

## MARLTON WOMAN'S CLUB

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### Club Meetings

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

### Time

6:30 pm: Refreshments  
7:00 pm: General Meeting

### Place

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

### NEXT MEETING

April 23, 2019  
Come visit us!  
(see back page for calendar)



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# PATCHWORK

"A Proud Legacy ~ A Shining Future"  
Mary Wolfe, NJSFWC President



April 2019

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

Garden District

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

"The World is HUGGED ~ by the Arms of Volunteers"

Hi Ladies!

It's finally spring time! The days are longer and lighter, more time to enjoy the outdoors.



We had a very busy March with the Aenigma event, and Mexican Food Factory dining out event. These are both great fundraisers/socials that we always look forward to each year. It gives us an occasion to have new members and seasoned members spend an evening, getting to know each other while having fun at the same time! We had a great turnout at both events!

We are also focused on our biggest fundraiser, our Spring Bingo on Sunday, April 7. This is a day where all members work so hard, either making and donating baskets, selling raffles, and having our guests feel so welcomed on this special day!

At our February meeting, we really enjoyed listening to our excellent guest speaker Tina Fiorentino from Ronald McDonald House. Tina educated us on the wonderful things Ronald McDonald House does to help the families staying there, while their child is getting often life-saving surgery. We continue to support Ronald McDonald House in a volunteer and monetary way.

We were also happy to report at the March meeting that [Operation Yellow Ribbon](#) from South Jersey has been selected to replace Boatsie's Boxes under the NJSFWC Public Issues Committee! Boatsie is going to retire and travel with her family. Look for new ways to support our troops with care packages!

*"Volunteering is at the very core of being a human ~ No one has made it through life without someone else's help."*

~Lisa  
[LisaLevin445@gmail.com](mailto:LisaLevin445@gmail.com)

### REMINDERS FOR APRIL MEETING:

- ⇒ Date moved to **Tuesday, April 23** from April 22 (Easter Monday)
- ⇒ International Dinner! Bring a dish to pass (see page 5)
- ⇒ Bring completed reporting forms for events in which you participated; give to the chairwoman please
- ⇒ Collections!! See page 6 for a listing

### NEXT MEETING

**April 23, 2019**  
(note Tuesday date)  
Gibson House

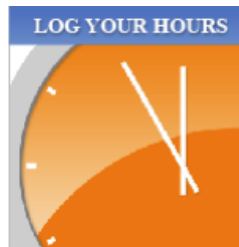
6:30 pm Refreshments  
7:00 pm Meeting  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## Vice President

Ladies,

How fast these days are going by!! Excited for all the volunteering we will be doing. So filling out Reporting forms now are very important for Chairwomen to have at the end of the year. When we are reporting to New Jersey Federation it's important to get the recognition we deserve for the wonderful work we do in our community and beyond.

**For every project that you attend, help with, bring in-kind donations to, please fill out the reporting form that is found on our website and the back table at every general meeting.** Contact the chairwoman of the project and ask her for one. Then complete it and return it right away to the chairwoman – at the project would be best!



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## Treasurer

I have a feel-good story for you! I had a guest Meghan Schlessinger, who came to our January meeting but has not joined yet. I recently spoke to her. She works for Investors Bank. She was so moved by Ron Ritter and his family's talk at our January meeting that she ran out to talk to them when they were done, AND her bank is in the process of securing a \$1,500 grant for [Blue-Line Brothers Blankets!](#)

It will not be linked financially to the Marlton Woman's Club, but it was the club that sparked her interest in what the Ritter family is doing! Meghan hopes to join the club even though she may miss a lot of meetings and events with five kids and a full-time job! But obviously she has the ability to do a lot of good for the community!

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## Corresponding Secretary

In our MWC mailbox... A Thank you letter from Blue Line Brothers Blankets for inviting them to speak about their mission at our January general meeting and the \$50 donation to the organization. Providence House sent a letter of Thanks for our club's ongoing support and the December donation of 30 bath towels for use in the intake kit for residents of their safe house. We also received an application from a Cherokee High School senior for consideration for our club's Scholarship Committee. A Thank you letter was sent to Bradley Funeral Home for their very generous donation of printing the tickets for our April Spring Bingo.

- Donna Gatti

## Advocates for Children

Ways to Be an Effective Advocate for your child at school.

- ..Be Informed
- ..Keep and organize paperwork
- ..Build relationships
- ..Ask questions
- ..Stay calm and collected
- ..Remember that you're part of the team
- ..Know your child's rights
- ..Talk to your child
- ..Communicate regularly

Read more at [www.understood.org](http://www.understood.org).

## Programs

**Our speaker at our March meeting** was Harry Cassidy, Advocate Recruiter for Children of Mercer and Burlington Counties for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA is the Special State Project for the NJSFWC for 2018-2020. CASA of New Jersey, Inc. is part of a national network of non-profits that advocate for children removed from their families because of abuse or neglect. CASA of NJ promotes and supports a statewide network of local CASA programs (Affiliates). Learn more at [www.casa-nj.org](http://www.casa-nj.org).

There is **no April speaker** due to our International Dinner Open House. Our entertainment that evening will be the wonderful Cherokee Strings.



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## Fundraising

### Dine and Donate Fundraisers

- ⇒ Upcoming event at Panhero's (May date TBD)
- ⇒ We raised \$116.56 at Chick Fil-A!
- ⇒ We raised \$460 at our Mexican Food Factory event. What a FANTASTIC turnout! Thanks to everyone for coming!

**BINGO ~ Sunday, April 7 (see page 6)** — Please ask your favorite stores and vendors for Bingo gift basket donations and restaurant gift cards for Dining Around Town. The Donation Letter to provide them is available online and [also attached here](#).

**Yard Sale** — Our spring Yard Sale will be at Sandy Meltz's house **Saturday, May 18**. Start saving your items. No clothes or shoes please. Set up at 7:00 am until 2:00 pm. You don't have to stay all day, just come for an hour or two. Contact Sandy if you have items you want to drop off the night before. Rain Date: June 8.

**Relay for Life** will be Saturday, June 1 at Cherokee High School. Our team: Sweet Charities. Register for the team or donate at [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).

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## Painting with a Twist

**Saturday, May 16 ~ 7-9 p.m.**  
111 NJ 73 South  
(behind Chickie and Pete's)  
[www.paintingwithatwist.com](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com)

Social Chair Pat Fusco proposed a social at Painting with a Twist (behind Chickie and Pete's) for May 16. A minimum of 15 people is needed, cost is \$35 per person for two hours (7-9). BYOB and snacks. Pat is looking into it since there was a lot of interest. Stay tuned!

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*Back by Popular Demand: Mad Scientist*  
July 9 at the Evesham Library  
Summer Reading Program  
Sponsored by the Marlton Woman's Club

## Federation Secretary

We have 10 individuals from the Club heading to the 125th NJSFWC Convention at the Golden Nugget May 6-8 in Atlantic City. Attendees will enjoy three days of friendship, workshops, exhibit, awards and the annual business meeting of the NJSFWC. This year's Convention theme "Celebrate a Proud legacy" pays tribute to the 125th anniversary of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC.

Thanks to the club for paying \$25 for every registrant from the club funds.

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## Special State Project — CASA

Our guest speaker at our March meeting was Harry Cassidy, Advocate Recruiter for CASA for Children of Mercer and Burlington Counties. We were excited to meet Harry and his colleagues and hear firsthand the impact that CASA can have on young people at risk. NJSFWC and Marlton Woman's Club have a special partnership with CASA. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is a nonprofit organization that recruits and trains community volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children to make sure they are safe and they receive services they need within the court and child welfare systems. For more information, visit [www.casaofnj.org](http://www.casaofnj.org).

### Next training:

"How to Become an Effective CASA Ambassador"

Millville Woman's Club Clubhouse

300 E. Street ~ Millville, NJ 08332

**Saturday, April 13, 2019 (10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)**

Registration deadline April 1

To sign up for the training or for questions, contact: Lynn Webb at [webb@njsfwc.org](mailto:webb@njsfwc.org).

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*Thank you Tina Fiorentino for an engaging presentation at our March meeting. Pictured (L-R): Home Life Chairwoman Christine Hastings, President Lisa Levin, Tina Fiorentino from [Ronald McDonald House South Jersey](#); and Program Chairwoman Lois Szwajkowski.*



*These happy shoppers enjoyed the hospitality of a special evening at Aenigma jewelry boutique on March 21st. Several of these beautiful accessories will accent our Bingo gift baskets. Terrific!*

## Membership



For our **April 23** meeting, all members are invited to make and/or bring a food that reflects their heritage (or just something you like) to share with all members. Please bring serving utensils. If it is a hot item please bring an extension cord; if a cake or dessert item, please cut into serving pieces.

And the fun part? Each member is to bring their own place setting and utensils—and they'll be judged! Be creative, funny, fancy, whatever you wish! Learn more at the March meeting.



At our February Meeting, we welcomed five wonderful, engaging guests and they ALL JOINED! **Please say hello to Kim Butterworth, Rita Garvey, Karen**

**Guest, Andrea Hearing, and Linda Magee.** This year we have welcomed 16 accomplished, interesting women to the Club. Please make sure to greet them, answer their questions, and sit with them at meetings to introduce yourself.

**Our New Members:** *Joanne Aucello, Amy Borders, Kim Butterworth, Suzanne Campbell, Jane Fischer, Rita Garvey, Karen Gregory, Karen Guest, Andrea Hearing, Nancy Louie, Linda Magee, Jennifer Nehring, Valerie Pelerin (previous member), Theresa Synol, Marie Tencer and Dr. Karen Wallet*

**I'm Interested!**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in joining our club, or want more information, please contact Membership Chair Keisha Cogdell at 856-452- 5489, or visit us online at [www.mariltonwomansclub.com](http://www.mariltonwomansclub.com). Like us on FB!

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## Public Issues

As a professional Coordinator of Services, it was great to learn the General Federation of Woman's Club recently reviewed their resolutions. I was happy to learn that they have a resolution titled "Valuing Volunteers", especially as National Volunteer Week is celebrated during the month of April.

**National Volunteer Week is April 7-13!**

In late February, an icon in the field of volunteerism passed away after a battle from cancer. Her name was Susan Ellis and she was based in Philadelphia. Over the past 30 years, thanks to my various jobs, I had the opportunity to meet Susan a number of times. One quote attributed to her, I would like to share with you since we have all chosen to be part of this great club and volunteer our time to benefit our community.

Paul Revere earned his living as a silversmith. But what do we remember him for? His volunteer work. All activism is volunteering in that it's done above and beyond earning a living and deals with what people really care passionately about. Remember, no one gets paid to rebel. All revolutions start with volunteers.

Susan J. Ellis

Lastly, in March I spotlighted Sew Much Comfort and shared their link. Soon after our Patchwork was shared by Jan, Irene Hartman informed me that Sew Much Comfort is "closing".

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### Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

THANK YOU in advance for the donation of items for our April 7 Bingo event. Please remind your guests that they will receive 3 extra bingo cards in exchange for any donations for Providence House (Domestic Violence Services) or Covenant House (a safe environment and services for homeless teens and those at risk for human trafficking). *Please advise your guests that on the back of the Bingo ticket is a Wish List of needed items specifically requested by each facility.*



### BINGO, BINGO, BINGO!

- If you are making gift baskets for the Spring Bingo or have gift cards for Dining Around Town, please let Genni Fardella know! Genni is compiling a list of all **gift cards and other donations** from businesses for our Spring Bingo. This list will then be given to Corresponding Secretary Donna Gatti to send out Thank You notes.
- If you receive a gift card for Dining Around Town, please give it to Genni, along with the name and address/business card of the person to whom the TY note should be addressed.
- Gift baskets may be brought the day of Bingo, but **PLEASE** send Genni an email with the one (s) you are bringing.
- **Members may arrive at 10:00 am. Bring your desserts in cupcake liners and wear your pink shirts.**



### April Meeting Hostesses

**Tuesday, April 23 (note Tuesday date)**

ALL MEMBERS — International Dinner (see pg. 5)

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### Collections

WE ARE COLLECTING the following items at our general meetings. Please bring items and place on the back collection tables:

- Unused seasonal greeting cards for military
- Coupons for the troops, expired are okay
- Box tops for Education
- Pill bottles (see pg. 8)
- Dr. Seuss books (NJSFWC project, 2 years)
- Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Printer ink cartridges (please bring when you have a few to save on storage)
- Gently used bras for Free the Girls (see pg. 8)

## Women's History

Here are a few interesting happenings during the month of April:

**April 2, 1931** - 17-year old Jackie Mitchell, the second woman to play baseball in the all-male minor leagues, pitched an exhibition game against the N.Y. Yankees and struck out both Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. The next day the baseball Commissioner voided her contract claiming baseball was too strenuous for women. The ban wasn't overturned until 1992.

**April 7, 1987** - Opening of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C.

**April 13, 1933** - Ruth Bryan Owen was the first woman to represent the U.S. as a foreign minister appointed as envoy to Denmark.

**April 19, 1977** - 15 women in the House of Representatives formed the first Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues.

**April 26, 1777** - American Revolutionary heroine, Sybil Ludington at age 16, rode 40 miles on horseback in the middle of the night to warn the American militia that the British were invading.

**April 28, 1993** - The first "Take Our Daughter to Work" Day sponsored by the Ms. Foundation. In 2003, it became "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work" Day.

— Sandy Ellis, Chair

### Communications

#### Deadlines for May "Patchwork":

Articles due: **Monday, April 15**  
(Issue emailed first week of May)

#### Remaining Deadlines:

- May 15 (for June issue)
- June 15 (for summer issue)

Please check out our website for currently flyers for MWC events. Let me know any corrections to our site please!

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## April Birthdays

April 3..... Deb Trennin  
 April 7..... Amy Glass  
 April 21..... Sharon Nigro  
 April 22..... June Adair  
 April 26..... Mary Ann Crilley  
 April 29..... Marie Tencer



- ◆ April General Meeting is **Tuesday, April 23**  
(moves from April 22 Easter Monday)
- ◆ May General Meeting is **Monday, May 20**  
(moves from May 27 Memorial Day)

## International Outreach

**NEW: Operation Smile** — provides safe surgery for children with cleft palates and facial deformities; 2 billion lack surgery and only 4% in poorest third world countries receive surgery. At the March meeting, we discussed the items we need for the smile bags along with the proper sizing for the bags for our gracious sewers. You can use any fabric and make as many as you want. I am working to get most of these items donated. Visit [www.operationssmile.org](http://www.operationssmile.org). It takes \$240 to repair a cleft and takes 45 minutes of surgery. We are so excited about this year's new opportunity!

- Matthew 25 Ministries: collecting non-labeled pill bottles

- Heifer International: basket for donations and cute pins at the back table for you

- Free The Girls: donate new or used bras to prevent sex trafficking

**Please remember to fill out a log sheet if you've donated in-kind bras, shoes or pill bottles.**

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## Conservation

- Please bring in cleaned, used mascara wands to be used by the wildlife refuge for injured animals in North Carolina.
- Thanks to Irene Hartman, we will be sharing information about a company that makes recycled shirts from recycled plastic bottles.



## Education

Please continue to encourage friends and neighbors to apply for our **2019 Joanne Lotierzo Memorial Scholarship**, awarded to a senior female student at Cherokee or BCIT who shows outstanding leadership and civic involvement.

APRIL  
**15**

[Applications](#) are on our website and **are due by April 15**. Special thanks to Jan and Mindi for advertising online, in newspapers, on Facebook and with school counselors. Please reach out to friends and family that may know a senior girl in our community who is going on to higher education. We would love to consider her for our scholarship. Our Education Committee will meet at the end of April to make its decision.



The week of April 29, 300 trees will be given out to 3rd graders in Jaggard and VanZant elementary schools as part of our annual school program. I will be looking for volunteers to help wrap saplings that week (exact date is TBD). We will again be sponsoring poster contests and hat decorating with a recycling theme with ice cream coupons as prizes for these creative students.

**Contact: June Adair**

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- Evesham Township will host a shredding event on May 4 from 8:00 a.m. To 12:00 pm. Burlington County will be conducting shredding events on March 24th and April 28th at the Recovery Complex Center, 22999 Burlington-Columbus Road, Florence, NJ from 9 am-1 pm. Please limit your shredding to 4 boxes per household. Pre-shredded paper is also accepted.



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### Home Life

I want to take a moment and first say thank you for all the jackets / coats that you all collected for the organization **One Warm Coat**; we were able to donate over 60 coats to be distributed to those in need! So great.

Thank you also for the collection of tabs and cartridges. We were able to give a significant donation to the Ronald McDonald house at our February meeting when our speaker was Tina Fiorentino from the RMH. We learned that the Philadelphia Eagles originally partnered with McDonald's to promote the Shamrock Shake to raise funds for the first Ronald McDonald House which was built in West Philly! We happily gave Tina one very large bag of tabs and close to 200 cartridges of various sizes! Funds from the recycling help to offset the cost of the housing for families in need.

- ◆ Currently we are signed up for serving lunch at **Cathedral Kitchen** on August 24 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. If you are interested and would like to go serve/help out please let me know so I can send you information needed for that day.
- ◆ We will provide breakfast at the **Ronald McDonald House** on Sunday, July 7 from 9-11 a.m. Look for more information and sign up sheets soon.
- ◆ I have a few projects that are in the works that I will be announcing at the upcoming meeting such as an initiative Healthy Hearts and Handbags — more info to come.

THANK YOU for all you do! Remember, if you have an idea or would like to pitch an idea at a meeting please let me know, I know we have different causes close to our heart.

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### Garden District Spring Conference and Achievement Day!

The April 18<sup>th</sup> Garden District Achievement Day is almost here! All submission forms were due to Arts Creative chair Debbie Price at the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and to Mindi Carleton by April 1<sup>st</sup>. **Completed projects must be at Pennsauken Country Club on April 18<sup>th</sup> between 8-9 a.m.**

This is a huge undertaking for our club and is always an enormous success. Garden District entries will be awarded with Gold, Blue and Red ribbons. Gold Ribbon Winners will be entered at the NJFWC State Convention in May. We are sure to win at the State level too!

We are grateful to our many members who have submitted entries and offered to help with registration and running the contests on April 18. Thank you for everything you do for the Marlton Woman's Club! You are truly appreciated.



**THANKS to everyone who purchased items for our chemo bags.** My friend who has been through chemo several times took them to MD Anderson Cooper. I planned on making 40 bags but everyone was so generous we were able to make more than 90! They were very appreciative. The extra supplies were donated to a club at Jaggard called You Before Me. They will be using them to make blessing bags for the homeless! Your donations continue to help others!! Many thanks! — June Adair

## 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 ([NJSFWC](#)).

## 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.

**I'D LIKE MORNINGS BETTER IF THEY STARTED LATER**

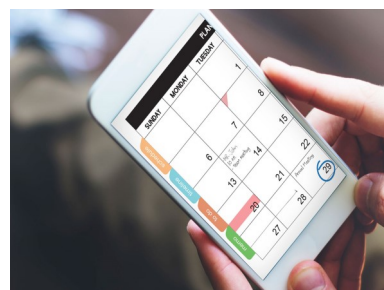
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# EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Lisa Levin
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Recording Secretary	Genni Fardella
Treasurer	Sue Gaskill
Federation Secretary	Mindi Carleton

### Next Board Meeting:

**April 8, 2019**  
 Marco's Restaurant  
 6:30 p.m. (6:00 pm for dinner)



## Upcoming Meetings

**TUESDAY, April 23**  
 April General Meeting

(moved from April 22 due to Easter Monday)

## 2018-19 Committee Chairwomen

Advocates for Children	Grace Coghlan
Arts Creative	Debbie Price
CASA	Mindi Carleton
Communications	Jan Martin
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Sunshine	Sue Price
Women's History	Sandy Ellis



**Joanne Lotierzo Memorial Scholarship**  
[Applications Due April 15, 2019](#)  
 (see page 8)

