



# Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2026



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – LORI YOUNG** - February is American Heart Month. We wear RED this month at our general meeting to draw awareness to cardiovascular disease as the leading cause of death for women. Approximately 80% of cardiovascular disease can be prevented through lifestyle changes including regular exercise and healthy eating. This has been a personal focus for me over the past couple of years, and I encourage you to do the same.

Our nominating committee will soon begin its work selecting a new slate of officers for your consideration. If you have any questions about what is required in any position on the Executive Board, please refer to our Bylaws Section VI Duties of Officers or see me for additional information.

Amy Myers Young has decided to step down from handling Christmas stockings for service men and women. We still need a chairperson willing to take over this important function. If you are even the tiniest bit interested in helping with this, I'm sure Amy will be willing to talk with you about what is involved.

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for members to be recognized on the NJSFWC's Honor Roll and Order of the Lily. The NJSFWC state convention takes place in May at the Hard Rock Hotel in Atlantic City. Registration forms will be out soon. Please see me if you are interested in attending as a delegate.

Wishing all our members a very Happy Valentine's Day filled with the love of family and friends.

**1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MARIA KOWALEWSKI** -  
Wishing everyone a happy Valentine's Day!

**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI** –  
**Reports** – Report Narratives are completed. Thank you. to everyone who participated. They will be available on the website by the General Meeting for all to see. I am working on forms for some departments. Please keep your own records for the year, paying attention to hours, in kind donations, profit, etc. I expect a narrative in the Newsletter when you have an event or meeting. Please remember to take photographs of your events so we can post the wonderful work we do. Thank you - Jo

**3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL LA VELLE** –We accepted two new members into our club. They will be introduced at our general meeting. Please, if anyone knows of a guest attending, let Nancy or me know so we can welcome them. Thank you. Happy Valentine's Day!

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, JACKIE STEPHENS** – Happy Valentine's Day and Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ellena!.

**RECORDING SECRETARY, LEE CASSARINO** – I will report at the General Meeting.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SANDY DE YONKER**  
Happy Valentines Day! We have 60 paid members and 6 honorary members. Just a reminder, dues are to be paid by our February 11th general meeting. Dues will be considered delinquent after this meeting. Please pay at the meeting to avoid a 10 dollar fee.

**TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER** – For all members, please fill out and provide me with an income or expense voucher when giving me income and/or requesting an authorized expense. It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**FEDERATION SECRETARY – LORI VIRCILLO –**  
Happy Birthday Ellena!  
March 23 10am Shore District Arts Performing,  
Asbury Club House  
April 27 – Shore District Achievement Day  
April 28 – Shore District Spring Conference

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS**

**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Mariana Marzacco and Judy Schermerhorn** - Congratulation to Carol Linsey winning \$145.00 at our January Meeting.

On Friday, January 25th, I am happy to report that we donated \$1,000.00 to the Lanoka Harbor School to pay for equipment to complete the Sensory Room for Multiple Disability children. Thank you all for your continued support.

**ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti** – We are looking for all sewers to help us make Smile Bags for Operation Smile. See me if you want the instructions to make the bags. We would appreciate your help. If anyone needs fabric, I have some we could use. Thanks, Carol

**ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffidi** -

### **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH**

*Happy, Healthy Heart Month!*

**NJ Sharing Network: Jo Faccioli** - Are you an organ donor? Please make sure your family is aware of your choices. If not, register here at [www.registerme.org](http://www.registerme.org)

**Wrapped in Love: Jo Faccioli** - 15 blankets as of this writing will be donated to the NJ Sharing Network this month.

**Wreaths Across America : Jo Faccioli** - We are back to supporting the Good Luck Cemetery. I will have new forms uploaded to the website and will have some forms handy. Thank you again for all your donations.

**Holiday Stockings: - Chairperson needed!**

**Special Needs Adults: Debra Gamsby/Janet Mulero** – On January 30th we had our special needs adults Mardi Gras party. It was a great success. We welcomed 75 guests and caregivers. DJ Al Dompieri had everyone dancing up a storm. Lacey Township Committeeman Pete Curatolo stopped in to say hello. In-kind donations from Jan. 2 - Jan. 31 totaled \$2,405, 50/50 profit was \$100, miscellaneous cash donations were \$80 and admission was \$600, making a cash total of \$780. Thank you to everyone who gave us their time, their effort and their donations, both monetary and in-kind. Our next event is

our friendship dance on February 27 with DJ Pete. Please join us if you can. We can always use help setting up and cleaning up. Thank you, Debra Gamsby and Janet Mulero

**Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – Providence House:** Valentine's Day, celebrated on February 14th, is a holiday for expressing love and affection through gifts, flowers, cards, and meals. Realizing that Valentine's Day could be a bittersweet day for the clients of the Providence House, the DSVAP group gift wrapped 10 small bags that were handcrafted with a heart. The bags were filled with shampoo, conditioner, bath bombs, toothbrushes, floss, toothpaste, hair ties, body lotion and other hygiene products that you donated (they were leftovers from the Christmas stockings for the military). Additionally each woman received a soft teddy bear (donated by the Special Needs Adult Committee) she can keep or give to her child along with a \$10 gift card to TJ Maxx to get something special for herself. It is our hope that the Providence house clients sense their worth and are aware that people like the generous women of WCOL care for them.

**Intergenerational: Joyce Huffert, Dolores Martinez and Rose Squeo** – Fun Morning, hot chocolate, cookies and games. Some games were making towers with red solo cups, blowing marshmallows through straws across the tables into cups, Connect 4. The staff supplied these games, and some games were brought by the students. Our next meeting is February 18th, at 10:00 am at the Club House. Lunch will be served at no cost to all members. Because the meeting is on Ash Wednesday, we may be having pizza and salad. If you would like to attend, please call me at 609-994-3849 or email me at [dm9043@live.com](mailto:dm9043@live.com) by the 17<sup>th</sup> of February.

**Pinwheel Garden: Pinwheels for Prevention-Prevent Child Abuse: Jackie Stephens.** April is the month of child abuse prevention. I will be seeking volunteers to help place pinwheels in our community. The location is to be determined once we get the proclamation from the Township which should be at their March meeting. Volunteers will be needed to attend the Township's monthly meeting in March. I will advise you of the date and time.

### **EDUCATION & LIBRARIES**

**Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith** –

**Read Across America: Debbie Smith** - Read Across America Week is the first week in March. I will be calling everyone who signed up to read in September in our elementary schools here in Lacey. If anyone has not signed up and would like to be a reader, please call me and let me know. My number is 609-713-8816.

**Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewsk**  
Happy Galentine's Day! Literature will meet on  
Tuesday, February 17th at NOON. We will be discussing  
"The Escape Artist". Dessert baker is needed.

**Scholarships: Karen Martinak-**

**Girls Career Institute: Darlene Johnson/Diana  
Monia -**

### ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

**Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser -**  
Happy Valentine's Day!

Our shoe/sneaker drive continues with "Your  
Grandmother's Cupboard". Shoes and sneakers must be  
gently used, clean and in good condition. Drop off at  
general meetings, activity day, Retro Lacey, Lacey  
Recreation and Joyce Huffert's house in Pheasant Run.  
Thank you, Diane and Joyce

**Doggie Angels: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer  
and Rae Mauri** - Please continue to bring in old towels,  
etc. for our furry little friends. Although Popcorn Park  
Zoo is closing temporarily for renovations, items will be  
delivered to nearby other animal shelters. Thank you.

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Home Life: Sheila Anderson** - Happy Valentine  
Day's WCOL! We are continuing to collect cell phones  
for our soldiers. In addition, don't forget to donate your  
old eyeglasses. A big thank you to those who have  
donated in the past and to those who will contribute now.  
It is definitely appreciated!

**Nursing Home: Dawn Korman** - Gently used  
clothing, coats, stuffed animals are always welcome at the  
nursing home. Thank you.

**Food Bank: Carol Crotty** - Thank you to everyone  
who contributes to our food drive. At our January  
meeting we contributed 64 miscellaneous items of food.  
Thank you for your support.

**Operation Smile: Carol La Velle** - I will continue  
collecting for Operation Smile until April. The list of  
items needed is on our website. Thank you.

**Social Committee: Barbara Bowen** - The Social  
Group is setting up some individual shows, as follows:  
The Jersey Tenors, Sunday, February 15 at 2:00;  
The Edward Twins, Sunday, April 26 at 2:00; and  
Holidays with the Duprees, Sunday, November 22,  
at 2:00. All shows are \$47.50 and each person attending  
pays independently. All shows are at the Surfflight

Theatre on LBI. For more information see me. Thanks,  
Barbara

### STANDING COMMITTEES

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

A Get-Well card was sent this month to Lil Campbell.  
If you know of anyone of our members in need of a card,  
please notify our president or me. Thank you!

### COMMUNICATIONS

**Communication :- Jo Faccioli** - Please make sure  
I have your email, so you are kept up to date on the  
goings on of the Club.

**Email: Jo Faccioli** - If you changed your email or  
if you are a new member, please make sure I have  
your email address.

**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.

**Calendar: Jo Faccioli** -

If you are planning an event, please let me know so I can  
add it to the calendar of events.

**Facebook/Instagram: Jo Faccioli** - Please follow us on  
both social media sites.

**Photos: Linda Hruska**

**Newsletter: Joan Schuler** - If you wish to place  
your upcoming event or information concerning  
your committee, please forward to me via email  
after the Board meeting which meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tuesday of the month. Thank you.

**Eulogies: Nancy Fortin** -

**Hospitality: Helen DelaCruz** - Please check your  
handbooks for reminders of your contributions and  
assistance for our monthly meetings. Thank you.

**Parliamentarian: Chairwoman -  
Terry Acquavita**

**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: Lori Vircillo** - I had a great conversation with club member Rose Squeo this past week. She is an easy person to speak with and full of great memories.

Rose was born and brought up in Hoboken attending high school there, getting married in St. Francis Church at age 19, and then having three babies (two eleven months apart). She is now the grandmother of six and great-grandmother of two.

Rose then moved to Carlstadt with her husband and children where she lived for 30 years. That was a wonderful time – recalling this “city girl” had moved to the country with all the trees, quite a contrast from Hoboken. As her children grew, she worked as the school lunchroom supervisor for 10 years. Following that she was Assistant Court Clerk for Carlstadt Municipal Court. In the late 80’s she and her husband moved to Lanoka Harbor where they lived for 15 years before moving to Pheasant Run. Rose can’t say enough about the Pheasant Run community, especially how caring everyone is.

Rose has been a member of the St. Pius X Church choir for almost ten years, but she still visits St. Francis in Hoboken once a year on the feast of “The Madonna of Martyrs” a society she has been a member of since age eleven.

Rose loves people and enjoys all the friends she has made in the Woman’s Club and Pheasant Run. I am happy to be one of them.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Joan Schuler** – Please let me know if you are interested in participating in our Achievement Day or just want to hear what it is all about. There are many categories to which you can enter including painting, needlework, house plants, photography, etc. This all happens in April. Hopefully, you will consider entering your project.!

**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/Carol Candeletti** – January was our first drawing for this year’s Calendar Club fundraiser. The winners were as follows:  
\$500 – Barbar C, Ticket #300  
\$100 – Debbie T., Ticket #113  
\$100 -Joyce H., Ticket #111

\$100 -Angelique & Michael F., Ticket #91 and  
\$100 – Debra G., Ticket #97.

**Monthly Raffle:** Congratulations to Barbara Bowen who won our January raffle. For the person who never wins anything is doing mighty good lately! Her words, not mine. Thank you to those who participated in bringing in \$190 for the Club.

**Trips: Barbara Bowen** – We completed our bus trip to Hunterdon Hills on Feb.4 . It was fabulous as expected . I have arranged for the tickets for Surfflight . There is still plenty of time to sign up. The information will be on the back table as usual. It will now include the dates for the \$25 deposit for each show as well as the final payment due date.

I also have the tickets for the Music Festival On Sun. March 22 from 1:00 to 5:00 at our Community Center, which benefits Our Special Needs Adults Program. They are \$20 & you may take some to sell as we do with the Calendar Club tickets.

**Tricky Tray: Barbara Bowen** –Thank you to those who contributed and participated in our Tricky Tray. The profit of our Club for this event was \$190.

### **SPECIAL STATE PROJECT:** Cathy Katsianis -

#### **BIRTHDAY**

#### **FEBRUARY:**

Debra Oettinger	2/5
Georgette Basso	2/6
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Rose Squeo	2/7
Lori Vircillo	2/7
Nancy Fortin	2/11
Kathy DeMey	2/11
Carol Setzer	2/15
Ellena DiCicco	2/23
Linda Smolinski	2/24
Lina Kazala	2/26

#### **MARCH:**

Helen Dela Cruz	3/7
Arlene Fernandez	3/7
Lee Cassarino	3/14
Karen Martenak	3/18
Tina Pilot	3/27