



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER APRIL 2026



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – LORI YOUNG - Happy Spring to all our members! May this season bring you fresh starts and good energy.

I'm anxious for some feedback about our soup and sandwich birthday party celebration last month. Please take a moment to let me know what you liked or didn't like -- and any suggestions for next year. Many thanks to our hostesses for setting up, serving and cleaning up. Special thanks to Hospitality Chair Helen DelaCruz for guiding the crew and for a beautiful blessing before our lunch.

I have been invited by the Mayor and Township Committee to join a community leader input session on April 22. This group explores issues facing our youth, our families, and our community. Please let me know if you would like me to voice any opinions about the future of health and well-being in Lacey Township.

We have also been invited to participate in a community volunteer fair on Thursday, April 30th, from 4-7 at the Charles A. Smith Community Center. Our presence would be similar to our participation at Lacey Day. Please let me know if you would be willing to give an hour to man a table and interact with potential new members.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MARIA KOWALEWSKI -
Happy Spring everyone!

Janet B. Zanetich, Manager of Philanthropy with the NJ Sharing Network will be our guest speaker at our April meeting. I'm sure you will enjoy her presentation.

Our annual June luncheon and installation meeting will be held at Kristy's this year. The cost is \$44.50 which includes the tip. Kristy's requires a one-week pre-payment. Therefore, please bring a check payable to Women's Club of Lacey, to either the May General meeting or any of the Monday Activity Days, Board Meeting or Book Club meetings at least one week prior to the June meeting.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI – Please keep your own records for the year, paying attention to hours, in kind donations, profit, etc. I look forward to your narratives in the Newsletter when you have an event, meeting or anything to report. Please remember to take photographs of your events so we can post the wonderful work we do.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL LA VELLE –
If anyone is bringing a guest to our meeting or know of someone interested in joining our club, please let me know. Thank you. Enjoy springtime.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, JACKIE STEPHENS – Happy Spring! I will report at General meeting.

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SANDY DE YONKER -
Happy Easter and Passover!
We currently have 95 paid members, 6 honorary memberships and 6 unpaid. All permits are up to date.

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER – Happy Spring, Easter and Passover to our members! I will give you a financial update at the meeting.

FEDERATION SECRETARY – LORI VIRCILLO
Easter Blessings to all!

Federation is looking for donations to help with Girls Career Institute.
Consider bringing any of these to the May meeting:
Dunkin Donut \$5.00 gift cards
(a small token of appreciation for our speakers)
Small bottled water, Stickers (pictures and sayings for Vision Boards),
Snacks, Magazines
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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Mariana Marzacco and Judy Schermerhorn –

Congratulations to Fran Gaduldick on winning \$140.00 at our March Meeting.

Just a reminder that all proceeds from the 50/50 are donated to our Lacey Schools for Multiple Disability Projects. Thank you for your continued support. Wishing all a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

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 Scaffiddi - The Merilee Singers have been asked to perform at Justine Weinberg's memorial service on May 30th at 10 AM at the Presbyterian Church in FR. Rehearsals are planned for April 21 and 28, May 5 and 19 at community hall at 10:15. An additional rehearsal is planned for May 12 at Chris Urban's house, 20 Hollywood Blvd., FR at 11:00.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

NJ Sharing Network: Jo Faccioli - April is Donate Life Month. Please give a warm welcome to my friend Janet Brown who is our speaker today. She is here to answer any questions you may have regarding organ and tissue donation.

Wrapped in Love: Jo Faccioli - 2 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 of your donations.

Holiday Stockings: - Laura McDonald

Special Needs Adults: Debra Gamsby/Janet Mulero – March 27 was our SpongeBob dance for special needs adults. We had one of our biggest turnouts yet. Thanks to Nancy Conway we had DJ Big Al Dompieri, an amazing DJ who will be returning for our May Star Wars dance. So many hard-working volunteers and Bayville Elks Antlers helped us create Bikini Bottom for our guests. We were also blessed to have our photographers Ivette and Cheyann Lucus who not only volunteer their time and talents every month but also donated amazing homemade truffles. Our in kind donations exceeded \$3,000 this month and our door receipts totaled \$900. Our 50-50 profit was \$117, and we received \$550 in monetary donations. We look forward to seeing everyone for the tie-dye neon glow in the dark dance party on April 24 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Anyone wishing to donate please, please check out our Amazon wish list or contact Debra or Janet. Volunteers should arrive at the community center no earlier than 3:30 PM the day of the dance.

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – Providence House: Happy Easter! The DSVAP group worked hard to bring cheer to children involved in a domestic abuse situation. 10 Easter baskets were filled with chocolate bunnies, activity books, crayons, crafts, paddleballs, peeps, snack bags, stuffed animals, sunglasses, jelly beans and assorted candy. The baskets were lovingly wrapped and delivered for the children who are currently at Providence House to receive a special treat this Easter.

Intergenerational: Joyce Huffert and Dolores Martinez – Nothing to report

Pinwheel Garden: Pinwheels for Prevention-Prevent Child Abuse: Jackie Stephens. We placed 42 pinwheels outside Lacey townhall in honor of April being Child Abuse Prevention month. They will be there for the entire month of April. Thank you to all that came out in support of our Pinwheel garden.

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith –

Read Across America: Debbie Smith -

Poster Contest: Christine Russell -

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski

Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. Looking forward to warmer weather. Literature will meet at noon on Tuesday, April 21st at the Community Center. We will be discussing 'The Frozen River' by Ariel Lawton. Dianne and Maria L. are bringing goodies to share.

Scholarships: Karen Martinak-

Girls Career Institute Darlene Johnson/Diana Monia

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ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser –
Wishing all a Blessed Easter and Passover!

This is our LAST MONTH FOR OUR SHOE COLLECTION! Please bring them to our April Meeting if you have any shoes/sneakers to donate. Shoes and sneakers must be gently used, clean and in good condition.

To date we have collected 187 pairs of shoes/sneakers!

Drop off at general meetings, activity day, Retro Lacey, Lacey Recreation and Joyce Huffert's house in Pheasant Run.

Thank you for your support!

Doggie Angels: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer and Rae Mauri –

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Home Life: Sheila Anderson – We are continuing to collect cell phones for our soldiers. In addition, don't forget to donate your old eyeglasses. 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 and stuffed animals are always welcome at the nursing home. Thank you.

Food Bank: Carol Crotty – At our March meeting, we received 64 miscellaneous items. Thank you for your support. Happy Easter and Happy Passover

Operation Smile: Carol La Velle – I am sorry to say that there were not enough supplies donated this spring to send to Operation Smile. Just a reminder, I will be collecting until June & hopefully, our club will be able to send a large donation in the fall. As always, the list of items needed is on our website. Thank you all.

STANDING COMMITTEES

CARING CORNER: Diane Moser –Wishing all a Blessed Easter and Passover!

No cards were sent out this month.

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

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 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, as well as Lacey Patch.

Photography -While we are lucky to have a very talented photographer in our midst, Linda cannot be everywhere. Please remember to take photos of your events, meetings, etc. so we can proudly post and share with the community our great works.

Photos: Linda Hruska

Newsletter: Terry Acquavita – I hope that everyone had a Happy Easter/Passover.

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 – Happy Easter and Happy Passover to all of you.

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 – There is no report for this month.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Joan Schuler – I am pleased that we have 20 entries representing our Club which include an oil painting, crocheting, needlework, basket weaving and photographs. Best of luck to all of our women who are representing this creative competition on behalf of 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. If there are any changes in the schedule, I will let you know.

FUNDRAISING: Diana Monia - The Lacey Rec Department has been contacted about the Woman's Club having a table at the Lacey Farmer's Market this summer. They will get back to us on the dates available. We need someone to organize baking and selling. Twenty nine of our members have offered to be involved, so it should be a pretty simple job. Please see Lori Young if you can help with this project. Let's meet April 21st at Community Hall at 2PM (after Literature) to decide what we want to bake and other details.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT – Cathy Katsianis - Last month, our members voted in favor of selecting the Embrella Project for the 2026-28 special state project. The results will be revealed at the State Conference at the beginning of May. Let's all hope that Embrella will be selected state-wide.

Calendar Club: Debbie Terry/Carol Candeletti – _____'s Calendar Club winners were as follows:

- \$500 – Vilma S.
- \$100 – Deb C.
- \$100 – Carla M.
- \$100 – Linda H.
- \$100 – Oscar L.

Monthly Raffle:

Trips: - Barbara Bowen - Hope everyone had a blessed Easter. The total of \$81 is due for Guys & Dolls or the balance of \$56 if you paid the \$25 deposit. This play is on Tuesday, June 30th. The deposit or payment in full for Pretty Woman on July 30th is also due. Balance is due at the May meeting. All play schedules will still be on the side table for your review. My social group meeting was canceled due to a death in my family. It will be rescheduled soon.

Social Group :

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

Debbie Smith	4/3
Nancy Conway-Hermann	4/10
Judy Hill	4/11
Darlene Johnson	4/11
Colleen Dooley	4/12
Linda Hruska	4/14
Diana Monia	4/21
Doris Nelson	4/24
Barbara Bowen	4/27
Valerie Freidman	4/28
Shirley Houlihan	4/30

MAY

Kathleen Cook	5/10
Marie Lacidonia	5/11
Janet Sramaty	5/14
Sandra Leonardis	5/25