



# Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – LORI YOUNG** – It's November! Daylight savings time ends, but the holidays are just around the corner! We had such a lovely day for Lacey Day in October. We had Debbie Terry, Maria Kowalewski, Carol LaVelle, Joan Schuler, and Joan Englehardt manning our table, meeting the public, distributing candy, and spreading the word about the good works the women in the Club do. Next year, I'm hoping we will have more participation. Calendar Club sales are ongoing. Please consider taking five tickets to sell to friends and family. We would love to be able to fund four \$1,000 scholarships again this year. Don't forget to pick up your membership card at the sign-in desk today. Best wishes to all for a Thanksgiving holiday filled with joy.

**1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MARIA KOWALEWSKI -**

We have a speaker from the Ocean County Health Department who will speak about hypertension and cholesterol. Also, there will be a flyer on each table with the menu for our December 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas meeting at the Captain's Inn. Please let Lil know your choice of entrée.

**2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JO FACCIOLLI –**

I will be collecting all compiled reports at this meeting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you need a blank report, I will have some at this meeting. Please contact me or print one from the website under Member Information. I will also start creating narratives for each department. When I finish, I will send out so you can add information that may have been left out or forgotten.

**3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL LA VELLE –**

If anyone knows of a guest coming to our meeting, please let Lillis, Nancy or I 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, ANDREA HIGLEY –**

We now have 89 paid members and 7 honorary! All our licenses are up to date through December! If you are planning an event where a license will be needed, please let me know ahead of time sometimes it takes a while to receive.

**TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER:** Happy

Thanksgiving! I would like to express my thanks to Rae Maui, Carol Candeletti, Debbie Terry and Barbara Bowen for reviewing the Club's checkbooks for the year and I am pleased to report that everything has been approved.

**FEDERATION SECRETARY – LORI VIRCILLO -**

I wish you all a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. Special State Project (NJCA) are available for \$5 form Headquarters or at Shore District Council Meetings. NJSFWC Day of Service is January 20. Our Club will collect warm socks for young homeless adults. Collection date TBA. The November Almanac and flyers are available online.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Mariana Marzacco**

The WCOL will continue to fund this event as our 50/50 fundraiser. At our October meeting our lucky winner was Karen Martenak winning \$133.00. Thank you for your support.

**ARTS & CULTURE: Carol Candeletti** - We will be making dog toys from old tee shirts for Popcorn Park. This will be a joint project with Environment and Doggie Angels. Help by bring in your old tee shirts. Thank you

**ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi** - Any members interested in joining our group are welcome. We have a sing-along at the June and December meetings. We will be singing a cappella as usual.

## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH**

*This month we celebrate both Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, holidays without presents or fanfare. November and Thanksgiving....is truly a time when we can focus on the most important things: giving thanks to our family, friends and food.*

**NJ Sharing Network** - Interested in organ and tissue donation? Visit [www.registerme.org](http://www.registerme.org).

**Wrapped in Love** - Please take a minute from your day and say a short prayer for my friend Lia who continues her battle with cancer. As she sits and crochets lap blankets, I am certain each stitch is full of prayers and mediation. How special are the people who receive her lap blankets?

This month 12 blankets were sent up to New Providence. Lap blankets are sent to families two years after the "gift of life". These blankets represent a "thank you" "we have not forgotten you".

**Wreaths Across America** - As far as I can tell from the online Tally Sheet, the Club has sponsored 35 wreaths so far. I will know more by December 3rd which is the cut off for purchase for this year. I am entertaining the idea of sponsoring another cemetery next year since the Good Luck has so many other sponsors. We will discuss after the holidays. Wreaths are still available for purchase. Please see Jo Faccioli for forms. Forms are also available on the website. If you have a corporate connection, please see me for an approved letter and form specific to our Club. For every wreath purchased you are sponsoring a Veteran's grave, and our Club gets a donation back.

**Holiday Stockings: Amy Meyer** – Thank you to everyone for all your donations and help in filling the Christmas stocking for our veterans. I'm sure they will be greatly appreciated.

## **DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

**Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – Providence House:**

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving! There is so much to be grateful for especially the 13 special ladies in the DSVAP group who met to fill 10 knitted Christmas stockings for the clients of Providence House. Each stocking held the following items: hand lotion, ChapSticks, nail polish and nail files, toothbrush and floss, activity book, snacks, tissues, wipes, earrings, candles, cookies, chocolates, etc. We are hoping these stockings will bring joy to those who have felt despair. We also filled three baskets with Thanksgiving items to raffle off for the Special Education fund. The baskets include the following items: oven mitts, spoon rest, salt

and pepper shakers, dish towels, turkey platter, \$50 Shop Rite gift card, table runner, fall wreath, candy, homemade snacks, centerpiece, muffin and corn bread mixes, jars of jam, Thanksgiving themed paper plates and napkins, pumpkin hand soap, mason jar candles, etc. Make sure you buy your tickets for a chance to win a fantastic basket!!

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

## **EDUCATION & LIBRARIES**

**Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith** - November is the last month we are collecting gently used children's books for the Bridge of Books Foundation. If you aren't able to bring them to the meeting, please call Debbie Smith 609-713-8816 and I will come to you to pick them up. I will be calling ladies to help count and sort the books in early December. Thank you. Debbie.

Read Across America: Debbie Smith

**Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Maria Kowalewski** Wishing everyone a healthy and bountiful Thanksgiving. Literature will meet on Tuesday, November 19th at 12:30 in the Community Center. We will be discussing "AFTERLIFE" by Julia Alvarez. Janet and Nancy are bringing desserts.

**Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –**

**Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Mariana Marzacco -**

## **ENVIRONMENT ISSUES**

**Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser –** Happy Thanksgiving to all!

We collected 153 coats for One Warm Coat. It was a great success! Thanks to all who have contributed.

This month we are collecting gently used Tee shirts. Please bring them to the November general meeting. Arts and Creative will make pet toys with the shirts and give them to the Doggie Angels for Popcorn Park Zoo.

**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** –Both nursing homes are always in need of donations. Crystal Lake has said they need larger size clothing (easy on/off clothing, such as sweatpants).

**Food Bank: Carol Crotty** – At our October meeting we collected 105 cans of tuna and 12 miscellaneous food items for our local food bank. Please continue to support the Food Bank. Thank you!

**Operation Smile: Carol La Velle** – Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

## **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 and 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.

**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. **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: Jo Faccioli** – Is up and running. If you belong to Facebook, please visit our page and follow at <https://www.facebook.com/womanscluboflacey>

**Photos: Linda Hruska**

**Newsletter: Joan Schuler** – Please read the Newsletter to keep up to date on all our ongoing events.

**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 Joan Engelhardt, corresponding secretary of the Woman's Club of Lacey. Joan was born and grew up on Staten Island, New York. She graduated from New Dorp High School, Staten Island, in 1962. In 2007, she and her family moved to Lakewood, New Jersey, four years later to Seabreeze in Forked River.

Joan's first job was at Morgan Guaranty and two years later Paine, Webber, Jackson and Curtis. The last job she held was at the College of Staten Island, where she worked as an administrative assistant for 18 years. While working there she took classes and received an associate degree in liberal arts. She retired from college in 2007.

Joan met her husband, Ronald, at one of the dance clubs they enjoyed attending together. They were married in 1965 and recently celebrated their 59th anniversary October 10th. Ronald and Joan have one daughter, Lisa, and two grandsons, Ryan and Daniel. Lisa and her husband Geo live in Norwalk, CT. Their oldest grandson recently graduated from SUNY Maritime and will begin his new position working in that industry out of New Orleans in November. Understandably they are very proud of him!!!!

Joan joined the Woman's Club of Lacey in 2021. She was the club's roving reporter for two years and is now the corresponding secretary. She also chaired our club's committee for fundraising for the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation for children's cancer for the past two years.

Joan considers herself lucky to have enjoyed over thirty cruises to Alaska, Bermuda, Mexico and Europe. She enjoys volunteer work, attending plays

and movies as well as playing games at the clubhouse. Her plans for the future are somewhat undecided as her daughter and family plan on moving to St. Augustine, Florida, next year. She and Ronald hope to follow them at that time. For the present, they hope to enjoy each day and to remain healthy!!

## **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 handwork creation you may have. There are many categories to which you can enter including painting, needlework, poetry, short story writing, house plants, photography, etc. Please see me and I will forward the specific instructions, etc. Hopefully, you will decide to 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** - Happy Thanksgiving everyone! The Calendar Club raffle ticket sale is under way and about 250 tickets have been handed out already. For those of you who have taken tickets to sell, but have not yet paid, please try to get them back to me at the November meeting. Anyone who can't make the meeting and wants me to pick up the ticket stubs and payment just give me a call at 732-580-3397 and I will come to you. Also, if you want tickets but can't make the November meeting I can bring them to you. Remember this is our biggest fund raiser of the year and I will be right at the door throughout the meeting so please stop by. Tickets are available until the end of December. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

**Monthly Baskets:** Thank you to those who take chances on our lovely baskets. At our October meeting our basket brought in \$155.00 for our Club. Congratulations to our two winners, Chris Urban and Joan Schuler.

### **Trips: Barbara Bowen –**

Happy Thanksgiving to all and enjoy the Fall weather. I will have the tickets for Surfflight at the meeting. The final signup for the Irish Cabaret at Hunterdon Hills on Friday, March 14 is at the meeting. The payment of \$139 is due on that day or by the Nov. 25th. We presently have 15 signed up & need 5 more to reach 20 for our own pick-up. Barbara Bowen

### **Let's Get Moving: Lori Young -**

Hello ladies! So far, we have about a dozen ladies who will be logging their exercise hours for the NJSFWC's Let's Get Moving initiative. Please be sure to pull the form off the website, complete it and submit it to me each month. Please list your activity and the amount of time you spend doing it each month.

For example, my log for October will show:  
Yoga – 6 hours, Fitness Class – 6 hours, Walking – 9.25 hours. If you need help with the form, just let me know! Thanks, everyone.

### **SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Maria Fiorenza**

## **BIRTHDAY**

### **NOVEMBER:**

Imelda Fragomeni	11/02
Lillis Campbell	11/05
Marilyn Hock	11/05
Sandy DeYonker	11/14
Peggy Bea	11/19
Valerie Negra	11/29
Judy Schermerhorn	11/30

### **DECEMBER:**

Carol Jones	12/3
Eleanor DelVecchio	12/8
Robin O'Brien	12/10
Karen Perks	12/10
Joan Engelhardt	12/16
Jo Faccioli	12/17
Jackie Stephens	12/18
Jackie Ott	12/19
Carol LaVelle	12/23
Carol Candeletti	12/29
BJ Graham	12/29