

## MARLTON WOMAN'S CLUB

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### Club Meetings

We meet on the fourth Monday of the month August-May (no meeting in June, July, December).

### Time

6:30 pm Social Time  
7:00 pm: General Meeting

### Place

The Gibson House  
535 E. Main Street  
Marlton, New Jersey

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Monday, November 25**

7:00 p.m.  
Gibson House



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# PATCHWORK

"Together in Service, United in Friendship"

Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President



November 2024

[www.marltonwomansclub.com](http://www.marltonwomansclub.com)

Garden District

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

**"There is no I in TEAM and that's what makes this club so wonderful."**

Hi everyone! Our October General Meeting was also our Open House, and despite the parking situation due to Early Voting, we still had an excellent turn-out. Committee Chairs shared what their committee does and ways to get involved. Many members also commented they learned things they never knew before!



Thank you to everyone who made our Fall Bingo a *huge* success. This was the largest net income in the past few years. Wow! These funds will go a long way to help all the charities that we support. Also, we collected over \$3,400 in in-kind donations for Providence House and Covenant House (see page 11).

Trunk or Treat was another successful event. Again, we were ones who did not run out of candy and snacks. Thanks to everyone who supported the event and a special thanks to all the Wonder Women. Recently June and Barb G. also dropped off our holiday stockings at NJSFWC headquarters. Barb's trunk was full! As always, our members stepped up and generously gave to others!

Our Veterans Day essay winners from Van Zant and Jaggard Schools were presented at school assemblies on Veterans Day November 11th. It was such a special way to honor our veterans and our essay contestants. The winners are listed on page 9.

NEW: Our Holiday Dinner will be catered at Gibson House this year on **Monday, Dec. 2**. Instead of going to Casa Nostra, they will be coming to us. Cost will be \$40 per member (see page 11). We will do a gift exchange and will also be collecting gifts for students. If you would like to purchase gifts for a child, please contact June Adair (page 4).

It's also time to start thinking about Achievement Day in April. There are tons of categories and I'm sure many of our members could easily enter into the event. If you cannot attend that day, another member will gladly take your entry. So as you prepare your holiday meals or baking, make your holiday gifts and centerpieces, take care of your houseplants, make wreaths, and do any other crafts, consider entering an item for Achievement Day. See Nancy, Val, or me for more details.

Our next General Meeting will be **Monday, November 25** at the Gibson House. Social time starts at 6:30 PM and the meeting starts at 7 PM. I hope to see you there!

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**November General Meeting**  
**Monday, Nov. 25th**

Gibson House Rec Center  
6:30 pm Social Time  
7:00 p.m. Meeting

## Vice President

- ⇒ Thanks to everyone who attended the Committee Chair meeting on November 12 at 6:30 pm via Google Meet. The meeting included Report Writing information and suggestions for preparing year-end reports which are due to NJSFWC in December.
- ⇒ HELP WANTED: We are looking for chairwomen for Legislation, and Civic Engagement and Outreach, a chair or two co-chairs would be great. Prior experience is not required. Go for it! We will help.
- ⇒ Interested in having a club email address ([yourname@marltonwomanclub.com](mailto:yourname@marltonwomanclub.com)) to keep your emails separate? Just let me know. The email address will also give you access to the club's Google Drive where all items are centrally stored.

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## Federation Secretary

### 2024 GFWC National Day of Service

#### Breaks Records

The 2024 GFWC National Day of Service on September 28, 2024, tallied record-breaking results! Thank you to the 1,076 groups worldwide who contributed to our collective success. GFWC is pleased to report the following outcomes, which doubled from last year:

- ◆ GFWC members collected 221,142 pounds of nonperishable food
- ◆ Collected \$242,731 in monetary donations for food pantries and school feeding programs
- ◆ Prepared 69,660 meals

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## Fundraising

From Sandy Meltz: I want to say Thank you to all the ladies for all the events we did this year. We all did a great job! Thank you for everything!

## Corresponding Secretary

Letters and notes of thanks have been sent to the many businesses and individuals who donated items that were included in the October Bingo Basket Auction. These very generous contributions play an important role in the success of our events and fundraising efforts. Thank you to our MWC members who solicit businesses and enhance the value of the baskets. Special shout-out to **Elaine Barbagiovanni**, a member who has moved to Missouri, and is unable to attend Bingo, but has consistently donated \$100 towards gift cards to be purchased to enhance the Bingo Basket Auction. Thank you Elaine, for your continued generous support!

- Donna Gatti

## Treasurer

- ◆ Operating Account Balance \$5,674.82
- ◆ Fundraising Account Balance \$10,928.37

After paying all our expenses and counting several times, we cleared **\$10,442.35** from our Fall Bingo. For comparison, last fall we cleared \$8,776.20 and this past spring we cleared \$10,007.54. This year we also had more guests at this event than either of those events. We really want to thank everyone for all the work they put into making this Bingo a success. Thanks again, team!

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### Cookie Exchange Social

- Date: Thursday, Dec. 12 (7-9 p.m.)
- Place: Eileen McKeon's home (1 Jonquil Place, Marlton, Village Greenes)

Exchange will be limited to 18 participants to minimize the number cookies one needs to bring. Each person is to bring 3 dozen cookies of the same recipe and will go home with 3 dozen. Feel free to bring a little extra for sampling that evening!

Bring your cookies on your favorite holiday dish. We are asking for a \$2.00 donation for a tight-fitting take home container to bring a variety of cookies home. We will have plastic gloves to use while handling cookies. Please bring **homemade** cookies (no store bought) along with your recipe so other may snap a picture of it if they desire.

This is a BYOB social. RSVP to Eileen McKeon at [mckeonea@gmail.com](mailto:mckeonea@gmail.com) by **November 26<sup>th</sup>** to let her know which cookie you'll be baking. Looking forward to seeing you and hopefully making this an annual social with the great women of the Marlton Woman's Club.

Happy baking!

Eileen McKeon, Nancy Schwartz, Sue Price



### Social

**Saturday, December 7th**

#### **Dickens Festival in Medford on Main Street**

Holiday carolers, food, hot chocolate, magic, comedy, juggling, live presentation and free admission and parking. Rain or shine.

Sherry Haines' parents have agreed to have their home as a meeting spot for anyone who wishes to go as a group. Meet at 5 Cedar St., Medford at 4:00 pm. There's room for a few cars in their driveway (first come, first serve!) We recommend carpooling otherwise there will be free shuttles from Freedom Park & Sharps Run Plaza (Acme).

### Emmanuel Cancer Foundation Party

The ECF Holiday Party is **Sunday, Nov. 24th** from 12-3 pm at Masso's Caters 210 Delsea Dr. S, Glassboro NJ and we are going to be coordinating the crafts for the party. We will need to be at the location at 10 am to set up. This is always a wonderful, fun event for the children and families at Emmanuel. Please consider volunteering with us!

Please let us know by **Nov. 20**, so that we can let ECF know how many volunteers will be attending. For more information or to volunteer to help please contact Sharon Yesner at (215) 219-9807 or Michele Fleming-Waters at (609) 707-1257 or [ewaters13@verizon.net](mailto:ewaters13@verizon.net).



### Advocates for Children

**Little Hands Little Feet** is a non profit organization run out of St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Cherry Hill, which works directly with social workers in Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties to provide clothing bundles to children in need or in crisis. They provide boys and girls clothing ages newborn to youth size 16. They seem to always run out of boys clothing sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and also boys and girls size 14 and 16.

LHLF looks forward to receiving new and gently used books for all ages including high school age children. When available they also like to give out coloring books, activity books and are always in need of small boxes of crayons.

Gently used stuffed animals are always appreciated. With the help of PetSmart, they collect seasonal donations every year at Christmas so that the children can be the proud owner of a new stuffed animal to love. It is a wonderful thing to be able to give two stuffed animals to children that may literally have just the clothes on their back.

Children under 12 months old get baby blankets and a lightweight receiving blanket, as well as underwear and like-new infant and toddler socks. Bibs are also appreciated.

Each child is given a zip-up hoodie or lightweight jacket, so they are always in need of them. In fall/winter they get a winter coat, gloves and hats. Right now the charity is in the process of revamping their rooms to better serve their needs. Since the founding of LHLF they have grown over the years and now work with more than 168 social workers. Last year alone they filled close to 1,300 orders. From January 2024 to present they have already filled 925 orders.

**During the month of November, we ask that members collect donations of new or gently used clothing, books or stuffed toys and bring them to our November meeting on Nov. 25th. The Advocates for Children committee is very grateful for your support!**

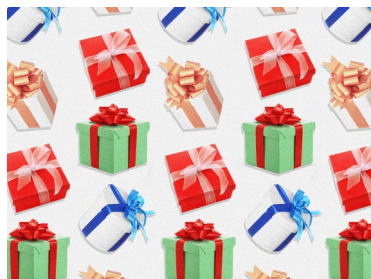
LHLF also will have volunteer opportunities on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to help with bundling and distribution. More details will follow next month.



### Holiday Family Gift Collection

MWC has received wish lists for nine children from four families of Rice Elementary, Kings Grant.

June Adair distributed wish lists for the families at the October meeting. **All gifts need to be dropped off by Dec. 2 at the MWC Holiday party.** Gifts will be delivered to Rice



Elementary during the week of Dec. 16. If you would like to purchase a gift and were not at the October meeting, please contact June Adair via email or text.

### 2024-2026 Special State Project

New Jersey Children's Alliance promotes hope, healing and justice for victims of child abuse throughout New Jersey by supporting Child Advocacy Centers with training, resources, advocacy, and leadership. Their goal is for every child abuse victim in New Jersey to have access to the hope and healing provided by the full range of quality, comprehensive, coordinated and evidence-informed services offered by Child Advocacy Centers in order to create a world without child abuse. New Jersey Children's Alliance is the New Jersey Chapter of the National Children's Alliance.



## Advocates for Children Collections

### Ronald McDonald House

On **November 16th**, Ronald McDonald House will be part of the tree lighting ceremony at the Promenade at Sagemore, then every weekend leading up to Christmas, they will offer a gift wrapping service in one of the empty stores. For more information and to sign up to volunteer for the fundraiser please visit: [app.vomo.org/opportunity/rmhsnj-holiday-house](http://app.vomo.org/opportunity/rmhsnj-holiday-house).

We continue to collect pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you!

### P.A.L.S. (Peace A Learned Solution)

Arts and crafts supplies, non-holiday, gender neutral wrapping, wrapped snacks, 6" stuffed animals, 12-15" stuffed animals. (This program utilizes a research-based, therapeutic program model to reduce the effects of trauma on children and their non-offending parent. Through creative therapies such as art, dance movement and drama, the PALS program is available for children ages 4-12 that are exposed to domestic violence.)

### Little Hands, Little Feet

Provides new or gently used clothing for newborns up to size 16 children in crisis with an urgent need for clothing. Also books for children of all ages.

### St. Jude's Ranch for Children

We are no longer continuing the collection of greeting cards.

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## Civic Engagement & Outreach

### Holiday Stockings

Santa came! Recently June Adair and Barbara Greco dropped off our holiday stockings at NJSFWC headquarters in New Brunswick, NJ. Barb's trunk was full! As always, our members stepped up and generously gave to others. We filled 61 stuffed stockings! With the 25 stockings from June Adair's friends, we sent **86 stockings** and \$173 for shipping! Thanks for opening your hearts to send a little something from home to our troops. Across the entire NJSFWC, a total of 2,706 stockings were donated to [Operation Jersey Cares](#) and \$6,317 in postage and donations!



### Trunk or Treat

Evesham Police Department's Trunk or Treat Halloween Celebration was **Friday, October 18** at Savich Field and MWC's Wonder Women were out in force. Thank you to everyone who donated candy (we again were one of the few who did not run out!) or came out to hand out candy and snacks. Thanks to Sandy for loaning us her trunk!

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## Health and Wellness Awareness

MWC participated in our first **Walk To End Alzheimer's** this month, and I'm thrilled to report that our 10-member team (which included the intrepid Michael and Jeffrey Price) has, as of Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, raised a total of \$3,095.70. We spent a brisk but beautiful morning collecting swag, sharing stories, hearing inspiring speakers, and walking around, inside, and on the field of Citizens Bank Park as part of the USA's largest Alzheimer's Walk! And it's not too late to donate and bring our team totals even higher. Just click on the link below to donate to our team or any of the team members.

[GFWC Marlton Woman's Club's Walk to End Alzheimer's Team Page](#)

(Right click on the link and select "open hyperlink" to go to our page and join or donate)



In September 2025, the Alzheimer's Association will be starting a brand new walk in Cooper River Park in Camden, and we're excited for MWC to have one of the inaugural teams. New treatments are being approved for Alzheimer's and other dementias, and our fundraising efforts will help to keep that going. For the time being, we are grateful to the Alzheimer's Association for the many support opportunities they provide for patients and their caregivers. If you have any questions about caring for a loved one with dementia, call the [24/7 HELPLINE](#) at **800.272.3900**

**The MWC Walking Club** continues to invite anyone who's interested to come out on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays, and any other day we can get a group together. There is someone (or a group)

walking almost every day of the week now. Feel free to reach out to Sue Gaskill ([Gaskill\\_susan@yahoo.com](mailto:Gaskill_susan@yahoo.com) or 856-979-8595) if you want to get on the text list for any of the days. If it's not a day I walk, I'll put you in touch with the right person.

**November is Diabetes Awareness Month.** It is a time to celebrate progress in diabetes research, share information, and raise funds for continued diabetes research and advances. Over 37 million Americans have [type 1](#) or [type 2 diabetes](#), and an additional 37 million adults have [prediabetes](#). You can help support health in the diabetes community by sharing your own diabetes story to help others understand what it's like to live with this illness, or by learning how to lower your risk of diabetes and support people living with diabetes.



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## Environment

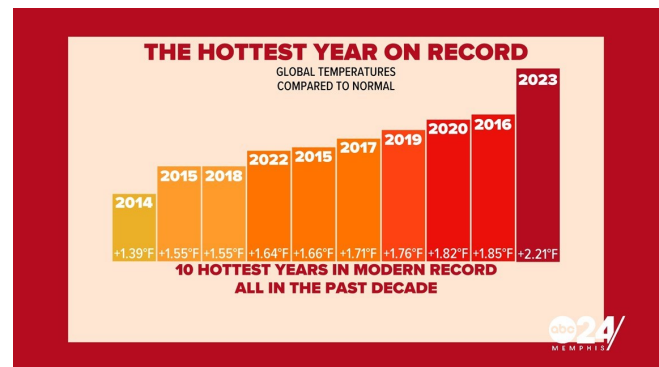
This is Part One of our look into the causes of Global Warming and Climate Change. Global warming from fossil fuels is one of the biggest environmental problems of our lifetime as greenhouse gas emissions blanket the Earth, they trap the sun's heat, leading to global warming.

2023 was the hottest year on record, with global average temperatures at 1.46C above pre-industrial levels and 0.13C higher than the eleven-month average for 2016, currently the warmest calendar year on record. The year was marked by six record-breaking months and two record-breaking seasons.

What's more, carbon dioxide (CO2) levels have never been so high. After being consistently around 280 parts per million (ppm) for almost 6,000 years of human civilization, CO2 levels in the atmosphere are now well above 420 ppm, more than double what they were before the onset of the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century. According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Administrator Rick Spinrad, the steady annual increase is a "direct result of human activity," mainly from the burning of fossil fuels for transportation and electricity

generation but also from cement manufacturing, deforestation, and agriculture.

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## Celebrating the Marlton Woman's Club 1964—2024

### A Note from President Linda

MWC Friends,

I would appreciate it if you would please copy me on **every email** that you send regarding club events or activities. I have to keep our District Vice President and others informed and if I am not in the loop, I can't do that efficiently. Unless you are making plans for a personal event such as lunch with only a few members, I need to know what is happening. If in doubt, just copy me and I can easily delete your email after I read it. If you have questions, just reach out. Thanks so much for including me on all your emails.

Email: [linda@marltonwomansclub.com](mailto:linda@marltonwomansclub.com).

### 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

## Membership

Hello Ladies! I have to say, you once again knocked it out of the ballpark! At our October Open House we welcomed **4 guests!** Everyone is doing a fantastic job of getting the word out about us to family and friends, not to mention at the events we attend!

I continue to receive requests for more information about our club and the wonderful work we do! We are being found on Facebook, our website and Instagram. All prospective members receive an email with a synopsis of the work we do accompanied by a copy of the most recent *Patchwork*.

My exciting news is our October meeting welcomed our Newest Member **Kim Welsey!** Kim is a neighbor of Donna Gatti. We are so glad you have decided to join us! We look forward to getting to know you!

For anyone who would like to join us remotely, Google Meet is always available. Please let Andrea Hearing or Linda Magee know you wish to do so. A link will be provided to you in advance of the meeting. All members, please remember to sign in at the back table (Yes! I take attendance!)

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## Please Welcome our Newest Member

**Kim Welsey (Brian)**

35 Clinton Lane  
Marlton, NJ 08053

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Preferred phone : (609) 304-3309

Birthdate : January 19

Likes travel, cooking, walking, shore

Heard about the club from Donna Gatti

# YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**A quick way to tell  
if you're old or not.**

**Fall down in front  
of a lot of people.**

**If they laugh,  
you're still young.**

**If they panic and  
start running to you,  
you're old.**

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## MWC Promotional Products

Nancy Schwartz is coordinating production of our Marlton Woman's Club shirts and swag. If you want a shirt, please let her know. Shirts are typically men's sizing.

The primary promotional website Nancy uses is [www.sanmar.com](http://www.sanmar.com). If they carry it she can often get the item and personalize with our logo. Prices vary based on the item and imprint.

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### Education and Libraries

This November, we again sponsored a fifth grade Veteran's Day essay contest and again, we were so impressed with the children's submissions. Students at Van Zant and Jaggard Schools submitted essays for "What does patriotism mean to me?" At separate red, white and blue-adorned assemblies on November 11, the top three winners from each school were announced. Every participating student received a Veterans Day contest certificate. Congratulations to the Van Zant winners Lyla Holden, Rushil Gunda, Nora Kerber; and the Jaggard winners: Joshua Amidon. Arnav Mehta, Anjola Ogunnubi

#### 11th Marlton Woman's Club Spelling Bee

Save the date! Our spelling bee will be **Thursday, January 30!** I'll be reaching out for helpers. The Garden District bee will be February 23rd and the New Jersey State bee will be April 5, 2025.

#### Book Club

Next meeting will be in January, date TBD. Genni has volunteered to have it at her home. Book: *The Heir-ess*. Linda M. will be picking books up on Dec. 6, you may pick them up anytime that afternoon.

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### Arts Performing

Something new to think about attending in November – a concert at the Perkins Center for the Arts in Collingswood. **Creem Circus**, an enigmatic band, is set to deliver a performance that will leave you breathless.

Date: Nov. 23; Doors open at 7 PM; Tickets: Advance: \$30 Door: \$39; BYOB.

<https://canvas.perkinsarts.org/events/209>

Tickets for Cherokee High School's "White Christmas the Musical" have been purchased for December 6 at 7 p.m. We will meet for dinner beforehand, place TBD. Also, many wonderful shows are being performed in the Philadelphia area this Holiday Season:

- ◆ Philadelphia Ballet: The Nutcracker Dec. 6 – 29 at the Academy of Music.
- ◆ How the Grinch Stole Christmas Nov. 26 – Dec. 1, Miller Theater
- ◆ Trans-Siberian Orchestra: The Lost Christmas Eve, Dec. 22, Wells Fargo Center
- ◆ Mariah Carey, Dec. 3, Wells Fargo Center

INFO: <https://www.philadelphia-theater.com>

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### Arts and Culture

We are also looking for centerpiece ideas for the December Holiday Dinner. Any neat ideas?

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**Save The Date**  
**Thursday,**  
**January 30, 2025**  
**It's bee-utiful!**



### Communications

- ◆ Deadline for the December issue of *The Patchwork* is **December 1**. Patchwork issues are mailed mid-month to allow for Board meeting information to be included. Articles are due to editor Jan Martin at [jan@marltonwomensclub.com](mailto:jan@marltonwomensclub.com).
- ◆ Copies of the 2024-2025 Marlton Woman's Club Yearbook were distributed at our October General Meeting and Open House. Please see Sherry Haines if you need a copy.
- ◆ We are exploring Instagram as an additional platform for exposure on social media to reach others who may be interested in the club.

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### Birthdays (Oct. 15-Dec. 15)

Nicole Greco .....November 16  
 Barbara Greco .....November 22  
 Sharon Yesner.....November 22  
 Pat Fusco .....December 2

### A Life Beautifully Lived

It is with deepest fondness that we remember **Terry Zito**, a member of our club for the past 12 years, who passed away November 5, 2024. Terry was at her home surrounded by her daughter, Donna Gatti, and members of her family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society ([www.donate.Cancer.org](http://www.donate.Cancer.org)). You can note 2025 Relay for Life, team Sweet Charity on your donations. Cards and notes of sympathy may be sent to Donna Gatti at 7 Sunnyside Court, Marlton, NJ 08053. Please continue to keep Donna and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



### Programs

The guest speaker at our November 25th General Meeting will be member and dental professional **Nicole Greco**, an educator and holistic dental hygienist, who will speak about the effect of our oral health on our physical health.

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### 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
- Soda can tabs for Ronald MacDonald House

## Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

MANY THANKS to all our members and Bingo guests for their overwhelming generosity of donations at our October event. Providence House Domestic Violence Safe House and Services and Covenant House, Atlantic City, a safe-haven for homeless teens and youths at risk for human trafficking, were the recipients of this wonderful outpouring of support for their facilities. Each organization received items from their wish lists which included: breakfast foods, snacks, canned food, soups, pasta; sauce, household cleaners, laundry products; paper products. Personal care items, t-shirts, feminine hygiene products, winter hats and gloves were also included.

The staff at each of the facilities were in awe of the amount of items and deeply appreciative of everyone's generosity. The total estimated value of donations was **\$3,400**. Amazing!

In December, our club will be helping to set-up and restock Providence House Holiday Shop. Volunteer opportunities will be presented at our November meeting.

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## Women's History

I learned something very interesting and surprising this month. A very important part of a car was invented by a woman, windshield wipers!

**Mary Elizabeth Anderson** was born in 1866 in Alabama. When older, she had a job in New York and took the trolley to work every day. She became very upset when the trolley driver had to stop the trolley every few blocks and get out to clean off the window of snow and water in bad weather. This made her late for work several times. So mad was she that she invented a "window cleaning device" which was operated from inside the trolley but located outside on the window. She tried selling the idea to several companies but nobody liked the idea and she was never able to sell it. She even got a patent for her idea in 1903. One Canadian company said the wipers would distract drivers and cause accidents.

Her patent expired before Henry Ford came up with the first car. Can you imagine a car today without wipers? Even though her patent expired before cars became popular, some companies, around 1913, thought wipers might be useful. Cadillacs started to use wipers on cars in 1922.

Mary Elizabeth Anderson died in 1953 but was given credit as the inventor of windshield wipers and was inducted into the Inventors Hall of Fame in 2011.

- Sandy Ellis

## Catered Holiday Dinner December 2nd!

Our Holiday dinner will be **Monday, Dec. 2** and this year, will be catered at the Gibson House to allow us sufficient room. Cost for the catered buffet will be \$40. Casa Nostra will be providing food and servers to set up, serve, and clean up. Payment is due by **November 18**. Please mail a check to our P.O. Box 84, Marlton; pay using Zelle or Venmo to Barbara Greco or Linda Magee; or drop off a check at Linda's house.

As in years past, we will be doing a gift exchange. If you wish to participate, purchase a new gift (max. \$20 value), wrap and bring to the dinner (do not include your name).

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## Who We Are

GFWC Marlton Woman's Club is a proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs ([GFWC](#)) and the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs ([NJSEWC](#)).

## 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.

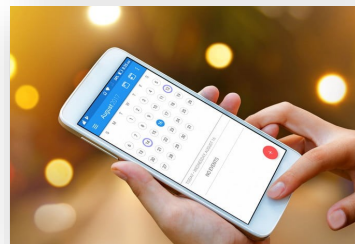


## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

### November Board Meeting

**Monday, November 18**  
5:30 p.m.  
Gibson House



### **November General Meeting** **Monday, November 25**

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

No December meeting  
Holiday Party is Monday, December 2

## 2024-25 Committee Chairwomen

Advocates for Children.....Paula Wormald &  
.....Debbie Hessler  
Arts & Culture.....Nancy Schwartz  
Arts Performing .....Valerie Pelerin  
**Civic Engagement.....June Adair (open)**  
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.....Michele Fleming-  
Waters  
Photography.....Barbara Greco  
Programs .....Genni Fardella  
Social .....Sue Price  
Sunshine .....Sue Price  
Website .....Jan Martin  
Women's History.....Sandy Ellis

