

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, January 27

7:00 p.m.
Gibson House



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January 2025



PATCHWORK

"Together in Service, United in Friendship"

Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President



January 2025

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Garden District

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

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

Hi everyone!

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday Dinner. Thank you for your generous donations to our adopted families. Since our last General Meeting in November, we enjoyed the play "White Christmas" at Cherokee, celebrated the December holidays, wrapped gifts at Boscov's and the Promenade, kicked off the Little Hands, Little Feet Hat, Glove, and Sock drive, supported the Ronald MacDonald House Holiday Party, and welcomed in 2025. Book Club will meet on January 28 at Genni's.



See page 4 for more on the successful LHLF Hat, Glove and Sock "Gift of Warmth" drive, which concluded on January 17th.

Our annual Healthy Bodies Challenge kicked off on January 1 and will run until March 31. Please let Sue G. know if you would like to join the group. The member who loses the most weight will pick the charitable organization to receive a dollar for every pound lost by all during this event (see page 6).

Thank you committee chairwomen for submitting your 2024 annual reports and narratives. Andrea and I are reviewing them and will print and mail them before February 1.

June Adair is leading the Spelling Bee efforts. Our local spelling bee is scheduled for January 30 at Van Zant School. We are in need of volunteers that evening. The Garden District Spelling Bee will be Sunday, February 23. Again we will need helpers for that event. It's an exciting time watching the children as they correctly spell some very challenging words. Please consider helping us during these events.

I am looking for volunteers for both the Finance Committee and the Awards Committee. Please see me if you are interested. Bingo is Sunday, March 30 so planning will start this month. Please check our calendar for all upcoming events.

Our next Board Meeting is **Tuesday, January 21** and our next General Meeting is **Monday, January 27**. I hope to see you then!

Linda Magee
linda@marltonwomansclub.com

**January
General Meeting
Monday, Jan. 27**

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

Vice President

- ◆ Special thanks to all the Chairwomen for getting your yearly reports completed. We are reviewing and will be submitting before the deadline. We know it is a lot of work especially around the holidays. Much appreciated!
- ◆ HELP WANTED: We are looking for a chairwoman for Legislation, a chair or two co-chairs would be great as well. Go ahead, talk a friend into taking it on with you. Prior experience is not required. Go for it! We will help.
- ◆ Interested in having a club email address (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 as well.

Contact: Andrea Hearing

andrea@marltonwomansclub.com

(609) 304-6521 cell

Federation Secretary

Upcoming Garden District events:

February 20, 2025

GARDEN DISTRICT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH DAY (CEO)

Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerville Avenue, Merchantville, District Chairman - Geri Tabako, 856-904-7766, emdvolunteer@gmail.com. Breakfast provided.

February 23, 2025

GARDEN DISTRICT SPELLING BEE

Haddon Fortnightly (Snow Date: Sun. March 2)

District Chairman: Marie DiMatties, medimatties@gmail.com 856-261-6911

Information on how to hold a Spelling Bee can be found under NJSFWC website - Materials - Education and Libraries. The Spelling Bee is for fourth and fifth grade students. If you have any questions, contact Marie.

Contact: Linda Magee

linda@marltonwomansclub.com, (609) 636-9797

Corresponding Secretary

Our MWC mailbox was chock-full of Holiday Greetings and year-end updates from the many organizations and facilities that we so generously and proudly support throughout the year. These groups include Cathedral Kitchen, Alzheimer's Assoc., Providence House, Heifer International, Covenant House and more. All are grateful for our ongoing support!

For our upcoming Spring Bingo in March, if you receive a donation for Dining Around Town raffle or gift card/item to be used for the basket auction, please inform Genni Fardella or Donna Gatti so that MWC can send Thank you letters.

- Donna Gatti

Treasurer

- ◆ Operating Account Balance \$6,145.24
- ◆ Fundraising Account Balance \$11,011.15

Our fundraising team hopes to organize several Dine and Donate events for the club. Look for information on these nights where we earn a portion of the proceeds at area restaurants.

Spring Bingo will be Sunday, March 30 and tickets are \$40 per person. Donation letters are on the back table if you need one when you're requesting donations.

Contact: Barbara Greco ~ (917) 225-3324 cell

Barbara@marltonwomansclub.com



Emmanuel Cancer Foundation Party

Five of our MWC members once again participated in a craft activity at the annual holiday party on Sunday, November 24th. Our members seemed to have as much fun as the kids during this event! Many thanks to Sharon Yesner and Michele Fleming-Waters for organizing this opportunity.



Fundraising

It's a Wrap

A big Thank you to all the club members who helped at Boscov's wrapping holiday gifts. We raised \$478.45!

Spring Bingo

Spring Bingo will be **Sunday, March 30, 2025**. Please start thinking about selling tickets, gift baskets and securing donations. More info to follow.

Yard Sale

Please start putting items aside for our spring Yard sale, which will be Saturday, May 17 at Jan's house.

Relay for Life

This year, Relay for Life will be on FRIDAY, May 30th from 5-10 p.m. at the Marlton Memorial Complex. We are registered so sign up to be a part of our team or to donate: www.relayforlife.org and our team's name is Sweet Charity.

Contacts: Sandy Meltz ~ (856) 630-4118

NEW EMAIL: sandy@marltonwomansclub.com

Contact: Shelly Thomas ~ (609) 680-7397

shelly5337@gmail.com



Our wild and wacky crew of (L-R) Toni, Sharon, Sue G., Michele and Sherry helped out at the holiday party for last year's Special State Project Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. Photo booth fun!

Advocates for Children

- WOW. Thank you to all those who generously supported our **November clothing drive** for Little Hands, Little Feet. Through your generosity we were able to provide three carloads of donations totaling nearly \$4,000 in value. Pat and Barbara of LHLF were thrilled with our donation and will surely put it all to good use.
- Our **Hat, Glove and Sock "Gift of Warmth"** collection for Little Hands, Little Feet ended January 17th at the Evesham Library, and our collection box was FULL! Thank you to all who donated or shared our information. This first annual collection was a great success. We had donations of new, slightly used and handmade items totaling \$1,016 in value! I am so proud of MWC and our wonderful members. Thanks again, and Go Birds!



- LHLF also has **volunteer opportunities** on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10-12 noon for sorting and distributing donations. For more information contact Paula W. or Deborah H.
- Thank you once again for your generous donations of clothing and toys to the four families we adopted for the **holidays** from Rice Elementary School. Your donations totaled \$2,000 and provided a joyful holiday to these families. Thank you June Adair for all of your hard work to make this happen!
- Thank you to all of our **RMHSNJ gift wrappers** who signed up for shifts at the Promenade during November and December. MWC was a major supporter of RMH in 2024 and will continue to support this very worthy organization in the coming year. For more information about volunteer opportunities, please go to: app.vomo.org/opportunity/rmhsnj. We continue to collect pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Contact: Paula Wormald ~ (267) 496-0330 cell
paula@marltonwomansclub.com (NEW EMAIL!)

Contact: Debbie Hessler ~ (609) 744-6053
dahess52@gmail.com



Advocates for Children's Collection: 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.)

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.

Civic Engagement & Outreach

Thank you to our new co-chairs. Santa came early and brought two new co-chairs for Civic Engagement and Outreach, in Sherry Haines and Nancy Schwartz. Thank you to these already-active ladies for agreeing to help out with this vacancy, taking over for interim chair June Adair, who is our Garden District Civic Engagement & Outreach chairwoman.

Contact: Sherry Haines ~ (856) 630-2640 cell
Sherry@marltonwomansclub.com

Contact: Nancy Schwartz
bobnburner@aol.com ~ (973) 615-0353 cell

Board Meeting Moved

The February Board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18, moved from Monday, February 17 due to Presidents Day holiday.



Health and Wellness Awareness

Happy New Year, everyone – and welcome to the 5th Annual MWC Healthy Bodies Challenge! (New great name, same great goals.) Our 90-day challenge began on January 1st, but it's not too late to join the group – just email me (Gaskill.Susan@yahoo.com) and I'll add you to the list. The rules are: lose as much weight as you can between 1/1 and 3/31/2025, report your total number of pounds lost to me at the end of the 3 months, share tips, tricks, and encouragement with friends, and think of your favorite charity, because the club member who loses the most weight chooses a charity to receive a donation from the club this spring! There are no weigh-ins, and no need to report your actual weight at any time. In fact, at the end, the only person whose total weight loss will be reported will be our winner. January is a great time to put those New Year's Resolutions into action, so let's get healthy together! To that end...

The MWC Walking Clubs continue – We welcome all MWC members to join us on Tuesday and Friday mornings (ask Sue G to be added to the text list so you can find out exactly what time and where in Cambridge Park we will meet – it's weather and seasonally dependent), most other evenings at the Promenade (ask Sherry Haines for details), or occasional Sunday mornings in various locations (ask Sharon Yesner about this one). We enjoy exercising while strengthening our MWC friendships!

January is National Poverty Awareness Month -

Through a variety of organizations and advocates, Poverty Awareness Month's goal is to analyze, understand, and support solutions to ending poverty. The one eighth of Americans currently living in poverty have less access to healthy food and good medical care. MWC makes a difference by supporting nonprofits and donating to local food banks; now is a great time to work together to end poverty in America and worldwide.

Contact: Sue Gaskill

Gaskill.susan@yahoo.com ~ (856) 979-8595



**Wear Red to the February General Meeting
February 24, 2025**



Happy Holidays! Club members enjoyed a delicious buffet from local favorite Casa Nostra for our Holiday Party and Gift Exchange on December 2nd, held this year at the Gibson House. Ho ho ho!

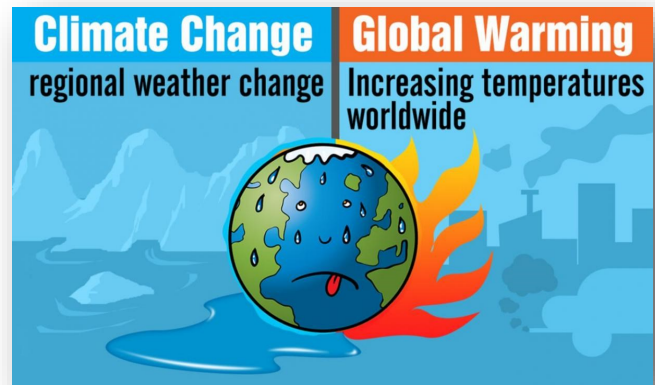
Environment

This is part two of our look into the causes of Global Warming and Climate Change.

Increased emissions of greenhouse gases have led to a rapid and steady increase in global temperatures, which in turn is causing catastrophic events all over the world – from Australia and the US experiencing some of the most devastating [bushfire seasons](#) ever recorded, [locusts swarming](#) across parts of Africa, the Middle East and Asia, decimating crops, and a [heatwave in Antarctica](#) that saw temperatures rise above 20C for the first time. Scientists are constantly warning that the planet has crossed a series of [tipping points](#) that could have catastrophic consequences, such as advancing [permafrost melt in Arctic](#) regions, the [Greenland ice sheet melting](#) at an unprecedented rate, accelerating [sixth mass extinction](#), and increasing [deforestation in the Amazon rainforest](#), just to name a few.

The climate crisis is causing tropical storms and other weather events such as hurricanes, heatwaves and flooding to be more intense and frequent than seen before. However, even if all greenhouse gas emissions were halted immediately, global temperatures would continue to rise in

the coming years. That is why it is absolutely imperative that we start now to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, invest in renewable energy sources, and phase our fossil fuels as fast as possible.

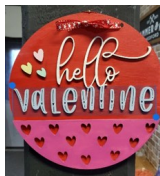


Contact: Val Pelerin ~ (856) 906-2031
val@marltonwomansclub.com; **NEW EMAIL!**

Contact: Genni Fardella ~ (856) 278-4880
gfardella@aol.com

Social

We are excited about a return to Medford's Hammer and Stain for a Valentine-themed DIY craft night on **Wednesday, Feb. 12** at 7:00 p.m. More information at the January General Meeting. The project is pictured. The studio is located at 10 Tidswell Ave. Bldg. A in Medford. Contact Sue Price if interested.



Thanks to all members who gathered at the home of Eileen McKeon for a Holiday Cookie Exchange on Dec. 12th. Holiday cheer and cookie recipes were shared. So yummy!

Contact: Sue Price ~ (856) 313-6831
smprice0509@comcast.net

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

Happy New Year Marlton Woman's Club! We ended 2024 with a wonderful Holiday Dinner at the Gibson House. Kudos to the Holiday Dinner Planning Committee & Our Arts and Culture Committee for our Winter Wonderland. A good time was had by all!

You, our members, are doing a wonderful job of getting the word out about all the good we do for the community. I receive requests regularly for more information about our club. The holidays slowed the requests down a bit but now with the new year I'm sure more women will be reaching out. We can be found on Facebook, Instagram and our website.

In November we welcomed New Member Carolyn Ronayne! Donna Gatti has brought us another fantastic addition to our club! Keep spreading the word about us Donna! We look forward to getting to know you Carolyn and are so thankful you have decided to join us!

Please remember if you are unable to make it to the Gibson House but still want to attend the meeting, you may join remotely thru Google Meet. Just let Andrea Hearing or Linda Magee know prior to the meeting so they can provide you with a link to join.

As always, please remember to sign in at the back table. I look forward to seeing you at our January meeting!

New event:

2024 New Member Meeting
Friday, February 21 from 7-9 pm (EST)
Linda Magee's house



WELCOME New Member Carolyn Ronayne

11 Kennibie Drive
Marlton, NJ 0053

Carolyn@PatMcKennaRealtors.com
609-980-8834

Contact: Sherry Haines ~ (856) 630-2640 cell
Sherry@marltonwomansclub.com



Thursday, January 30, 2025
Van Zant School

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. If they carry it she can often get the item and personalize with our logo. Prices vary based on the item and imprint.

Contact: Nancy Schwartz
bobnburner@aol.com ~ (973) 615-0353 cell

Education and Libraries

Bee There — Mark your calendars: **Thursday, January 30, 2025 (5:30 pm)** will be the 11th Spelling Bee for the Marlton Woman's Club. Volunteers are needed for this fun family event. The bee will be held at Van Zant School (270 Conestoga Drive, Marlton). Since 1989 local clubs in the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) have sponsored spelling bees for 4th and 5th graders. Clubs either hold a spelling bee of their own or ask schools to hold spelling bees, after which the club sponsors the three winners in the District Spelling Bee. Winners from the District Spelling Bee compete in the State Spelling Bee at NJSFWC Headquarters in New Brunswick, NJ. By sponsoring spelling bees, NJSFWC aims to keep spelling a valued component of education, one that can also be fun, rewarding and encouraging to students. The ultimate goal is to have students do their best to be the best. The Garden District bee will be February 23rd (at Haddon Fortnightly) and the New Jersey State bee will be April 5, 2025.

Contact: June Adair

jadair446@gmail.com ~ (856) 264-1808 cell

Book Club

The Book Club will meet at Genni Fardella's home on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6:00 pm to discuss "The Heiress."

Arts and Culture

Call me! It's time to start thinking about Garden District's Spring Conference/Achievement Day on April 17. 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 put away your holiday decorations and centerpieces, take care of your houseplants, and do any other crafts, consider entering an item for Achievement Day. Contest rules and regulations are available at <https://njsfwc.org/materials/>.

Contact: Nancy Schwartz

bobnburner@aol.com

(973) 615-0353 cell

Arts Performing

It's not too late to start getting ready for the Garden District's Performing Arts Day set for **Friday, March 28**. Chair Patti Adair will have more information as the date nears. However, now is the time to think about what our club may want to do and start practicing.

An entry can be a group or individual - dancing, singing, dramatic/humorous short play, skit, reading a poem, telling jokes, group musical performance, so many options! Hopefully our skit from the Installation and Awards Night too. Information can be found on the NJSFWC website under Materials.

Registration begins at 9:30 am with the program starting at 10:30 am. Registration fee is \$5.00 and goes towards a Performing Arts Fellowship. Held at the Salem Community College; District Chair Patti Adair, greenrunnemedede@gmail.com 609-685-7272.

Contact: Val Pelerin

val.pelerin@gmail.com; (856) 906-2031



Communications

- ◆ Deadline for the February issue of *The Patchwork* is **February 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@marltonwomansclub.com.
- ◆ 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 a [gfwc_marlton_womans_club](https://www.instagram.com/gfwc_marlton_womans_club).

Contact: Jan Martin

630-750-7622 cell/text

jan@marltonwomansclub.com



Arts Performing

The Perkins Center for the Arts based in Moorestown has many varied concerts and events coming up this winter. Check-out their selections at perkinsarts.org.

The Broadway Theater of Pitman has two great shows this March and April:

- ◆ Jersey Boys - March 7 – 30
- ◆ West Side Story – April 25 – May 18

For tickets go to www.thebroadwaytheater.org.

If you are planning a trip to New York City and you love the theatre, a must see is The Museum of Broadway which is in Times Square. You can get tickets and learn about other shows at the theater at themuseumofbroadway.com.

Valerie Pelerin

(856) 906-2031



Birthdays (Dec. 15-Jan. 15)

Linda MageeDecember 23

Antoinette Fennell.....December 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
- Soda can tabs for Ronald MacDonald House
- Arts & craft supplies, wrapping paper, wrapped snacks, stuffed animals for PALS

Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

Many Thanks to the MWC members who helped to set up the Holiday Shop for Providence House Domestic Violence Safe House and Services. Once again, we spent 2 days sorting, organizing and displaying donated gifts and other items to ensure a wonderful and meaningful shopping experience for both children and adults. Thanks to our efforts, over 50 families benefited and were able to brighten their holidays!

Thank you also to all our members & friends who donated (78) new or gently used bras and menstrual care products to benefit I support the Girls, an organization that helps women who are experiencing homelessness.

It will soon be time to grab your sharp scissors and join us for our annual fun afternoon making No Sew Tie Blankets for the residents of Covenant House in Atlantic City, a safe-haven for homeless teens and youth at risk for human trafficking. It will be held on a Saturday at our Evesham Public Library – date & time to be determined. Every year, we are proud to provide the facility with these cozy blankets which provide warmth and comfort to those seeking refuge in this wonderful facility. More info to follow!



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volunteers in action

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Celebrating 60 Years 1964—2024

I AM A GREAT
multitasker
♥ I CAN LISTEN ♥
ignore & forget
ALL AT THE
same time



Saquon Barkley heads for the end zone in the Philadelphia Eagles' defeat of the Los Angeles Rams in the 2025 NFL Playoffs. The team advances to the NFC Championship game on January 26.



Sunday, January 26, 2025

NFC Championship Game:

Washington Commanders at Philadelphia Eagles (3 pm ET)

AFC Championship Game:

Buffalo Bills at Kansas City Chiefs (5:30 pm ET)

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Winners advance to Super Bowl LIX, New Orleans, LA
Kickoff: 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

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.

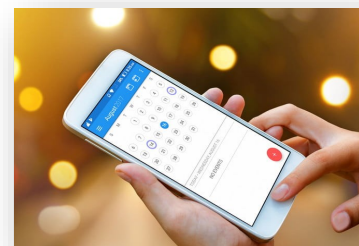
EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

January Board Meeting

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(moved from January 20)

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January General Meeting

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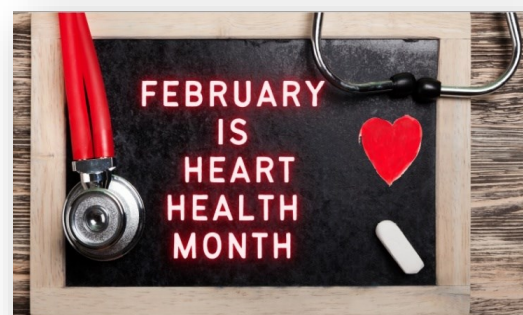
February General Meeting

Monday, February 26

Wear red for Heart Health month!

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
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



**"The only place
success comes
before work is in
the dictionary."**

—VINCE LOMBARDI