

STATE DATES -2026

SEPTEMBER 2026

1 – NJSFWC Executive Committee Meeting
9 – NJSFWC Board of Directors Meeting
26 – GFWC International Day of Service

OCTOBER 2026

6 – NJSFWC Executive Committee Meeting
9-11 – Mid Atlantic Region (MAR) Conference
13 – NJSFWC Board of Directors Meeting
26 – NJSFWC Education & Libraries ZOOM Book Discussion

DISTRICT DOINGS 2026

College District Council

Contact: shoemaker@njsfwc.org
Thursday, September 24
NJSFWC Headquarters
55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick
Registration: 10:00 am
Meeting: 10:30 am

RSVP by September 14

Garden District Council

Contact: fairchild@njsfwc.org
Thursday, September 17
The Haddon Fortnightly
301 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield
Registration: 6:00 pm
Meeting: 6:45 pm

RSVP by September 8 to Jan Ralls, jralls118@gmail.com

Highlands District Council

Contact: garbarino@njsfwc.org
Thursday, September 10
Senior Community Center Parsippany-Troy Hills
1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha (for GPS use Boonton)
Meeting Registration: 9:30 am
Meeting: 10:00 am

RSVP August 31 to N. Sanichar, nanda439@gmail.com

Liberty District Council

Contact: finn@njsfwc.org
Tuesday, September 22
Henrietta Bernstead Senior Building
60 Columbia Avenue, Kearny
Registration: 9:30 am
Meeting: 10:00 am

Palisades District Council

Contact: shelley25@yahoo.com
Wednesday, September 16
Woman's Club of Westwood
205 Kinderkamack Road, Westwood
Registration: 6:00 pm
Meeting: 6:30 pm

RSVP by September 9

Ramapo District Council

Contact: ramapodvp@gmail.com
Tuesday September 15
Woman's Club of Ridgewood Club House
215 West Ridgewood Avenue, Ridgewood
Registration: 6:00 pm
Meeting: 6:45 pm

RSVP by September 10 (riasvette@gmail.com)

Shore District Council

Contact: reddick@njsfwc.org
Monday, September 28
Woman's Club of Matawan Clubhouse
199 Jackson Street, Matawan
Registration: 9:30 am
Meeting: 10:00 am

RSVP to your Club President

Southern District Council

Contact: crawford@njsfwc.org
Wednesday, September 23
Millville Woman's Club
300 E Street, Millville
Registration and light supper: 5:15 pm
Meeting: 6:00 pm

RSVP by September 18 to Barbara Westog (856) 327-2790

Important Deadline Dates - 2026 for Club Presidents

SEPTEMBER

8 – Operation Smile Donations Due
14 – AI Workshop
19 – GCI Workshop
23 – Fall Conference Registration
29 – NJSFWC Leadership Workshop

OCTOBER

1 – Membership Grant Application Due
14 – Canva Workshop
15 – Leadership Workshop (Zoom only)
19 – Fall Conference
20, 22, 27 – Operation Holiday Stocking Dropoff Days
22 – Registration for Zoom Book Discussion (with Lisa Wingate)
27 – Report Writing Workshop



NJSFWC

2026 MEMBERSHIP GRANT

All Clubs are eligible to apply for a \$100 grant awarded to clubs in 2026-2027. There will be two club winners from each Membership Category.

The deadline for all applications is October 1, 2026

Grants will be awarded to qualifying clubs based on the following areas:

- Recruitment of new members
- Retention and rewarding existing members

Clubs are asked to outline their membership plans in no more than a 500-word narrative summary that demonstrates your membership activities. Also include how your club will utilize the grant.

All grants must be MAILED and POSTMARKED by October 1, 2026, to

NJSFWC Federation Headquarters

55 Labor Center Way

New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1593

EMAIL APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

All Applications must have the following information on the top of the application:

Club Name:

Membership from the Yearbook Data form 2026:

Membership Chairman's Name:

Membership Chairman's Email and Phone Number:

NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF GFWC

Office Use

Rec'd

Cash

Check

STATE YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

(2026-2027)

COST: \$ 35.00 (per copy - if picked up at Headquarters)

\$ 40.00 (per copy - if mailed)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NJSFWC

MAIL TO: New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1593

PRINT CLEARLY - Be sure ADDRESS is CORRECT - COMPLETE - READABLE

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

NAME ADDRESS ZIP

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____





THE 1894 SOCIETY

The NJSFWC Headquarters Building, built with trading stamps, is located on land leased from Rutgers University. The Federation's lease with Rutgers sets the rental amount at a percentage of the value of the land. The value of land has increased.

The 1894 Society was initiated in 2002 in an effort to build a fund that will enable the NJSFWC to fund the land rental

To Donate by Credit Card:

- 1) Go to: njsfwc.org
- 2) Click on: **DONATE** (yellow button top of page)
- 3) Insert the dollar amount you are paying (where it shows \$0)
- 4) Select: **Donate with "Credit Card or Debit Card"**
- 5) In the **Write A Note** put **"1894 Society"**
(*You do not need to complete the By Check Form Below*)
- 6) Complete your Credit Card information
 - a. Billing Address,
 - b. Email address,
 - c. Phone number.
- 7) Select **DONATE NOW**
- 8) An email confirming your donation is sent to your email and to njsfwc.hq@gmail.com.



To Donate by QR Code:

Scan the QR Code above to donate using your credit card on our PayPal Account.

Complete the information as outlined by Credit Card

To Donate by Check:

Please enroll me/our club in the 1894 Society for the 2026-2027 club year (April 1, 2026-March 31, 2027). Place "X" in box indicating whether Individual or Club donation.

Enclosed is my/our donation of:

___ \$18.94 ___ \$20.00 ___ \$189.40 ___ \$1,894.00 \$ ___ Other

☐ Name of Individual _____ District _____
(If Individual donation please note Club you belong to but do not Check box next to Club Name)

☐ Club _____ District _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email* _____

Make checks payable to "NJSFWC", earmarked "1894 Society". Mail check and donation form to:
NJSFWC Headquarters, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

* All e-mail addresses will automatically be added to the NJSFWC eConnection distribution list. The NJSFWC eConnection brings current Federation news to your e-mail box. All information is confidential. All donations are tax deductible.



2026 NJSFWC WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

Here is a preview of upcoming 2026 workshops and seminars.

Details on these workshops will be provided in upcoming e-Connections and at the September District Councils. You can contact the Officers leading these seminars directly through their email address.

September 14, 2026, 10:30 am to 12 pm

Artificial Intelligence Workshop (See ALMANAC Flyer)

Katie Chambers Communications Chairman

(email: chambers2@njsfwc.org)

September 29, 2026, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm (In person and Zoom)

October 15 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (Zoom only)

Leadership Workshop (See ALMANAC Flyer)

Chris Sienkielewski President-Elect

(email: sienkielewski@njsfwc.org)

October 14, 2026, Registration 9:30 am

Workshop 10:00 am to 12 noon

Canva Workshop (See ALMANAC Flyer)

Kathy Reddick Shore DVP & Shelley Rothstein Palisades DVP

(email: reddick@njsfwc.org and rothstein@njsfwc.org)

October 27, 2026 10:30 am to 12 pm

November 18, 2026, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm (Zoom only)

Reporting Writing

Patricia Dahl First Vice President

(email: dahl@njsfwc.org)

November 5, 2026, 10:30 am to 12pm (Virtual)

Parliamentary Basic Workshop

Deen Meloro Parliamentarian to the NJSFWC Board & GFWC Credentials Chairman

(email: meloro@njsfwc.org)

Revised 8/24/2026



Operation Smile recognized NJSFWC's dedication to their cause by awarding us a 2026 Hope Builder's Award.

Help us keep up the good work!

All donations are due by September 8:

- Small plastic (no glass) mirrors
- Patient gowns made to Operation Smile specifications (check their website for details)
- Matchbox-type cars/vehicles
- Small stuffed Beanie Baby size or small animals
- Soft/foam/beach balls
- Dolls
- Little people
- Fidget and etch-a- sketch
- Dominos
- Children's card games
- Thin coloring books
- Crayons (8-12 in a box)
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Drawing paper
- Play-doh
- Children's paint sets
- Ten large-wheeled suitcases in good repair

All donations must be delivered to NJSFWC Headquarters, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick or directly to Jill McDonald at 26 Bastian Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 no later than September 8. All questions regarding delivery, packing, inventory sheets and other required paperwork should be sent to Jill at jillmcdon@aol.com or call her at 732-610-4806.



AI Workshop

Interested in Artificial Intelligence? A bit leery? Unnerved? Frightened? See how AI can help you and your club without losing the human touch.



Led by Katie Chambers, NJSFWC Communications Chairman and New York Women in Film & Television's Senior Director of Community & Public Relations

Monday, September 14, 2026
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

NJSFWC Headquarters
55 Labor Center Way
New Brunswick, NJ

**Register
Today!**

RSVP to
chambers2@njsfwc.org

Live Zoom Broadcast available for those who cannot attend in-person. Please indicate in-person or virtual attendance in your RSVP.



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE GIRLS CAREER INSTITUTE 2027.



IF YOUR CLUB PLANS TO SPONSOR A JUNIOR FOR GCI 2027 IT IS IMPERATIVE
THAT AT LEAST ONE CLUB MEMBER ATTEND THIS MEETING! IF YOU CHOOSE
TO BE ON ZOOM, PLEASE EMAIL ELLEN LUND GCI CHAIRMAN
AT ELABC123@GMAIL.COM TO RECEIVE THE ZOOM INFORMATION.



Saturday, September 19th at Headquarters at 10:00 am

NJSFWC

Leadership Workshop

Empowering all club members with creative tools for the future

Date	September 29, 2026
Time	10:30 AM to 12:30PM
Location	NJSFWC Headquarters, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick in person and on Zoom There will be a repeat on October 15 th only through Zoom at 7:00PM to 9:00PM
Cost	Free for all registered volunteers

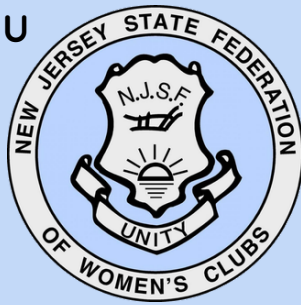
What You'll Learn

- Effective communication & motivation
 - Bylaws - how important are they?
 - Project planning & delegation skills
 - Active Listening Skills
 - Utilizing Board members
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Register at sienkielewski@njsfwc.org

Questions? Chris Sienkielewski - sienkielewski@njsfwc.org

NJSFWC INVITES YOU
TO A BEGINNERS
WORKSHOP



Getting Started With Canva

PRESENTED BY DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS
KATHY REDDICK, SHORE DISTRICT
SHELLEY ROTHSTEIN, PALISADES DISTRICT



Learn the basics of Canva
Promote your club with
professionally styled invitations,
event flyers, presentations and
social media content

Wednesday October 14th

Federation Headquarters
55 Labor Center Way
New Brunswick NJ

Susan Chambers, President
"NJSFWC - A Force For Good"



WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Learn to use Design Templates
- Get creative with fonts
- Use elements for a professional look

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING
THEIR OWN LAPTOP
CANVA SIGN-UP INFORMATION
WILL BE PROVIDED IN
ADVANCE OF WORKSHOP**

**RSVP BY 10/5 TO SHELLEY ROTHSTEIN
ROTHSTEIN@NJSFWC.ORG**

SPACE IS LIMITED

IN-PERSON WORKSHOP



New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs of GFWC
Susan Chambers, President
"NJSFWC-A Force For Good"

NJSFWC STATE FALL CONFERENCE 2026

Monday, October 19, 2026

Harbor Point, 83 Channel Drive, Point Pleasant Beach 08742*

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 - NON-REFUNDABLE
No Late Registrations Will Be Accepted

- Conference Registration 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
- Morning Session 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Speaker: Lorraine Joewono, Executive Director, Bergen County Division of Senior Services, "Senior Services Available to All"

Luncheon 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

- Afternoon Session 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Speaker: Connie Palmer, MSW, "How to have a Healthy Club and Organization"
- GFWC & Membership Awards

Adjournment 3:00 p.m.

MENU

Appetizers, Caesar Salad
Choice of: Crabmeat Stuffed Flounder **OR** Braised Ribs **OR** Penne Vodka
Roasted Potatoes & Vegetables
Chocolate Mousse
Coffee or Tea, Pitchers of Regular Soda or Diet will be on the Table
Cash Bar
Cost per person - \$70.00

Make check payable to "NJSFWC State Fall Conference" and MAIL to:

NJSFWC Federation Headquarters
55 Labor Center Way
New Brunswick, N.J. 08901-1593

Attn: NJSFWC State Fall Conference 2026, Registration Form

RETURN FORM WITH YOUR CHECK, PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Use back of Registration Form if more registrations needed

*Harbor Point Directions on back

Directions to the Harbor Point Restaurant
(formerly The Lobster Shanty)

83 Channel Drive Point Pleasant Beach 08742

From the North: Garden State Parkway South to Exit 98 to NJ Route 34 South at the traffic circle take the 3 exit and stay on 34 South in 4.6 miles take a sharp left onto Hawthorne Ave ,keep right toward Broadway in .5 mile turn left onto Boston Ave then right on to Channel Drive

From the South Garden State Parkway North to exit 91 towards County route 549 Herbertsville then left onto Burrsville Road then right onto Burnt Tavern Road in 2 miles turn left onto NJ-70 in 2.6 miles turn right onto NJ-35 in 1.9 miles take a sharp left onto Hawthorn Ave keep right to continue toward Broadway in .5 mile turn Left onto Boston Ave then right onto Channel Drive.

NJSFWC STATE FALL CONFERENCE 2026

MENU

INDICATE CHOICE OF MAIN ENTREE

Salad

Choice of Crabmeat Stuffed Flounder

or Braised Ribs or Penne Vodka

CLUB: _____

DISTRICT: _____

NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE & EMAIL _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK _____ CHECK NUMBER: _____

ATTENDEES: _____ Beef Fish Pasta

Please indicate "first time attendee" and/or "Club President"

YOU MAY LIST ADDITIONAL NAMES ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE

FALL CONFERENCE HOTEL AND DINNER ARRANGEMENTS FOR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026



HOTEL INFORMATION

If you plan to stay overnight the day before the conference, you may arrange with “The Breakers” hotel, 1507 Ocean Ave., Spring Lake.

There is a special rate of \$125 plus tax but you must tell them you are from the New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs to receive this rate. They can be reached on 732-449-7700.



PRE CONFERENCE DINNER

Whether you plan to stay overnight or not, feel free to attend a pre-conference dinner on Sunday, October 18th, 6:00 pm, the Regency Room in the Breakers for a delicious buffet with a variety of food that should be pleasing to all.

Cost is \$36, please make your check payable to:

Rosemarie Saviello and mail to 2946 Springwater Ct., Toms River, 08755.

The deadline for registering for the dinner is **September 26, 2026**.

All are welcome!

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ro Saviello, 973-981-0057

Operation Holiday Stocking



2026



HELP SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

NJSFWC WILL BE COLLECTING STOCKINGS FOR OPERATION JERSEY CARES

Suggested items for stockings are listed on the reverse side. Fill out the list by numerating the stockings contents and bring it with the stockings. 1 list per club.

No alcohol, chocolate or batteries. No liquids, large items, or anything with metal or glass. **Stockings should be no larger than 12"** packed in large egg cartons or medium sized moving box---**do not use shopping bags.**

Drop off Dates:

**Tuesday, October 20th, Thursday , October 22nd, and Tuesday,
October 27th from 9am to 12 noon**

** START SHOPPING **

****No Cans/Magazines/Books/Hotel toiletries/Chocolates, Glass, or Batteries****

*****NO ALCOHOL OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING ALCOHOL*****

****No shaving creams/gels/sprays/aerosols as they may be restricted****

DO NOT sew stockings closed! Instead use a safety pin to secure the top.

Please include a monetary donation to help offset the shipping costs.

Food Items Requested:

- ☐ Liquid Water Enhancer (Mio)
- ☐ Electrolyte Powder Packets
- ☐ Powdered Drink Mix (Crystal Light)
- ☐ Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate
- ☐ Oatmeal Packets
- ☐ Soup Packets
- ☐ Sponges/Loofahs
- ☐ Bagged Tuna/Chicken (tear-open pouches)
- ☐ Breakfast/Granola/Protein Bars
- ☐ Peanut Butter/Cheese Sandwich Crackers
- ☐ Beef Jerky/Slim Jim's
- ☐ Nuts/Seeds/Trail Mix
- ☐ Dried Fruit/Raisins
- ☐ Salty Snacks (Chips/Pretzels/Popcorn)
- ☐ Snack Cakes/Cookies
- ☐ Chewing Gum
- ☐ Hard Candy
- ☐ Chewy Candy

Other Items:

- ☐ Puzzle/Sudoku Books
- ☐ Writing Pads
- ☐ Pens/Pencils
- ☐ Eyeglass Lens Wipes/Repair Kits
- ☐ Sewing Kits
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Hacky Sacks/Cards

Medical & Other Items:

- ☐ gauze bandages/field bandages
- ☐ various sizes of adhesive bandages/bandaids/butterfly bandages
- ☐ hemostatic bandages and agents that help stop bleeding (Quikclot/Celox)
- ☐ individual iodine/alcohol/antiseptic wipes
- ☐ individual doses of acetaminophen, ibuprofen, aspirin, and other medicinal medications
- ☐ medical adhesive tape
- ☐ antibacterial ointments/disinfectants/burn creams
- ☐ medihoney strips

Specialty Items for Women:

- ☐ Moisturizing Bath Soap
- ☐ Body Wash
- ☐ Body Lotion
- ☐ Feminine Hygiene Product
- ☐ Protein Powder
- ☐ Emery Boards
- ☐ Single packaged Facial Masks
- ☐ Shower Caps
- ☐ Hair Ties (Brown/Black)
- ☐ Cotton Swabs

Hygiene Items:

- ☐ Foot Powder (Medicated)
- ☐ Deodorant (sticks only)
- ☐ Sunscreen (lotion only)
- ☐ Baby/Cleansing Wipes
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ Tissues (Individual Packs)
- ☐ Lip Balm/Chapstick
- ☐ Visine/Saline Eye Drops
- ☐ Baby Powder
- ☐ Neosporin/Bacitracin
- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Dental Floss

Name of Club _____ **District** _____

Number of Stockings _____ **Cash/Check Donated \$** _____

****Make checks payable to NJSFWC****

Please fill out the total quantity in all the stockings combined and submit one list per club to the office along with any cash or check donation for shipping

NJSFWC OPEN HOUSE



Join our **unending circle of friendship** during our open house wreath sale



**Thursday, November 12, 2026
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM**



Light refreshments will be served

Seating is limited

*RSVP Headquarters at
openhouse@NJSFWC.org*

Requesting

Donations of wreaths to benefit
The 1894 Society are requested

*(Buy or make a wreath to donate; may be floral or
a holiday theme, be creative – go for it!)*

**Please drop off the wreaths at
Headquarters during the week of
October 19th**





NJSFWC EDUCATION & LIBRARIES CSP

STATEWIDE ZOOM BOOK DISCUSSION WITH

Lisa Wingate

Bestselling Author of
Shelterwood

(Published June 2024)



Inspired by true events, *Shelterwood* is a captivating work of historical fiction set in Oklahoma during the early 1900s. The novel draws on the efforts of reformer **Kate Barnard** and members of the **Oklahoma Federation of Women's Clubs** who worked to protect vulnerable children living in the forests during the state's oil boom. While the characters are fictional, the historical events are rooted in extensive research.



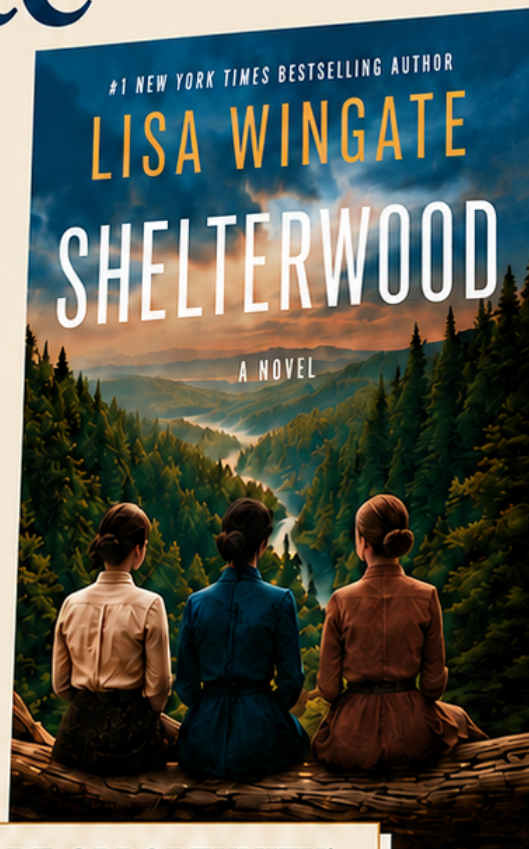
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026



7:00 PM – 8:00 PM



ZOOM



A RARE OPPORTUNITY!

Talk with bestselling author
Lisa Wingate live on Zoom!
Hear her insights about
Shelterwood and have your
questions answered.

➤ **FREE FOR NJSFWC MEMBERS!** ➤

REGISTRATION REQUESTED BY OCTOBER 22, 2026

Option 1: Scan the QR Code



OR



quilici@njsfwc.org

Clubs are encouraged to
register as a group by having
one member submit names and
email addresses of all participants.

*Don't miss this inspiring evening with
Lisa Wingate – we hope you will join us!*

NJSFWC – A FORCE FOR GOOD



46th ANNUAL
WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT
May 3, 2027 – Atlantic City
NOMINATION FORM

Sponsored by
New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC
and
Douglass Residential College of Rutgers, The State University

Deadline: November 13, 2026

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO:

(Photocopies accepted)

New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC
55 Labor Center Way
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
732-249-5474

Nominee's Name: _____

Affiliation/Title/Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Phone/s: _____ Email: _____

Is the nominee a Federated Clubwoman? _____ If yes, what Club? _____

Please explain on separate sheets why you believe the above nominee should be honored. Include professional/personal accomplishments, activities, qualities and achievements. Supportive materials (resume, curriculum vitae, news clippings, etc.) should be attached.

NOTE: To be eligible for this honor, each nominee must be a woman who has gained visibility in New Jersey for her contributions. It is mandatory that all selected nominees receiving the award attend the event in order to receive this award.

Nominated By: _____

Address: _____

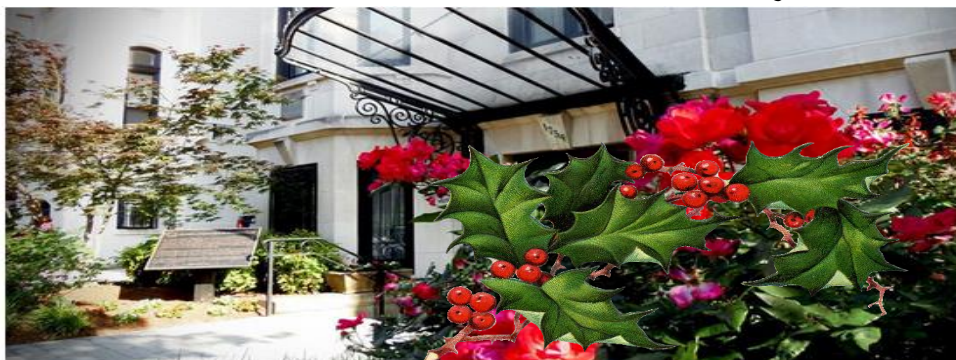
Phone/s: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to nominee*

****Self-nominations and nominations from family members are not eligible for consideration***



**OPEN HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC
HEADQUARTERS**



Sponsored by Eighth District Contemporaries Woman's Club

**Wednesday, December 9, 2026
1:00 to 3:00 PM**

\$80 per person (if 40 people attend)
Bus trip with refreshments are covered in the price

Reservations and payment are due by October 15th to:

Annette Bortone
226 Kingsland Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
201-873-1913
Call to reserve your seat

Remember your PU Location:

7:30 AM Lyndhurst Transit Lot 8:45 AM NJSFWC Headquarters 10:00 AM Pennsville Super 8 Motel

**Return this section with a check made payable to:
*Eighth District Contemporaries Woman's Club***

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____
(Please print)

Club Name: _____

Check desired Pick-up Location:

____ 7:30 AM – Lyndhurst Transit Lot, 558 New York Avenue, Lyndhurst

____ 8:45 AM – NJSFWC Headquarters, New Brunswick

____ 10:00 AM – Pennsville Super 8 Motel, 1413 North Broadway