



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER MARCH 2026



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – LORI YOUNG - Each March we celebrate the birth of the Woman's Club of Lacey in 1965. Congratulations to all on the Club's 61st anniversary. We are being treated to a soup and sandwich luncheon at the general meeting catered by Lunchbox on 9. The LTHS Drama Club will be previewing the spring musical GREASE for us at noon. Please enjoy the celebration!

Please mark your calendars for the March 27th Township Meeting where the Woman's Club will again receive a proclamation naming April as Child Abuse Awareness month. We will meet at the municipal building at 5:45 and sit together for the meeting. Our reception last month was so warm and welcoming, I encourage you to attend with me dressed in BLUE to bring awareness to child abuse in our society.

This month the nominating committee will present a slate of Executive Board officers to you for the 2026-2028 term. Members may nominate any additional candidates for consideration at the March meeting. We will vote at the May general meeting and install our new Executive Board in June.

Happy Spring, Happy Easter, and Happy Passover to all of our members!

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MARIA KOWALEWSKI - Happy 61st Birthday Woman's Club of Lacey. Wishing all a wonderful St. Patrick's Day and a Blessed Easter and Passover.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI – Please continue to submit robust information to the Newsletter. I will copy it and save for reports for 2026. Please keep track of your hours and in-kind donations as well as profit if any. If you need a form, call me. I will send you one. Please remember to take photographs of your events so we can post the wonderful work we do.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL LA VELLE – Happy 61st Birthday to WCOL! We accepted 2 more ladies to our club. I will introduce them at our general meeting. If anyone knows of a guest coming, please let me know.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, JACKIE STEPHENS –Happy 61st birthday to Woman's Club of Lacey! Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SANDY DE YONKER Happy Birthday Women's Club of Lacey! We now have 85 paid members, 6 honorary members, and 14 unpaid memberships. All permits are up to date.

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER – Happy 61st Birthday WCOL. I will report at the meeting.

FEDERATION SECRETARY – LORI VIRCILLO – Spring Conference-
Spring Lake Manor 415 Route 71, Spring Lake
Registration: 10:00 am Meeting: 10:30 am

This month we will be voting on a new NJSFWC state project for 2006-2008. The three projects forwarded by NJSFWC president, Barbara McCloskey, are:
CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES, EMBRELLA
AND MOMS HELPING MOMS
I will be highlighting each at the general meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Mariana Marzacco and Judy Schermerhorn - Congratulations to Carol LaVelle, winning \$120 at our February Meeting.

Wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th and St. Joseph's Day on March 19th. Thank you 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 61st Birthday Woman's Club of Lacey NJ Sharing Network: **Jo Faccioli** - April is Donate Life Month. We will have a representative at our April meeting to talk about organ donation. Are you an organ donor? Please make sure your family is aware of your choices. If not, register here at www.registerme.org

Wrapped in Love: **Jo Faccioli** - 8 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. New forms are available and uploaded to the website. I will have forms handy. Thank you again for all of your donations. <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/178953/Overview/?relatedId=171325>

Holiday Stockings: - Chairperson needed!

Special Needs Adults: **Debra Gamsby/Janet Mulero** – Co-chairs Janet Mulero and Debra Gamsby and several committee members attended the Township Committee meeting on February 26th as our President spoke about the Club's Special Needs Adults events. The Committee was very gracious and complementary of what we are doing! Our Friendship Dance scheduled for February 27th was postponed until June due to the snowstorm. In-kind donations for February were nearly \$1,100. We received a pledge of \$500 from a special needs family this month as well. Our next event is the March 27th Sponge Bob Dance.

Awareness & Prevention: **Maddie Stapleton** – **Providence House:** Did you know that the shamrock comes from the legend that St. Patrick used its three leaves to explain the Christian Holy Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)? This made Christianity more relatable, with the plant becoming a symbol of Irish heritage and faith, representing faith, hope, and love, though the four-leaf clover is a separate symbol for luck. DSVAP group is wishing everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.

Intergenerational: **Joyce Huffert, Dolores Martinez and Rose Squeo** – Another fun morning at the Club House. Wraps, Salads, and desserts were served. It was a morning of a game called Truth or Lie. Lots of fun. The students told their truths or lies, very funny. Also in attendance were the teachers and administrators. At the end we had to guess how many gum balls were in a jar, the prize was an assortment of candy and popcorn in a basket. Another great time with the students and teachers

Pinwheel Garden: Pinwheels for Prevention-Prevent Child Abuse: **Jackie Stephens.** On March 26 our Proclamation to bring awareness to April as being the Prevention of Child Abuse month will be announced at the Lacey Township committee meeting at townhall on Lacey Road at 6pm. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

Our pinwheel garden, which is to be displayed in front of Lacey Townhall was approved by the committee at their February 26 meeting. I will need volunteers to help place these pinwheels on April 1, 10am, weather permitting. A sign up sheet will be on table in back of room.

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: **Debbie Smith** –

Read Across America: **Debbie Smith** - I would like to thank all of the wonderful ladies that read this week in our preschool and elementary schools. We read in a total of 55 classes and many of my thoughtful ladies helped out by reading in multiple classes. The teachers were very thankful, having our ladies in and I was very grateful for all the time, efforts, and consideration shown by the ladies involved.

Poster Contest: **Christine Russell** - On Wednesday, at our General Meeting, we will be voting on the posters from the Lacey Elementary school third graders for "Read Across America". Let's all get there a few minutes early for the voting. Thank you, Christine Russell

Monthly Book Club: **Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewsk** Happy Spring! Happy St. Patrick's Day! Literature will meet at noon on Tuesday, March 17th. We will be discussing "THE BETRAYAL OF ANN FRANK". Joyce will be bringing goodies.

Scholarships: **Karen Martinak**–

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

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser – Happy St. Patrick'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!

Doggie Angels: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer and Rae Mauri – Many of you may have heard about the devastation at the Popcorn Park Zoo due to the last 2 storms. Fortunately, the animals were saved due to the employees. However, the grounds suffered severe damage. Trees down fences broken and debris littering everywhere. The estimated clean-up will cost upwards of \$10,000. They are asking for monetary donations and volunteers to help our friends at the zoo. No donation is too small and can be given in check or cash. As always, I know our members will come through. Thank you.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Home Life: Sheila Anderson – Happy 61st Birthday Woman's Club of Lacey.

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 February meeting we contributed 60 miscellaneous items of food. Thank you for your support.

Operation Smile: Carol La Velle – Happy St. Patrick's Day! I will continue collecting for Operation Smile until June. Please refer to our website for what is needed. Thank you!

STANDING COMMITTEES

CARING CORNER: Diane Moser – Please reach out to me or our Club President if a member is in need of our support.

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.

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: Joan Schuler – Starting in April, the Chairperson for the Newsletter will be Terry Acquavita who recently returned to our Club after returning to the area. Terry's information is as follows: tmacq2@outlook.com 732-261-0363. Please forward your newsletter information to Terry by Friday after our board meeting. 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 - This month I had the pleasure of spotlighting Terry Acquavita, a former and now returning member of the Woman's Club of Lacey. Terry grew up in Brooklyn where she attended school, began working for Aetna Casualty in Manhattan, married and had three children in Queens. She was a real New Yorker! After a divorce she ran into Lou, her sweetheart throughout high school quite by chance. They got together and will be celebrating their 49th anniversary this

month. In addition to three children, she has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They lived in Brooklyn, moved to Staten Island and finally arrived in New Jersey (Old Bridge) where she and Lou lived while she commuted to Manhattan for 10 years employed as the assistant controller for Serra International.

Terry and husband moved to Naples FL in 2011 before arriving in Lanoka Harbor in 2015.

Terry joined the WCOL in 2017 and in 2019 graciously took over the job of club treasurer. However, in 2021 they moved back to Florida until their return in 2025. We welcome home our dear member, now Parliamentarian and next month taking on the Newsletter.

Finally purchasing a home in Pheasant Run last June, Terry is happy to be back in town and back in the club.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ACHIEVEMENT DAY: **Joan Schuler** – All entries for Achievement Day will be on display at our March meeting. Hopefully, we can have a table set up at the back so you can admire the handiwork of our members. Thank you to those who are representing our Club. Entries will be judged on April 27, and winners will be announced at the Shore Conference on April 28.

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** - Our fundraising plans for a Bunco tournament and a Music Festival have not been successful. Both events had to be cancelled due to lack of ticket sales. There were several other ideas suggested by our members including a vendor fair and participation at the Lacey Farmer's Market this summer. Hopefully, we can plan a vendor fair for next year. Do we want to try the bake sale? A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the March general meeting asking for volunteers to plan and participate at the Lacey Farmer's Market. We will need someone to check with Lacey Rec to book a booth, organize bakers and schedule members to man the booth one Friday a month during the summer months. This would be a low cost, low effort fundraiser. If the interest is there, we can make this happen.

Calendar Club: Debbie Terry/Carol Candeletti – February's Calendar Club winners were as follows:
 \$500 – Denise F., Ticket #45
 \$100 – Andrew L., Ticket #213
 \$100 – Laura F., Ticket #52
 \$100 – Kim R., Ticket #160 and
 \$100 – Imelda F., Ticket #200.

Monthly Raffle: Congratulations to Diane Moser who won our February raffle. Thank you to those who participated in bringing in \$165 to the Club.

Trips: - Barbara Bowen - Happy St. Patrick's Day to all! Hopefully the sun will continue to shine.

At the Meeting checks or cash is due in full for \$81 for Good Night for Singing on Thurs. May 8th. Also \$25 deposit or pay in full for Guys & Dolls on Tuesday, June 30. The sign up sheets with envelopes will be at the back table.

Social Group : anyone who wants to go to see the Edward Twins on Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 at the Surflight, you need to give me cash or a check for \$47.50 made out to the Surflight at the meeting, I was told if we wait they will be sold out. I will call immediately & mail them. This is not through the Club.

Happy Easter! Barbara

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: **Cathy Katsianis** -

BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY:

MARCH:

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

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

Special Note from Lil Campbell: I am writing this little note to express my gratitude and a million thanks for all the prayers, cards, get well wishes and warm support received during my recent hospitalization.

During a very challenging and uncomfortable time all the prayers and good wishes sure made me feel better. It's great to know I belong to a Club with so many caring people. Again, thanks a million for all the support.

Sincerely, Lil