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

May 18, 2020 TO BE DETERMINED (see back page for calendar)



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PATCHWORK

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



April 20<u>20</u>

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Garden District

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN "The World is HUGGED ~ by the Arms of Volunteers"

Hi Ladies,

THE WORLD IS UNCERTAIN due to the Coronavirus in our country and around the world. We will continue to say prayers for those families stricken by this highly contagious and deadly disease. Our hearts go out to them during this difficult time.



We have had many cancellations both on a club level and New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club level. Due to strict mandates regarding the spread of the highly contagious COVID-19 virus, our club cancelled the March General Meeting (March 23), Blanket Making (March 30), Spring Bingo fundraiser (April 15), April General Meeting (April 27), and rescheduled the April 2 Aenigma Event for Thursday, October 8th. See updated Aenigma flyer in *Patchwork*.

In addition, the following District or NJSFWC events have been cancelled:

- NJSFWC Public Issues Day (March 30)
- Garden District Achievement Day (April 16)
- NJSFWC Annual Convention in Atlantic City (May 4-6)

In the meantime, please stay safe and aware during this global health crisis.

At the end of the day, its not about what you have or even have accomplished.....it's about who you've lifted up, who you have made better. It's about what you have given back.

~Lisa LisaLevin445@gmail.com

APRIL MEETING CANCELLATION

The April 27 General Meeting has been cancelled in compliance with the national directive for physical distancing and stay-at-home guidelines. Watch your email for information regarding the May meeting if and when groups are permitted to gather.

Please stay safe at home and be well.

NEXT MEETING Monday, May 18, 2020 Gibson House (TO BE DETERMINED)

6:30 pm Refreshments 7:00 pm Meeting

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Vice President

May: Committee Sign-Ups

At the May meeting, club members may sign up to chair or serve on a committee for 2020-2021. If anyone has questions about a specific committee or would like to serve as chair, please contact me at (856) 905-2210 cell or <u>dentalimh@msn.com</u>.

A complete listing of club committees is available on page 10.

Contact: Irene Hartman

dentalimh@msn.com ~ (856) 905-2210 cell





NOTE

Valerie Pelerin's email is val.pelerin@gmail.com. It is listed in the Yearbook as vpelerin@gmail.com.

Corresponding Secretary

We received a Thank you letter from the Wiley Church Pantry for our donation of Valentine's Day cookie bags. The families truly appreciated being thought of in such a special way and really enjoyed the treats! Providence House also sent a letter to thank our club for the various donations at Christmas time. Our members donated bath towels and other needed items. They were especially thankful for the Boscov's donation of women's pajama sets, which was arranged by Sandy Meltz. Thank you letters will be sent to restaurants and other merchants who donated items or gift cards for our cancelled Spring Bingo. We will reassure them that these items will be used in our efforts to fundraise at the Fall Bingo.

Treasurer

Reimbursement checks have been mailed to all club members who have requested them for Bingo tickets for themselves and/or their guests. Many of our members and guests have generously donated the cost of their tickets to MWC, which will enable our club to continue our tradition of scholarships and donations this year. Any additional members who wish to be reimbursed for the cost of their tickets should email Fundraising Chair Sandy Meltz at sandysmiley1229@gmail.com. Also, all members have been reimbursed for their Achievement Day and Public Issues Day reservations.

Year-End Donations

Please see page 4 for a review of this year's charitable donations.

Please Mail Dues

Club dues (\$40) for the 2020-2021 club year are traditionally collected at the May meeting. This year, however, kindly *mail* your check to me at 4 Wyndmere Road, Marlton, NJ 08053. Please make checks out to the Marlton Woman's Club.

Contact: Sue Gaskill

<u>Gaskill_susan@yahoo.com</u> ~ 856-979-8595 cell

Stay Safe with the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- Wash your hands frequently or use hand sanitizer
- Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or elbow
- Keep your hands off your nose, face, eyes
- Avoid contact with others, hugs, touching
- Stay home
- Clean and disinfect often-touched surfaces
- Wear a mask whenever outside your home
- Observe physical distancing of 6 feet apart

For more information visit: www.cdc.gov

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Spring Bingo & Basket Raffle Sunday, March 15, 2020 Indian Spring Country Club

The Spring Bingo event was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

TICKET REFUNDS: At an emergency board meeting Sunday, March 15, it was decided that all members and non-members who requested a refund for their bingo ticket, would be refunded in full.

MEMBERS: If you have not already done so, please email Sandy Meltz with any names of individuals to whom you sold tickets IF they request a refund. There will be one single check paid to the member, who can then reimburse her family or friends. Money raised from ticket sales will support our scholarships.

For questions please contact Sandy Meltz at at <u>sandysmiley1229@gmail.com</u> or treasurer Sue Gaskill at <u>Gaskill_susan@yahoo.com</u>.

DINING AROUND TOWN: The gift cards and gift certificates received for Dining Around Town will be saved for the Fall Bingo on October 18, 2020.



GIFT BASKETS: Thank you, ladies, for the awesome array of gift baskets prepared for Spring Bingo. These will be kept for the Fall Bingo event.

Contact: Sandy Meltz

sandysmiley1229@gmail.com ~ (856) 630-4118



Fall Bingo & Basket Auction Sunday, October 18, 2020 Indian Spring Country Club Noon-4:00 p.m.

Dine and Donate Event CANCELLED

MEXICAN FOOD FACTORY Tuesday, March 24 601 W. Route 70 ~ Marlton



Contact: Sandy Meltz <u>sandysmiley1229@gmail.com</u> ~ (856) 630-4118

Spring Yard Sale

Saturday, May 16 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Sue Price's home (thank you Sue) 1 Shari Court ~ Marlton

TO BE DETERMINED

Start saving your gently used household goods, sporting goods, decorations etc. No clothes or shoes please. If you have good items let us know that day so we can sell accordingly.



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Federation Secretary

With the coronavirus on our minds, it is no surprise that the NJSFWC 2020 Annual Convention has been cancelled. The NJSFWC shares that "the health and safety of our members is our #1 priority and we must comply with state and federal guidelines until the COVID-19 crisis has passed."

REGISTRATION – If you have already sent in your registration, you will be refunded. Please be patient, since board members are currently staying home, per Governor Murphy's directive.

Club presidents should fill out and return the **DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM** that was included in the Call to Convention. Do not include a registration fee. Deadline has been extended to April 17. Registered delegates will have the opportunity to vote for officers and other Federation business.

CONVENTION JOURNAL and AWARDS for Best Reported Work in the District and the State, will be presented at the next District Council.

Contact: Mindi Carleton

mindi39@aol.com ~ (609) 304-5825

APPROVED: Year-End Donations

April is the month we generally begin our funds distribution by asking our members for suggestions for charities, compiling a list, and voting at the April meeting. Well, this year is different. Not only have we been unable to hold our Spring Bingo (our biggest fundraiser) or our March and April club meetings, but we see our neighbors and community suffering financially from business and school closures and hardship due to the coronavirus. We have already donated \$1,350 to our NJSFWC Special State Project CASA NJ, from our Boscov's event (see pg. 7). As of early April, the Education Committee has approved one scholarship for \$1,000.

The Executive Board proposed to divide our current treasury and donate funds to 501-C-3 organizations who are on the front lines feeding and helping those in our community. Via electronic vote, it was APPROVED by the membership to send \$750 each to the following 501-C-3 entities:

- 1. Cherokee High School Food Pantry
- 2. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Food Pantry
- 3. Wiley Food Pantry
- 4. Covenant House
- 5. Providence House
- 6. Women with Voices Charity

Executive Board Nominations

At the March and April meetings, nominations will be accepted for Executive Officer positions for 2020-21 — President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like to be considered for, or nominate someone for, an Executive Board position, please contact Nominations Chair June Adair at jadair446@gmail.com or (856) 264-1808.

The Nominating Committee is comprised of June Adair, Sandy Ellis and Jan Martin. Executive officers are traditionally elected by written ballot at the April meeting.

Year-End Donations, continued

By law, we are obligated to distribute the money, since as a 501(c)(3), we cannot keep unlimited funds in our account and we noted we would donate profits on our Bingo applications and report to the State.

Thanks so much to all the amazing women of the Marlton Woman's Club for your tremendous support and generosity. We are sure that 2020-2021



will give us the opportunity to give us our usual level of donations to the many additional organizations that are so close to our hearts. Please stay well.

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Membership

Traditionally our April General Meeting also doubles as International Night and Open House. Members are asked to bring either an appetizer, entree or dessert of their heritage to share. Members decorate the table with their own place settings (go wild) and win prizes for the most creative! This year the April General Meeting has been cancelled so now you have a whole year to plan your fancy place setting!

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dentalimh@msn.com ~ (856) 905-2210 cell

Contact: Jennifer Nehring

puggy_love@comcast.net ~ (856) 745-9595 cell



Public Issues

DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN ...

- ⇒ Your *manufacturer's* coupons and leave on the back table. Jenn Nehring is working with a local girls group to cut out the coupons for us.
- ⇒ Blank all occasion greeting cards. These are shipped overseas to have on hand for military personnel, who obviously can't dash out to a Hallmark store or even their PX frequently, to send back home (Happy Birthday, Miss You, all Holidays, blank too).

Contact: Jennifer Nehring <u>puggy_love@comcast.net</u> ~ (856) 745-9595 cell





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Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

As our members know, **Providence House** (Domestic Violence Shelter and Services) and **Covenant House** (Refuge for Homeless and At-Risk Teens) were slated to be the recipients of the donations given by Spring Bingo attendees. Normally, the donations would be incredibly generous and abundant! Since the Bingo was cancelled, there sadly will not be the usual amount of much needed donated items. Of course, both facilities are completely understanding and are appreciative of our past and future donation efforts.

If any member had already purchased items for the Bingo donation, we are requesting that you bring it to the next MWC meeting. The organizations had provided a wish list of needed items that included household cleaning products, laundry pods, paper goods and non-perishable food items, for Providence House. Covenant House had requested individual snacks, granola and breakfast bars, crackers, etc. solid color T-shirts all sizes, full size body wash and feminine hygiene products.

Thank you in advance for any items that you may be able to donate. Questions, please call Donna Gatti at 609-828-6505. When you replace "why is this happening to me" with "what is this trying to teach me?", everything shifts.





Club Meeting Hostesses

Monday, May 18, 2020 Roberta Calabria, Pat Fusco, Charlotte Muoio

Contact: Terry Zito, Hospitality <u>Grammy135@comcast.net</u> ~ (856) 596-8415



Our 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
- Manufacturer's coupons for the troops, expired are okay (do not need to cut)
- Box tops for Education
- Pill bottles (labels off please)
- Dr. Seuss books (NJSFWC project, 2 years)
- Pop tabs and printer ink cartridges for Ronald McDonald House (collect at home please)
- Gently used bras for <u>FreeTheGirls.org</u>
- Pads and pantiliners for <u>ISupportTheGirls.org</u>

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Garden District Spring Conference and Achievement Day Thursday, April 16 ~ Pennsauken CC

This event was CANCELLED in light of state and federal mandates regarding sheltering in place for COVID-19. Look for us to be back next year!

Contact: Amy Ettelson or June Adair

amyspapertreasures@gmail.com ~ 856-810-7670 jadair446@gmaila.com ~ 856-264-1808 June cell



THANK YOU to the brave nurses, health care professionals, grocery workers, ER doctors, respiratory therapists and technicians on the front lines fighting the coronavirus pandemic. Area schools closed March 16 sending students home for parent-led online instruction in order to slow the spread of the disease, and will remain closed the rest of the year.



Amy Glass	April 7
Sharon Nigro	April 21
June Adair	April 22
Mary Ann Crilley	April 26

Special State Project

The Marlton Woman's Club has made its annual donation to the Special State Project (CASA). The club donated a record-breaking \$1,350, all of which was raised through the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day and the "blue house" collection box that was present at our general meetings. Thank you so much!



NEW DATE: Aenigma Shopping Event

Thursday, October 8 ~ 6-9 p.m. Aenigma Jewelry and Accessories 6 Powell Lane, Collingswood www.aenigmajewelry.com

Due to present circumstances, the June 4 event has been rescheduled for **October 8th**. Owner Lynda Kane graciously gives back to our club **20% of total sales!** We in turn will purchase jewelry items to raffle at our Fall Bingo. Complimentary food and beverages. Please invite family and friends to attend with you.

Please RSVP to <u>Lisa Levin</u> by September 28: Call/text: (856) 577-6936

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Annual Dues

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Treasurer Sue Gaskill 4 Wyndmere Road Marlton, NJ 08053

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International Outreach

Please fill out a log sheet if you've donated in-kind bras, underwear, feminine products, or pill bottles.

<u>I Support the Girls</u> - Throughout the year we will be collecting menstrual hygiene products, bras and underwear, to aid women experiencing homelessness, impoverishment, or distress. Learn more at <u>www.isupportthegirls.org</u>. Of particular need are winged maxipads. No tampons please. The Dollar Store has a bin full of sanitary napkin packs.

Free The Girls– We have collected 64 bras! Donate new or gently used or new bras to help stop sex trafficking by allowing women to become entrepreneurs. Visit <u>www.freethegirls.org</u>.

<u>Heifer International</u> - The club's donations are making a difference worldwide. Please enjoy the pins and share them with family.

Contact: Amy Ettelson

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Education

- Applications are due by April 15, 2020 for the 2020 Joanne Lotierzo Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to senior female students at Cherokee or BCIT who show outstanding leadership and civic involvement.
- This year due to the coronavirus and subsequent ban on gathering for meetings and move to home instruction, we will not be awarding the *Eileen Burrows Scholarship* and hope to for 2021. This scholarship recognizes a senior who plans to go into the health care field.
- The April 28 tree sapling planting at Van Zant School has been cancelled.



 The writing contest for 5th grade boys and girls at Jaggard School has also been cancelled due to home instruction for the students. We hope to be able to develop this project for next year.

Contact: June Adair jadair446@gmaila.com ~ 856-264-1808

Conservation

Please bring in used, cleaned mascara wands for the wildlife refuge for injured animals.

Also, please bring in medicine bottles, with labels *removed*, so we can deliver them to Whole Foods as part of the Gimme 5 program.

At the March meeting, we had planned to share the relationship between an aquarium and an engineering firm in Massachusetts, regarding a project involving data and surveillance in what reporting.

Also, as stated in a February 9, 2020 article in the *Courier-Post*, Camden County is preparing to launch a pilot program to divert tons of food waste from

landfills and incinerators which will be converted to compost and animal feed. At our April meeting we were planning to discuss the importance of environmental concerns in Camden County. We hope to bring this information to you.

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Contact: Charlotte Muoio <u>FM1CPA@yahoo.com</u> ~ 856-983-1132



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Home Life

This month the Home Life Dept does not have a lot to share since our March Meeting was cancelled. However, events still took place and others will take place at a later date so I want to share those updates with you. But first a personal note to all of you.

As of May 2020, I will no longer be the Home Life Chairperson. My time in this role has been amazing. I learned new opportunities, met amazing people, and experienced first hand how big and generous your hearts are. I wish I did not have to end my time/ step down from this role because I do love it. The decision was not easy, however due to personal reasons (ongoing health issues) I need to step down and take care of me for a bit.

Home Life is an area that can be as big or as personal as you want it to be; you don't need to do everything, and it has amazing support from the club. If you would like to step up to be the chairperson or co-chair with someone let Lisa or myself know. I will sit with you and give you all the tools I have so you can be a success.

Please note I am not leaving the club, just the department. You ladies are my extended family, we have been through a lot together, and I look forward to the next part of our journey.

Collections for April:

Soda pop tabs and ink cartridges, please bring any to the May Meeting. Cozies for Chemo was cancelled—I will work with Meryl Schindler about possibly rescheduling.

Cookie Pack:

Again, a special Thank You to all the ladies who donated, participated, assembled baggies of cookies and candies. Amazing job. And a special thank you to Genni Fardella for hosting and Linda Magee for dropping all our goodies off, thank you!

Contact: Christine Hastings

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Arts Creative

Framed Quote Fun at Kesson View Senior Center. A happy and smile-filled time was had by seniors on Saturday, Feb. 8. Now they can wake up to a bright and lovely creation they made themselves with a quote to lighten the heart. Thank you to everyone who came out or donated picture frames. NO log sheets necessary.

Contact: Amy Ettelson

amyspapertreasures@gmail.com ~ 856-810-7670

Women's Centennial Display

The Evesham Public Library was CLOSED on Saturday, March 14 to stop the spread of COVID-19, so our planned celebration for the 100th anniversary of women earning the right to vote was cancelled. It was to be March 14 in concert with March's Women's History Month. Our team worked hard to create an informative display to honor this milestone. Kids could ask "suffragettes" questions and share the history of this momentous occasion and subsequent passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. The Alice Paul Institute in Mount Laurel donated historic memorabilia. Alice Stokes Paul (1885-1977), who was born in Mount Laurel and attended Moorestown Friends School, was a noted American suffragist, feminist, and women's rights activist, and one of the main leaders and strategists of the campaign for the Nineteenth Amendment. Paulsdale, in Mount Laurel Township, her birthplace and childhood home, is a National Historic Landmark. Read more here ...

Contact: Sandy Ellis

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Communications

Upcoming "Patchwork" Deadlines: Due April 15 (for May issue)

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Who We Are

GFWC Marlton Woman's Club is a proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (<u>GFWC</u>) and the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (<u>NJSFWC</u>).

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 nonsectarian, 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.

You're not stuck at home, you're safe at home. One word can change your attitude, and one cough can change your life.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Vice President Corresp. Secretary Recording Secretary Treasurer Federation Secretary

Lisa Levin Irene Hartman Donna Gatti Genni Fardella Sue Gaskill Mindi Carleton

Next Board Meeting: Monday, April 13 6:30 p.m. Via videoconference



Upcoming Meetings

Monday, May 18 (3rd Monday) May General Meeting To be determined

2019-20 Committee Chairwomen

Advocates for Children Arts Creative CASA Communications Conservation Contact Domestic Violence Awareness

Education Fundraising Home Life Hospitality International Outreach Legislation/Resolutions Membership

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