



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – LORI YOUNG – PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI YOUNG –
Spring has sprung in Lacey Township! You can see spring flowers and flowering trees all around town. So wonderful to see after such a rough winter.

Many thanks are in order this month! Thank you to Helen DelaCruz and all the ladies on the hospitality committee for making our 60th birthday/anniversary party a great success. And a great big thank you to Cathy Katsianis and all the ladies who worked on the Hobby Fair. It was a real pleasure to see so many of our members who took the time to come down on Sunday to support them. What a wonderful event it turned out to be. We will be able to make a very nice donation to the New Jersey Children's Alliance. Have you all ridden by the Municipal Building to see our pinwheel garden? It's really eye catching.

Wishing all our members a Happy Easter and Happy Passover and much joy as we get our gardens and yards ready for Spring.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MARIA KOWALEWSKI -
Happy Spring, Easter and Passover. This month we are having Yoga instructor Adrienne Costa Di Paolo. She will teach Chair Yoga. Wear something comfortable if you wish to participate.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI –
Reports - Please provide robust information to the newsletter and/or please fill out a report form. I have the new forms, and they can be located on the website.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL LA VELLE –We are welcoming 2 new members at our general meeting & there are 2 guests coming. Please let Lillis or Nancy know if anyone is bringing a guest.

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 – I will report at the meeting.

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER -
Happy Spring! Please remember to include an Income Voucher when giving me funds for the Club and an

Expense Voucher when you have expenses that need to be paid. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

FEDERATION SECRETARY – LORI VIRCILLO -
April is *National Child Abuse Prevention Month*. Check out the pinwheels in front of the Municipal Building. Great job Jackie and volunteers.

Spring Conference/Achievement Day April 22
Lobster Shanty, Point Pleasant Beach
Entries Monday April 21: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Member Registration TUESDAY, April 22: 10:00 a.m.,
Meeting: 10:30 a.m.

Spring CANVA Workshop Learn the basics of CANVA
Saturday, April 26, 2025 - Register by April 11
Registration: 10:00 a.m., Workshop: 10:30 AM at Headquarters

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Mariana Marzacco
Congratulations to Judy Schermerhorn winning \$112 at our March Meeting. I am happy to say we were able to visit the new Sensory Decompression Room at the Mill Pond School. The room is near completion and being used for our autistic children at Mill Pond. We presented them with a check to complete this room and for further

upcoming projects. More pictures will be posted on our website. Thank you for your continued support.

ARTS & CULTURE: **Carol Candeletti** – Happy Spring ! Happy Easter ! If anyone has made Smile Bags, please bring them in on the 9th. We will be having a short meeting after the General Meeting. Our committee is responsible for making the basket to raffle off at the May General Meeting, so we need to come up with ideas for the basket. Bring anything you think we could put in a basket. If you can't stay for the meeting, send me an e-mail with your idea. I gave up on making the doggie toys. I couldn't get the ends to stay secure for a dog to chew on. See you on the 9th, Carol

ARTS PERFORMING: **Jeanne Scaffiddi** - Happy Spring!

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Happy Easter and Passover - it is so refreshing to know Spring is here and winter is behind us!

April is Donate Life Month

NJ Sharing Network – The annual 5K Celebration of Life will be held on May 17th at the Ocean Grove boardwalk. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting.

Wrapped in Love – There have been 14 blankets donated for the month of March. Yarn is very expensive so if you have some to donate, I would appreciate it. If you are new to the club, we collect handmade lap blankets which are donated to families who have given the gift of life by organ and tissue donation. These blankets are greatly appreciated by all who receive them.

Wreaths Across America - New forms are available on the website or see me if you wish to purchase a wreath for St. Joseph's Cemetery. This location was short 600 wreaths last year, so our help is greatly appreciated. I will be looking for someone to co-chair this project with me. A knowledge of Facebook and Instagram would be helpful. I will also be seeking grants from larger corporations to donate to this cause. More to follow at the meeting. If you have interest in this program, please see me at the meeting and we can make arrangements to discuss.

Holiday Stockings: Amy Meyer –

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton –
Providence House: This Friday we will meet to put

together Easter baskets filled with snacks and drinks. In March, the Woman's Club of Lacey members donated 11 rolls of paper towels & 5 drink boxes for the Providence House bringing our total to: 81 rolls of paper towels, 49 individualized drink/juice boxes, and 140 individually wrapped snacks. This Friday our group will meet to put together Easter baskets filled with snacks and drinks. Thank you all!

Pinwheel Garden: Pinwheels for Awareness and Prevention-of Child Abuse: Jackie Stephens.- -On March 27 the Township Committee read our Proclamation which was then presented to Lori Young and all members attending had their picture taken with the mayor. Thereafter, on April 1 members of our Club met outside the municipal building and placed 50 Pinwheels and 2 signs alongside the municipal sign on Lacey Road which will stay there for the month of April. Thank you to the members who participated in the project.

Blue is the color for child abuse prevention month. Please wear blue for the April meeting.

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith –

Read Across America: Debbie Smith - The Education committee held another successful 3rd grade poster contest during Read Across America week this year. Under the direction of Christine Russell and Karen Martenak, all 3 elementary schools were interested in participating this year. The ladies dropped off the contest rules at each school and picked up the posters to be judged the first week in March. They then brought the posters into the March meeting for our members to pick the winning posters. Christine and Karen went to each school to deliver the prizes to the winners. The winners were as follows: FRS 1st place Sydney Breitenback 2nd Brooklyn Madden 3rd Leyna Jacobs. CCS 1st place Ava Jackson 2nd place Kyla Copes 3rd place Aisha O'Boyle. LHS 1st place Gabriella Bednarz 2nd place Grayson Rieder 3rd place Isabella Vanim.

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski - Literature will meet on Tuesday, April 15th at 12:30 where we will be discussing Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting by Clare Pooley. Marie L. is bringing treats.

Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –

Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Mariana Marzacco - I am pleased to announce that Darlene Johnson and Diana Monia have agreed to take over as chairwomen for this Committee next year. Thank you, Darlene and Diana.

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser – Environmental - We are joining with the Methodist church with their effort in collecting household bags for Trex. Here is a listing of bags to collect: produce bags, store bags, ice bags, Ziplock and other reclosable bags, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap and plastic e-commerce bags. Please bring to our general meeting and/or activity day. Please ensure they are clean and dry!

We are also joining Lacey recreation for the Lacey Beach cleanup on May 31, 2025. A sign-up sheet will be at our meeting. Thank you!

Doggie Angels: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer and Rae Mauiri – 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 – Cookie Day is Back! Cookie Day will be May 5 at Charles A. Smith Community Center. Also, please continue with your usual donations. Thank you for your support!

Nursing Home: Dawn Korman –We are asking if anyone has new, or like new small afghan blankets. Or perhaps if you like to crochet/knit, small or lap blankets for the newly admitted residents. These “Welcome Blankets” will hopefully help the residents make their transition into Long Term Care a bit cozier.

I am also looking for donations of travel size toiletries, adult diapers, disposable washcloths, men/woman clothing. Also, we would like donations of small tin of cookies!! Thank you!

Food Bank: Carol Crotty – At our March meeting we collected 116 cans of tuna and 13 miscellaneous food items for our local food bank. Please continue to support the Food Bank. Thank you!

Operation Smile: Carol La Velle – April is the last month I will be collecting for Operation Smile until next January. Please refer to the website for the complete list of items needed. Thank you!

Let's Get Moving: Lori Young - Please continue to send Lori Young your exercise hours each month. As a part of our efforts to get moving (or keep moving), we are delighted to have an introduction to chair yoga at the April general meeting by fitness instructor, Adrienne Costa-DiPaolo. I hope you enjoy it!

STANDING COMMITTEES

CARING CORNER: Diane Moser –Two 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 or me.

COMMUNICATIONS

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 Channel 21**.

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. **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/Instagram: Jo Faccioli - We now have an Instagram account for the WCL. Please follow us on both social media sites. Will work on an Instagram account for Wreaths Across America too.

Photos: Linda Hruska

Newsletter: Joan Schuler – Please read the Newsletter to keep up to date on all our ongoing events. Those members who wish to include a note or information in the Newsletter, please forward by the Friday after the 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 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 - This month I had the opportunity to interview Carol Candeletti. Carol was born in Newark and grew up in Carteret and Kearny, where she attended Kearny High School and Ocean County College. Carol's first job was as a clerk for Samsonite Luggage. This was followed by employment in the Cashier's Office in the Accounting Department at Ocean County College. Carol

began as a student worker, which resulted in a full-time position and later promotion to head of the Cashier's Office. She retired there after 18 years.

Carol met her husband, Tom, at Lake Barnegat Beach around 1967. She previously had spent most of her summers while growing up in Forked River. She and Tom were married at St. Cecilia's Church, Kearny, in 1975 and will celebrate their 50th anniversary this year. Carol and Tom have two sons, Bryan, 29 years old and Devon, 27.

Carol is involved in many activities. She previously worked at Chapter 2 Thrift Store, Forked River, for four years. She presently is volunteering at the Joy of Angels Thrift Shop in Forked River three days a week and also belongs to a Red Hat group, the Jersey Roses. Carol also enjoys browsing estate sales, antique stores, thrift shops and dining at new restaurants as well as snowmobiling, boating and cruising. Traveling is another one of Carol's favorite things. She has visited many states in the US, Canada and Mexico. Recently she went to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, Aruba and Grand Cayman as well as other islands on a cruise.

Carol joined the Woman's Club in 2018. Terry Candeletti, her husband's aunt and honorary member of our club, was instrumental in persuading her to join. She took over the Membership Chairperson position shortly after joining, which she held for five years. She recently was made chair of the Arts and Culture Committee and has been on other committees at various times.

In the future Carol is planning a land and cruise trip to Alaska. She also would love to travel to Scotland and Ireland to visit the countries in which her father and mother were born. Other future plans are to sell her house in Forked River, downsize to a smaller one and enjoy more traveling.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Joan Schuler All

Registration Forms have been submitted to our Shore Chairperson for this event. I am pleased to report that 23 items from our members will be on display at the Shore Conference. For those who have not already given me your "work of art", please bring to the April meeting. I will need to deliver them to the Lobster Shanty on April 21. Thank you for participating!

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 -The Calendar Club's second drawing was on February 12. Our lucky winners were as follows:

\$500, Lorelle Gormley, ticket #77
\$100, Phyllis Chanda, ticket #216
\$100, Joyce Huffert, ticket #122
\$100, Jax Terry, ticket #227 and
\$100, Karen Osborne, ticket #333.

Monthly Baskets: March's lovely basket donated by the Literature group helped to contribute to our Club in the amount of \$175. Thank you.

Trips: Barbara Bowen – Happy Easter to all ! The bus trip to see the Irish Cabaret was Wonderful ! It was all we expected & more. The information for the trips to Surf Light will be on the back table again for sign-ups. The \$80 for the first play, "Top Hat in May" is due at the meeting. The sign-up sheets for all 6 performances at Surf Light will again be on the table at the back.

Social Committee – Linda Hruska – On Wednesday, April 30 a trip has been planned for Holland Ridge Tulip Farm. If you wish to attend there will be a sign-up sheet at the back table and payment will be due at the meeting in the amount of \$15. I will be collecting for this outing. I can't wait to go & remember to wear your walking shoes. We are meeting at Barbara Bowen's house at 8:45, leaving at 9 a.m. (carpooling from there). Lunch is planned at the Roost Restaurant in Cream Ridge which will be individually paid by those wishing to go. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Cathy Katsianis – The Hobby Fair event went well, and I want to thank all the members who contributed their time and effort to make it a success!

BIRTHDAY

APRIL:

Debbie Smith	4/3
Nancy Conway-Hermann	4/10
Judy Hill	4/11
Darlene Johnson	4/11
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:

Marie Lacedonia	5/11
Janet Sramaty	5/14
Sandra Leonardis	5/25
Linda Downing	5/27