



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – LORI YOUNG - Welcome back to the Club! I'm looking forward to another great year doing good work throughout our community. Lacey Day is scheduled for September 27th from 12 to 4 at Gille Park. Please consider spending an hour of your time at our booth meeting some of our community members and spreading the word about the excellent work we do. This year we are hoping to get some email addresses of potential new members, and we have a cute little gift bag to entice ladies over to our table. 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 available to sign you up after our September General meeting upon its adjournment. Also, after the meeting today, I'd like to meet with anyone who has an idea about what kind of fundraising activity we could do this year. It's a brainstorming session – you're not obligated to run a fundraiser if you join the meeting. We just need to find directions for the year. Thank you everyone for your participation.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MARIA KOWALEWSKI - Happy Fall Y'all. Looking forward to a wonderful year ahead. Handbooks are being distributed. Pick yours up at the meeting. If you can't come to the meeting and would like it mailed, let me know.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI –
Reports – Report Narratives are in the works.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL LA VELLE – I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. We have 4 guests coming to our general meeting. If anyone else is bringing a guest, please let me know. 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, SANDY DE YONKER
I hope everyone had a great summer! We currently have 90 members and 6 honorary members. All permits are up to date.

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 2025-26 WCOL year.

FEDERATION SECRETARY – LORI VIRCILLO –

- Shore District Council Meeting is September 22 at the Matawan Club House – 199 Jackson St. Matawan. Registration is at 9:00- Meeting 10:00 AM. Donation \$5.
- NJSFWC Fall Conference is October 20 at the Lobster Shanty. Registration Deadline is September 26, Cost is \$60. See Lori Young for sign up and menu.

NJSFWC 60th Anniversary Open House at Headquarters Nov. 13 & Nov. 15. RSVP openhouse@njsfwc.org by Nov 3.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Mariana Marzacco
Hoping everyone had an enjoyable summer. At our June Meeting, Debbie Gamsby was the lucky winner of \$165.00.

Please continue your support. All proceeds are designated to support SPECIAL NEEDS PROJECTS at our Lacey Schools. Thank you.

ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti – Welcome back !! It's the final days of summer and we're back. I hope all is well with everyone. Our committee has been asked to fill 100 gift bags for Lacey Day. All the bags are filled and now we need to tie the ribbons on. If you have a few minutes after the General Meeting, please stay and help us. If any of the other committees need something made or help with a project, please reach out to me. Any member that has signed up with the Arts and Culture

Committee, I am asking you to resign if you wish to continue.

ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffidi -

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

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

Wrapped in Love: Jo Faccioli - 21 blankets as of this writing will be donated to the NJ Sharing Network.

Wreaths Across America: Jo Faccioli – I encourage you to donate at least one wreath towards this wonderful organization for Veterans. Visit our page at <https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/178953/Overview/?relatedId=159755>
If you are not comfortable purchasing online, I will have forms at the meeting. Please bring a check made payable to Wreaths Across America and I will do the bulk mailing. Question, see me at the meeting or call me. Wreaths cost \$17.00 each.

I am looking for someone to replace me and take over Wreaths Across America effective January 1st, 2026. It is an easy department, and I will assist as needed. See me at the meeting if you are interested. Thank you!

Holiday Stockings: Amy Meyer -

Hope everyone enjoyed their summer!

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

A list of items needed 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

Special Needs Adults: Debra Gamsby/Janet Mulero –

Intergenerational: Joyce Huffert/Rose Squeo –

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton –

Providence House: Welcome back! To kick off September our group filled 10 backpacks filled with school supplies for the Providence House. Additionally, we are hosting a shopping day at Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe on September 27th from 10-4. 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the Providence House. The Providence supports families dealing with the trauma of domestic abuse. Please support this worthwhile organization by shop, shop, shopping!

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

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith - Hope everyone had a nice summer. Our group will be collecting gently used children's books to donate to the Bridge of Books Foundation. Please check with your friends and family to see if anyone has books to donate. We will collect books until the end of November. You can bring them to a meeting, or I will be happy to pick them up from you. Last year our club donated over 1,000 books. We are hoping to do it again. Thank you.

Read Across America: Debbie Smith

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewsk

Welcome back to a new year! Literature will meet at 12:30 on Tuesday, September 16th at the Community Center. We will discuss The Flight Attendant by Chris Bohalian. Bring your own drink and we will have some goodies to munch on.

Handbooks are in and being distributed. If you already see a smiley face on your book, you donated the \$5.00 last year to the state project. Those who wish to donate to donate this year, please leave your book with us at the registration table with the \$5.00 stuck inside. They will be stamped and returned after the meeting. The state project is a 2-year project, and we only collect 1 time.

Scholarships: Karen Martinak–

Girls Career Institute: Darlene Johnson/Diana Monia -

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser –

Welcome back everyone!

Coat Drive - September 10, 2025--October 31, 2025,
We are holding a coat drive with Your Grandmother's Cupboard. Gently worn children and adult donations should be clean and wearable, freshly laundered, no holes or stains and no broken zippers or missing buttons. Drop

off locations are WCOL general meeting, Charles Smith Community center (Mondays only 12:00-3:00 PM), Lacey Recreation office and Retro Fitness Gym in Lacey.

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 –

Food Bank: Carol Crotty – Thank you to everyone who contributes to our food drive. At our June meeting we contributed 71 miscellaneous food items to our Food Bank. We have switched from collecting tuna to Mac & Cheese or miscellaneous condiments. Thank you for your support.

Operation Smile: Carol La Velle – Welcome back everyone! I will be collecting coloring books & small boxes of crayons for the children this month. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Let's Get Moving: Lori Young – If you exercise regularly and are willing to report your exercise hours each month, please sign up on the Let's Get Moving sheet after the meeting.

Social Committee: Barbara Bowen - The Social group upcoming events are:

the Tea on Sept. 17th at The Sweet Cake Memory Shoppe on Rt.9 in Waretown. Checks or cash for \$51 is due to Judi Fisher if you haven't already paid. This is a 5-course meal.

Oct. 1st is our visit to the Alpaca Farm. We will meet in the parking lot of Community Center at 9:15 for a 10:00 arrival. \$12 is payable at that time. Wear Comfortable walking shoes. See Nancy Conway with any questions. Those who wish to join us for lunch, we will be going to Lefty's on the way home. See you at the meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES

CARING CORNER: Diane Moser –

Welcome Back everyone! Nine Cards were sent to the following members since our last meeting: Get well cards to Sandy Leornardis, Virginia Yarnes, Lillis Campbell, Justine Weinberg, Lori Vircillo, Andrea Higley and Nancy Fortin.

Sympathy cards were sent to Ellena DiCicco and Janet Mulero.

COMMUNICATIONS

Welcome back and welcome to all new members.

Fall - "Nothing quite compares to the breathtaking display of fall colors."

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.

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 1st 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 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 Vircillo -

I will be serving in the position of Roving Reporter until Justine is ready to return.

I had the pleasure of interviewing Mariana Marzacco this month. Mariana joined the WCOL in 2003. Born and

raised in Brooklyn, NY she attended St. Edward's High School, married Joseph in 1972 and moved to Butler NJ. She and Joe were married for 48 years raised two daughters then moved to Forked River in 2000.

In 2003 Mariana joined the WCOL where she has served on several committees including Conservation, Food Bank, and as Third Vice President in charge of membership.

She has been running our 50/50 raffles from as far back as 2018 whose proceeds have always gone to the Special Needs Students in the Lacey High School.

Mariana has two grandsons; one, Christopher, is on the Autism Spectrum. Because she has been aware of his struggles and the needs of these children, when she was approached by the Lacey School District Special Education Supervisor regarding a need for this population she was only too happy that we could help. Through her efforts and the generosity of our members two "sensory decompression" rooms have been provided one for Cedar Creek and one for Mill Pond. Understanding the needs of these students when they go to the Middle School she is looking to see how we can help there. Kudos to Mariana.

When she is not busy with club business, Mariana likes playing Mahjong and helping people who need help. Her motto, "Be Kind".

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 handiwork 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 or visit NJSFWC's website. 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/Carol Candeletti** -The Calendar Club tickets have been received and will be available to distribute at the September meeting this week. The sale of tickets will continue until the end of December 2025. If you can't make the meeting but would like tickets to sell before the October meeting feel free to get in touch with me and I will deliver to you. Tickets

remain \$25 with 30 chances to win. The drawings will be held at the monthly club meetings from January to June 2026. There will be one \$500 winner and four \$100 winners at each drawing. I look forward to seeing you all September 10th. Carol Candeletti will be co-chairing this year and I welcome the help. Please visit us across from Lil and Nancy and get a few tickets to purchase or sell to your friends. If you can't sell them, you can always return them to us, no problem. I bought tickets for my grandkids for Christmas last year and my oldest Jax got lucky enough to win!

Monthly Baskets: Thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraiser. At our June meeting Marge Gerba was our lucky winner and we collected \$185 which contributes to the operating expenses of our Club. Thank you.

Trips: Barbara Bowen – Welcome Back ,hope you all had a great summer ! For those of you who went on our trips to Surflicht, hope you enjoyed yourselves, I know I did ,especially Buddy Holiday ! We have 1 more play , Elf on Nov. 30th. The \$80 is due at the Oct. meeting , that is the latest. It would be better if you could bring your checks this month. Only a few of you signed up for The Grunin Theater At the Ocean County College. I have the tickets already and will be collecting more checks.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: **Cathy Katsianis** -

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