listed. If anyone has any ideas for other projects we could work on, please let me know.

**ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi** - Any members interested in joining our group are welcome. We have a sing-along at the June and December meetings. We will be singing a cappella as usual. Thank you, Jeanne.

## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH**

**NJ Sharing Network** - We will have a shared table at Lacey Day, September 28th, Gille Park. I will be signing up volunteers to sit at the table for 30 minutes to an hour. We will be there from 11:30 to 2 p.m.

**Wrapped in Love** - 5 blankets were sent up to New Providence. Lap blankets are sent to families two years after the "gift of life". These blankets represent a "thank you and we have not forgotten you".

**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. Forms are also available on the website. If you have a corporate connection, please see me for an approved letter and form specific to our Club. For every wreath purchased you are sponsoring a Veteran's grave and our Club gets a donation back.

### **Holiday Stockings: Amy Meyer** -

Hope everyone enjoyed their summer!

We will be collecting items for our "Holiday Stockings or Our Troops" at our September and October meetings.

A list of needed items will be on our website.

\*Please Note-"NO CANDY" and we already have all the socks we need

Volunteers will be needed when the October meeting is over, to help stuff the stockings. It will not take much time to complete this. Remember, "Many hands make light work".

I will also be collecting items on Mondays on Activity days in September and October. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 908 581-3086. If anyone is unable to bring items to the meetings or Activity days, contact me, and I will be happy to come to your house and pick them up from you.

Thank you, Amy Meyers

## **DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

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

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed your summer. The DSVAP members met over the summer to discuss and plan for the 2024-2025 year. We are collecting paper towels again this year as well as snacks and juice boxes for Providence House clients. Our next meeting is September 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at my house. We will be filling trick or treat bags with candy, stickers, granola bars, snacks, gum, small toys, paint sets, ornaments, bubbles, and glue stick pens. We will also be completing a craft for the November basket. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me (Maddie 609-501-4207) for more information.

**Pinwheel Garden: Pinwheels for Prevention- Prevent Child Abuse:** Jackie Stephens.

## **EDUCATION & LIBRARIES**

**Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith** - Hope everyone had a nice summer. We will be collecting gently used children's books for the Bridges of Books Foundation. Discarded library books are not accepted. Please ask your children and grandchildren to donate their books to us rather than throwing them away. We will be collecting the books through November. Bring your books to a meeting or I will pick them up. Any questions or concerns, call Debbie Smith 609-713-8816. Thank you.

Read Across America: Debbie Smith

### **Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski**

Welcome back! Hope everyone had a wonderful summer and read some interesting books. Literature will start the year on Tuesday, September 17th at 12:30 in the Community Center. We will be discussing Dear Edward. Copies are available in the library. We will also continue looking at books from the library given list to read starting in 2025.

**Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –**

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

### **ENVIRONMENT ISSUES**

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

Hello and welcome back,  
Hope everyone had a great summer.  
We are looking into having a Coat drive with One Warm Coat beginning in October. Details to follow.

**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: 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 need larger size clothing (easy on/off clothing, such as sweatpants).

**Food Bank: Carol Crotty –** At our June meeting we collected 103 cans of tuna and 6 miscellaneous food items for our local food bank. Please continue to support the Food Bank. Thank you!

**Operation Smile: Carol La Velle -** I hope everyone enjoyed their summer!

We are going to make smile bags for Operation Smile. If anyone needs the pattern go to [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org) under Projects, Operation Smile is listed. If anyone has any ideas for other projects we could work on, please let me know.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**CARING CORNER: Diane Moser –** Hello all,  
Three cards were sent out since our last meeting. If you

know of anyone of our members in need of a card, please notify our president and me. Thank you.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

A warm welcome back to all. Looking forward to another great year! "*A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye*".

**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:** It is updated regularly. Any information or dates you have in advance can be placed on the calendar.

**Facebook: Jo Faccioli –** Is up and running. If you belong to Facebook, please visit our page and follow at <https://www.facebook.com/womanscluboflacey>

**Photos: Linda Hruska**

**Newsletter: Joan Schuler –** Hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing summer. This is our first Newsletter for our 2024-2025 calendar year. Please read it to keep up to date on all our ongoing events.

**Eulogies: Nancy Fortin -** Sadly we had to say goodbye to Carol Acevedo. Carol was a member of the WC of Lacey since 2007. She Chaired both Home Life and Arts Creative Departments and in 2016, she was placed on the Honor Roll.

**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.

**Roving Reporter: Justine Weinberg -**

Lori was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA, and has lived in New Jersey since 1983. Lori graduated from Ocean County College and the College of New Jersey with a degree in Business Administration and received her master's degree from Georgian Court College. She achieved her higher education as a working mother! After a 20-year banking career, Lori became a business teacher for the Ocean County Vocational School District. She later became Curriculum Director, a position she loved along with every other aspect involving education. She retired in 2017.

Lori and her husband, Greg, were married in Pittsburgh in 1975. They then moved to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where Greg was stationed with the United States Navy. In 1983 they moved to New Jersey. They have one daughter, Bethany, and two grandsons, Connor and Braden. In her spare time, Lori enjoys reading (she has been in her book club for 30 years), playing Mah-Jongg and anything pertaining to needle arts. She also loves to travel, having visited many European countries plus China and Japan.

Lori joined the Woman's Club in 2018, where she has been recording secretary for two years and now as our president. Her plans include continuing to enjoy retirement and being with her family. She says she is "so grateful to have lived in our wonderful little town for 40 years and have wonderful friends and neighbors." She is also looking forward to continuing the important work of the Woman's Club of Lacey.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Joan Schuler** – For those of you new to our Club, in April as a member you get the opportunity to show off any hobby or handwork creation you may have. There are many categories to which you can enter including painting, needlework, poetry, short story writing, house plants, photography, etc. There are specific sizes for each, and rules provided by New Jersey State Federation Women's Club (NJSFWC) of which we are a subsidiary. This all happens around April 2025 which we take to our Shore Conference. If your project receives a Gold Award, then it goes on to the States in May. Naturally, if you want more information or specific information, please do not hesitate to talk to me about it. I hope you will participate.

**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. If there are any changes in the schedule, I will let you know.

**FUNDRAISING: Diana Monia**

**Calendar Club: Debbie Terry**

**Monthly Baskets:** Thank you to those who take chances on our lovely baskets. At our June meeting our basket brought in \$240 for our Club. Congratulations to our winner.

**Trips: Barbara Bowen –**

If you are on the list for SurfLight on Dec.8th for Miracle on 34th Street, please bring cash in an envelope or a check for \$77. You can choose your meal for the Waterfront (7 choices). You could also bring your money at the October meeting or at Monday Activity Days. There are a few slots left. I would like to send the money as soon as possible, as I think we get better seats the sooner I send in the money. Thank you, Barbara Bowen

**SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Maria Fiorenza**

**BIRTHDAY**

**SEPTEMBER:**

Regina Flach	9/6
Joan Schuler	9/12
Beverly Keubler	9/13
Marie Lawton	9/16
Monika Sisbarro	9/19
Justine Weinberg	9/19
Maria Fiorenza	9/23
Virginia Yohoves	9/28

**OCTOBER:**

Denise Cosenza-Brisco	10/1
Jeanne Scaffiddi	10/1
Dawn Korman	10/2
Lori Young	10/2
Mary O'Malley	10/5
Denise Froberg	10/7
Maria Kowalewski	10/12
Marge Gerba	10/19
Cathy Katsianis	10/25
Pat Wesley	10/25
Diane Moser	10/27
Christine Urban	10/30