

Vice President

It's that time of the year again! The annual reports have been released by NJSFWC. Please look for your 2025 report form in an email from me or you may find them on the NSF WC website under <https://njsfwc.org/materials/> Annual Report Forms and Instructions. Please read the "Annual Report Instructions" and "Where Should We Report It" forms. These instructions explain what to do and what committee should report it. Those files were attached to my email.

The "Committee" Report Form is the pdf fillable form and the Project Description is your narrative report (max 2 pages). New this year -- please note NJSFWC has said that there are to be NO PICTURES in the Project Descriptions.

Linda and I are asking that all Report Forms and Project Descriptions be completed and emailed to Andrea (cc Linda) **no later than January 10th**. We will review, compile, print, and mail the forms by **Feb. 1**. Email 2 of 2 will contain your 2024 Report Forms + Project Description for your reference. Note we are only reviewing to make sure the correct items are reported under the committees and typos only. We won't make any unnecessary changes.

Corresponding Secretary

Our mailbox continues to contain updates and newsletters from the many organizations that our club supports throughout the year.

Thank you letters and notes of gratitude continue to be sent to the many businesses and individuals who so generously donated items and services for the October Bingo basket auction, which helped to make our event a huge success.

Thank you to our MWC members who solicited these donations.

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Any questions or comments are most welcome. **Please feel free to call or text anytime.** Thank you very much for doing these reports. They go a long way to document all the wonderful activities we do throughout the year.

⇒ Annual reporting period is 1/1-12/31/25. The Blue Sheet no. of members for 2025 is 37.

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Federation Information

NJSFWC President Barbara McCloskey will be attending our November General Meeting and bring greetings.

Garden District Council Meeting
Thursday, January 15

Garden District Performing Arts Day
March 27, 2026

Garden District Achievement Day
April 16, 2026

NJSFWC Convention at Hard Rock
May 3-6, 2026

Treasurer

If you make purchases on behalf of the club, a ST-5 form is available to exempt the purchase from sales tax. See Barbara or Linda for any questions and for the form.

FY2026 budget will be presented at the November General Meeting (currently under review with the Executive Officers).

- ◆ Operating Account Balance \$13,131.27
- ◆ Fundraising Account Balance \$8,021.00

NOTE: Excludes Bingo proceeds

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Recent Collection Efforts

- ⇒ We collected \$54.46 for Heifer at the October meeting, which brings us to a total of \$186.98 for this fiscal year.
- ⇒ The candy bar sales raised \$592.00 for Veterans Haven.
- ⇒ The NJ Children's Alliance, which is the beneficiary of our Boscov's Friends Helping Friends coupon sales, landed at a total of \$1,022.00 and that will be mailed to headquarters this month.
- ⇒ For the SSP, we had a speaker from the New Jersey Children's Alliance at our October Open House. The Marlton Woman's Club donated **95 pairs** of gloves and hats for their centers. Wow. Watch for upcoming news of a Duffle Bag project in the new year.

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Contact: Shelly Thomas ~ (609) 680-7397
NEW: shelly@marltonwomansclub.com



Save The Date

Boscov's Gift Wrapping

December 13-19

10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Volunteers needed for 2 hour shifts

Boscov's Store—Moorestown



Marlton
WOMAN'S CLUB
volunteers in action

NJSFWC of GFWC | marltonwomansclub.com

New Boscov's Holiday Event

Boscov's Moorestown store (where Sandy Meltz works) has given us an opportunity for a new fundraiser. On **Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9:30 - 2:30, we need at least 10 members** to help with the following holiday activities. The event will be open to shoppers from 10 AM - 2 PM. Boscov's will provide donation boxes, all the supplies, the Santa suit, and the tables and chairs.

We need to provide the following for this event:

- ◆ Story time: we need **at least 1 member** to read holiday themed stories to children of various ages and **1 helper**
- ◆ Photo booth: we need **1 member (spouse or**

friend) to be Santa and **1 member** to take pictures of children with Santa using the parent's phone

- ◆ Craft tables: we need **at least 2 members** to help the children with holiday themed coloring sheets
- ◆ Check-in: Boscov's expects there to be many families that will want pictures with Santa. Therefore, they are suggesting we have **at least 2 members** to check in people. Each family will be given a group number sticker. The group number will be announced when it is time for the families to return for their photos.

Details from Boscov's were emailed to club members. There will be a sign up sheet at the November 24th meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Meltz or Linda Magee directly.

General Meeting Notes

- ◆ **NJSFWC President Barbara McCloskey** will be attending our November Meeting and bringing greetings. Please welcome her to our meeting. She was rescheduled from September.
- ◆ The Board encourages Committee Chairs to limit their general meeting presentations to **3 minutes per committee**. We know many of you are passionate about the committees you lead, but we really would appreciate you following this time limit to keep the meetings moving. If a subject is in the *Patchwork*, you only need to hit the highlights during your presentation.
- ◆ The table with **sign up sheets** has been moved closer to the entrance for better traffic flow. If you are bringing a sign-up sheet to the meeting, please let Linda Magee know by the Thursday before the General Meeting so she can note it on the agenda. Many members arrive late and don't get the opportunity to sign-up until after the meeting. Often, the sign-up sheets have been collected at this time and people therefore cannot sign up. By noting it on the agenda, members can then follow up with the committee chair if they missed the opportunity to sign up.

2025 Holiday Dinner Monday, December 1

Break out your ugly sweater or Holiday Attire! It's that time of year again. We will again hold our annual Holiday Dinner at the Gibson House with Casa Nostra catering. Cost is \$40 per member. The event is **Monday, Dec. 1** at 6:00 PM. Food will begin to be served at 6:15 PM. Set up will begin at 4:15 PM. Payment due by **November 24** at the General Meeting (Venmo, Zelle, cash, check).

The theme will be an **Ugly Sweater/Holiday Attire Night**. The menu will be: House Garden Salad, Bruschetta, Stuffed Mushrooms with Sausage, Penne Vodka, Pasta with Broccoli and Garlic, Chicken Francaise, Eggplant Rollatini and a Vegetable Tray.

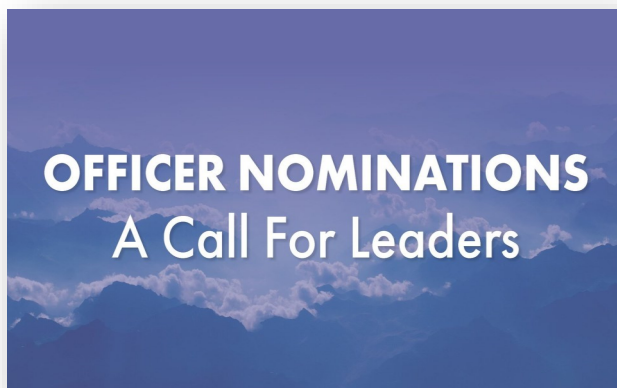
We will again be doing a gift exchange of new items valued between \$10-\$20, wrap your gift if you plan to participate. If you want, you may add a tag indicating who is giving the gift.

Of course, there will be games, music, and lots of fun with friends. Don't forget your gifts for the kids and their families if you took a name from June. If you have any questions, please call [Linda Magee](#).

Officer Nominations

According to our bylaws, the slate of 2026 officer candidates are to be presented at our February 2026 meeting. If you are interested in running for a position, please see one of members of the Executive Officer Nominating Committee: Andrea Hearing, Sue Gaskill, Meryl Schindler, and Linda Magee.

President position will remain the same. Who is willing to serve another term? Vice President (2), Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary positions are open. Please think about serving your club with a board position.



Civic Engagement & Outreach

On Monday, Nov. 3 seven members met with June Adair and enjoyed reading 27 essays to select the winners for this year's contest. Six winners were chosen. On Tuesday, November 11, a group of club members attended assemblies at VanZant and Jaggard Elementary Schools to present the winners with a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble. Each student also received a goody bag and a personalized certificate.

A quote from one of the students' essays:

"Veterans Day is important because it helps us remember that our freedoms are not free. Veterans worked hard and took big risks to protect us. By saying thank you and learning about their stories, we make sure we always remember their bravery and kindness."



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Advocates for Children

Little Hands, Little Feet

Many thanks for all of the continued support for Little Hands, Little Feet. We are continuing our annual fall clothing drive through our November General Meeting **November 24th**. LHLF is in urgent need of boys clothing sizes 3-7 and teen girl and boy clothing. They also accept small stuffed toys and children's books.

All donations are gratefully accepted. Donations may be brought to the November meeting or large donations can be dropped off directly to LHLF at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church on Route 70 in Cherry Hill. If you drop off directly, please fill out a Project Report including value of the items donated and submit to Paula W. or Debbie H.

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npwormald@comcast.net

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Odds and Ends

- ◆ Bylaws review committee – we need two members, see sign up sheet. There are proposed revisions to our Bylaws. Board approval is needed at January meeting, then presented at January General Meeting for club approval.
- ◆ 2026 calendar has been updated with our General Meetings and Board Meetings.
- ◆ There will not be a General Meeting in December. Our next General Meeting will be January 26. Where did the year go?
- ◆ Domestic violence committee will be setting up the Christmas shop for Providence house Dec. 11 and Dec. 12 (Noon-2:00 p.m., 4 volunteers needed). Contact Donna Gatti.

Health and Wellness Awareness

MWC's **walking groups** continue on Tuesday and Friday mornings and on many evenings. It's been fun to get together with friends and get healthy together. Walking is an excellent way to keep our bodies young and strong! Please Contact Sue Gaskill (mornings) or Sherry Haines (evenings) to join our text threads!

2026 is fast approaching, and with it, the annual **MWC Healthy Bodies Challenge!** Each year, participants spend the first 90 days getting as healthy as we can, to benefit our own bodies and someone's favorite charity! You will hear more about this event at the November meeting, and you will see emails in December with full information on the challenge and how to sign up. Let's make 2026 the year we achieve our fitness goals!!

November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month. This designation was created in 2007 to spotlight the sheer number of homeless teens in the USA, and raise awareness of the risks and challenges these young people face. The link below has more information, including some startling statistics and ways that each of us can help:

[https://www.bing.com/search?](https://www.bing.com/search?PC=PI02&q=national+homeless+youth+awareness+month&FORM=PISBRL)

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Contact: Sue Gaskill

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Club Group Email Addresses

Are you looking to send an email to a group in the Marlton Woman's Club? It's simpler than ever. Simply address your email to the following pre-set distribution groups and it will easily reach those you intend:

MWC-Board@marltonwomansclub.com

Group email for MWC Board Members

MWC-Members@marltonwomansclub.com

Group email for all club members

MWC-Chairs@marltonwomansclub.com

Group email for Committee Chairwomen

Come on out to Club Activities! There's something for everyone

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the October Open House and learning more about our active committees. For both new and seasoned members, please remember:

- You do NOT have to be a member of a committee to participate in their event. Committee members are the ones who plan the events. All can participate! And friends are welcome.
- You do not have to give money or in-kind donations to every event. *In-kind donations* are ones that you buy items and give them to the club. Your only financial obligation is to pay your club dues. All other donations are at your discretion. **No one** is keeping track of how much you donate to what event.

Environment

Tennis Anyone?

Recycling Tennis Balls is a New Environmental Initiative!

You probably never thought about it, but Americans use about 130 million tennis balls each year. The US Open alone uses over 70,000 per year and new balls are opened every few games. In a landfill, this would equate to about 7 metric tons, which could take several hundreds of years to decompose, while releasing toxic chemicals into the air! Several companies, such as reBounce and RecycleBalls, with companies in West Virginia and Vermont, are collecting used balls from sports clubs, schools and the general public (they will send you a prepaid bin to fill), to be recycled.

A large machine separates the felt from the rubber. The felt is called "Green Gold" and is crushed. It is recycled into a stucco-like product to be used to coat the outside of buildings. The rubber is crumbled, and is used in landscaping, playground surfacing, roofing tiles, and artificial turf. Still more are actually used in the creation of new tennis courts and tennis balls. There is a lot of research now being done to develop even more uses for the recycled rubber and felt, and other countries like the UK and Australia, are also developing ways to recycle tennis balls and reuse the byproducts.

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Contact: Genni Fardella ~ (856) 278-4880 cell
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Cookie Exchange Social

- ◆ Date: **Thursday, Dec. 11** (7-9 p.m.)
- ◆ Place: Eileen McKeon's home (1 Jonquil Place, Marlton, Village Greenes)
- ◆ Sign up at November meeting

Watch for more information on our 2nd Annual Cookie Exchange Social.

Exchange will be limited to minimize the number cookies one needs to bring.

Please bring **homemade** cookies (no store bought) along with your recipe so other may snap a picture of it if they desire.

Bring your cookies on your favorite holiday dish. We will have plastic gloves to use while handling cookies.

This is a BYOB social so bring snacks and your favorite beverage. Looking forward to seeing you and hopefully making this an annual social with the great women of the Marlton Woman's Club. Happy baking! Guidelines will be sent out once we know how many bakers are participating.

Eileen McKeon, Nancy Schwartz, Sue Price

Membership

Hello Ladies! October was another great month! We welcomed New Member **Christine Thompson**! We are happy you have decided to join us and look forward to working with you! Everyone has really stepped up and is getting our name out there! Evesham's Trunk or Treat & the Veteran's Day Essay Contest are wonderful examples of how the community is hearing about us. The only better way for us to be found is by YOU, our wonderful members, so please keep up the great work! New Members are also finding us on Facebook, our website and Instagram. Every inquiry receives a Hello email with our most recent copy of the *Patchwork* attached.

Please be sure to mark the **attendance sheet** located at the first table upon entry to The Gibson House. If you are unable to attend and would like to do so remotely, please reach out to Andrea or Linda for a link. I will mark you as present.

Business cards have been ordered and will be available to all club members. Tuck some in your purse to hand out to prospective members you encounter!

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Sherry@marltonwomansclub.com

Gifts for Rice Children

June Adair mentioned that a few members took cards for children/families and did not note it on the sign-up sheet. Can you please let June know at (856) 264-1808 call/text if you took a card and did not sign up. Make sure to note the name of the child for whom you signed up to get a gift.

Please remember to bring your gifts to the Holiday Dinner on December 1.

Thanks much!

Welcome New Member

CHRISTINE THOMPSON

39 Longhurst Road ~ Marlton, NJ 08053

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(856) 906-4911

Likes swimming, yoga, reading

Birthdate: July 25

Brought in by: Cookie Comer

Zoom Report Writing Workshop Thursday, December 11 (7:30 PM)

Attention Program Chairwomen:

This will be the final Report Writing Workshop to help those doing the Report Writing for your club. Chris Sienkielewski, NJSFWC First Vice President, will cover general report writing tips and guidelines, and answer any questions you may have. GFWC Marlton Woman's Club is a proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs. Reports should tell a story about the events that your committee held over the year ; no imbedded pictures and limited to 2 pages printed on one side. To be sent the Zoom Link, contact Chris at sienkielewski@njsfwc.org

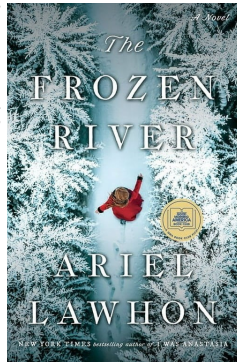


Education and Libraries

Book Club (January 2026, host TBD)

The Book Club will be reading, "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon for our January selection.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • GMA BOOK CLUB PICK • AN NPR BOOK OF THE YEAR • From the New York Times bestselling author of *I Was Anastasia* and *Code Name Hélène* comes a gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history.



The bag of books is not available from the library so we will need to purchase or borrow the book. We also decided we will meet on **Tuesday, Jan. 13** since we will be picking up the next bag of books on Jan. 12. Does anyone want to host? Please let us know.

Contact: June Adair

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Arts Performing

As a club we will be attending Cherokee High School's performance of **Disney's The Little Mermaid**. Friday, December 5th. We will go out to dinner together before the show. Please come to dinner even if you didn't purchase a ticket for the event. Please bring your ideas for a dining location to the next meeting.

If anyone has a favorite poem they would like to share with us at a meeting, please get in touch with Val.

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We have a new Marlton Woman's Club Instagram account ... follow us and share!

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**Spelling
Bee**

Evesham Township School District

January 29, 2026

NJFSWC Garden District

February 22, 2026

Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

Providence House Domestic Violence Safe House and Services was a recipient of the awesome amount of donations brought by our members and guests to the October Bingo event. The estimated total for the facility was \$1,600 (35 bags of wish list items). Thank you to all who so generously gave! Thank you also to our members who volunteered to help with Thanksgiving - preparing bags of food & other items for the 50-60 families who are receiving services at Providence House. Upcoming volunteer opportunities include Holiday Shop set-up – dates, times and sign-up sheet will be at the November general meeting.

Covenant House, Atlantic City – a safe- haven for homeless teens and youths at risk for trafficking held its annual Sleep Out fundraiser in mid-November. This event is held at the facility to raise awareness of the plight of homeless teens and the many challenges they face to find safe refuge and services. This fundraiser is designed to have sponsored participants spend a night sleeping outside without a bed and experience the life of a homeless teen.

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A Future MWC Club Member!

Thinking pink! The club sends congratulations to MWC Communications Chair Jan Martin on the birth of her granddaughter Kinsley Miller Devine. Baby Kinsley was born on October 28, 2025 at 8 lbs. 4 oz. and 21" long. Proud but tired parents are Jan and Lance's daughter Kelsey and her partner Brian Devine.



Programs

At our February 23, 2026 meeting,, we will welcome guest speaker Dorothy Lucca from Ronald McDonald House.

Our scheduled speaker for October was Debbie Riveros from the NJ Children's Alliance.

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Pat Fusco.....December 2
Linda MageeDecember 23
Dawn SomozaDecember 26
Toni FennellDecember 27
Sandy MeltzDecember 29

Ongoing Collections

- Gently used shoes to DSW
- Used mascara wands to Sephora for wildlife
- Brita water filters, K-cups, etc. to Val Pelerin
- Towels and washcloths for Providence House
- Gently used or new bras for Free the Girls
- Sanitary napkins for I Support the Girls
- Spare change for Heifer
- Coats and clothing for Little Hands, Little Feet
- Children's books for Little Hands, Little Feet
- Arts & craft supplies, wrapping paper, wrapped snacks, stuffed animals for PALS

Communications

- ◆ Due to our holiday break (we do not have a Board Meeting or General Meeting in December and instead gather at our Holiday Dinner), there will be no *Patchwork* for December.
- ◆ Work on the *2025-2026 Marlton Woman's Club Yearbook* has temporarily been sidelined due to family and medical responsibilities and travel for Jan surrounding the birth of her granddaughter Kinsley in October and the death of her father Art Miller in November. Please let Jan know if there have been any changes to your email, land line, cell phone or personal contact information.
- ◆ Remember to share our Facebook posts on your Facebook page to increase our visibility and range. Thank you to Andrea Hearing and Linda Magee who continue to help with the website and Facebook social media. Please send photos to both ladies from your events.
- ◆ We have created an Instagram account as an additional platform for exposure on social media to reach others who may be interested in the club. Find us at [gfwc_marlton_womans_club](https://www.instagram.com/gfwc_marlton_womans_club).

- ◆ Please send articles for the January issue of the *Patchwork* to editor Jan Martin at jan@marltonwomansclub.com by **Jan. 5, 2026**.

Contact: Jan Martin

630-750-7622 cell/text

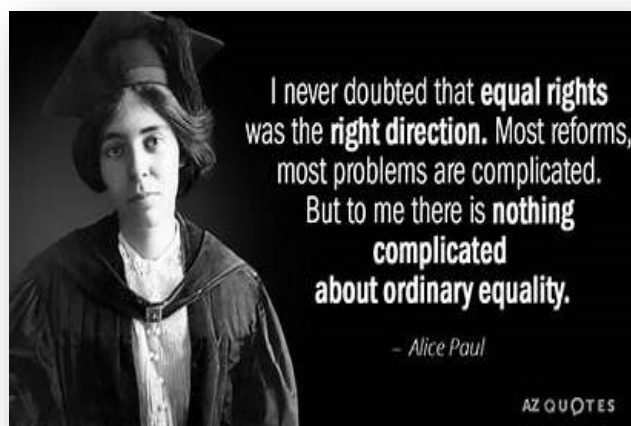
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Way to go, Alice

We are happy to share that "Alice Paulette," our scarecrow entry in the Promenade contest, earned 4th place and an Honorable Mention! Thanks to all who stopped by to vote for her.

"Alice Paulette" represents a suffragette in honor of Alice Paul. Alice Paul was a suffragette and an activist of women's rights. She was one of the foremost leaders and strategists of the campaign for the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which prohibits sex discrimination in the right to vote.



Who We Are

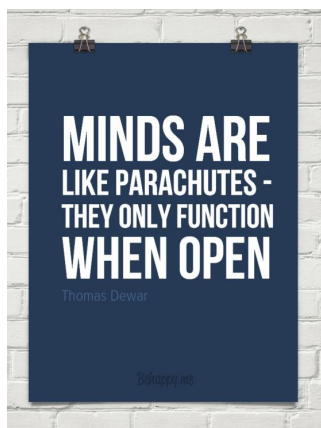
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Our Mission

The mission of the Marlton Woman's Club is to enhance the quality of life within our respective communities and state by transforming public interests and concerns into meaningful projects and programs; to afford our members opportunities for the development of individual skills, talents and abilities; and to serve as a volunteer resource in New Jersey communities.

Purpose

The purpose of this club, which is non-political and non-sectarian, shall be to advance the welfare of the Community and to promote the progress and work of the General Federation of Women's Clubs through the education, civic and charitable interests of its members.

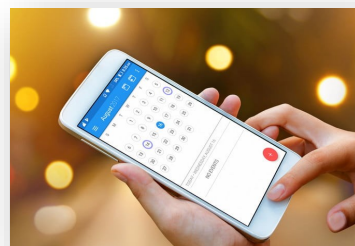


EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Linda Magee
Vice President	Andrea Hearing
Corresponding Secr.	Donna Gatti
Recording Secretary	Debbie Price
Treasurer	Barbara Greco

January Board Meeting

Monday, January 19
5:30 PM dinner meeting
Marco's Restaurant / Indian Spring CC
No December Board Meeting



November General Meeting **Monday, November 24**

Social Time 6:30 PM/Meeting 7:00 PM
at Gibson House

January General Meeting **Monday, January 26**

Social Time 6:30 PM/Meeting 7:00 PM
at Gibson House

2024-25 Committee Chairwomen

Advocates for Children	Paula Wormald & Debbie Hessler
Arts & Culture	Nancy Schwartz
Arts Performing	Valerie Pelerin
Civic Engagement	Sherry Haines and Nancy Schwartz
and Outreach	
Communications	Jan Martin
Contact	Linda Magee
Domestic Violence	Donna Gatti

Awareness

Education & Libraries	June Adair
Environment	Valerie Pelerin & Genni Fardella
Finance	Barbara Greco
Fundraising	Sandy Meltz
Health & Wellness	Sue Gaskill
Holiday Dinner	Linda Magee
Installation Dinner	Linda Magee & Andrea Hearing

Legislation/Resolutions OPEN

Membership	Sherry Haines
Special State Project	Barbara Greco
Photography	Barbara Greco
Programs	Genni Fardella
Social	Sue Price
Sunshine	Sue Price
Website	Jan Martin
Women's History	Sandy Ellis

