

## 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 Gather  
7:00 pm: General Meeting

### Place

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

### NEXT MEETING

Monday, Feb. 27

7:00 p.m.  
Gibson House



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# PATCHWORK

"Love, Loyalty, Friendship: The Bonds of Volunteerism"

Shirley Holly, NJSFWC President



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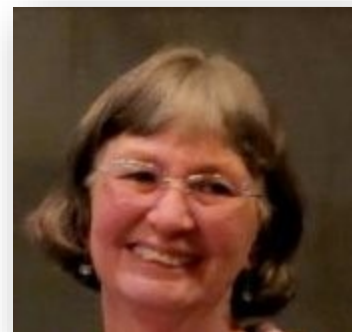
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Garden District

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

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

Hi everyone! We were a VERY busy club in 2022! Based on the 2022 annual committee reports, we completed over 300 projects, events, and social activities. Our volunteer hours exceeded 12,500. We raised and donated over \$16,000 from our Treasury. All in-kind donations including those from both Bingo events totaled \$34,000. **Way to go everyone!** A huge thank you to the committee chairwomen for completing their reports before the Feb. 1 deadline.



Our local Evesham School District Spelling Bee on January 19 was a lot of fun. The final two contestants were equally matched. It was exciting as they volleyed back and forth. The Garden District Spelling Bee will be **Sunday, February 26** at Haddon Fortnightly and we will get to watch these two young men again. Please let Mindi know if you can help.

Our [website](#) now interfaces with our Google Calendar. Check it often for upcoming events. On Feb. 2 a small group visited the new tea house in Marlton. On Feb. 5 a group had lunch and then went to see the new movie, *80 for Brady*. On Wed., Feb. 22 a small group is going to Atlantic City on a casino trip with the Marlton Senior Citizens. Our annual weight loss challenge is in full swing and ends March 31. Lots of events are being planned for March also. Of course the walking groups hit the paths on Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Hopefully you join us for some or all of these events.

We've decided to include "Dining Around Town" as part of our Spring Bingo on April 16. So please ask local restaurants if they would be willing to donate a gift card toward this fantastic prize. Copies of the donation letter are available if you need one. We also decided not to have our International Dinner at our April meeting. We hope to hold that again in 2024.

We are hosting the Garden District Civic Engagement and Outreach Day on **March 28**. We will be providing desserts and The Porch Club of Riverton and the Medford Woman's Club are co-hosting the event with us. It will be a fun afternoon at the Gibson House. Look for more details to come!

Our next General Meeting is **February 27**. I hope to see you then. Until then, enjoy reading this issue of the *Patchwork*.

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

**General Meeting**  
**Monday, February 27**

Gibson House  
7:00 p.m. Meeting  
(Social Time 6:30 p.m.)

## First Vice President

Hello ladies! Just a few reminders:

- ◆ If you would like a MWC email address ([name@marltonwomansclub.com](mailto:name@marltonwomansclub.com)), please let me know. Many of us find it helps to keep our MWC email separate. Email me anytime at [andrea@marltonwomansclub.com](mailto:andrea@marltonwomansclub.com).
- ◆ Our position of 2nd VP remains open. The Second Vice President would step in for the First Vice President in her absence or at her request, and serves as the coordinator for club committees. Help is available. Are you interested? We're here to help. Please contact myself or Linda Magee.
- ◆ Revised bylaws were presented in January with some housekeeping corrections.
- ◆ Please remember you may sign up at any time for any committee. Please contact me to join or be removed from a committee.

**Contact: Andrea Hearing**

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## Corresponding Secretary

Our mailbox held a wonderful surprise! PSE&G Power of Giving Campaign gifted our Marlton Woman's Club with an additional \$500 check (\$1,000 total) in recognition of their employee, Arleen Prusienski's volunteer efforts. We are so very grateful and fortunate that Arleen has once again directed this award to our club. Arleen is a true leader in the community and an inspiration as she works tirelessly to help others. Letters of thanks have been sent to PSE&G and Arleen for their most generous gift! We also received a note of thanks from Providence House for our recent help setting up their family Holiday Shop and our member's personal donations. Pertaining to the upcoming Spring Bingo – if members receive a donation of a basket auction item or a gift card from

## Second Vice President

President Linda Magee has received the NJFWC Convention information for "Volunteerism Will Rock Your World." The convention will be held at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City on **May 1-3** (Mon-Wed). See the flyer on our website for details for the busy three days. Please let Linda know if you plan to attend or are considering attending. Will you attend all days or just one? Do you plan to attend any of the workshops or meals?

If you have any questions, please contact Linda or we can discuss more during our General Meeting. Registration fee \$30 if postmarked by March 31. [See our website for complete flyer.](#)

**Contact: Open**



an individual or business, please inform Genni Fardella or Donna Gatti so that they can receive a thank you from our club.

**Contact: Donna Gatti** ~ [zeets1@comcast.net](mailto:zeets1@comcast.net)

## Special State Project 2022-2024: The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation

In February 2023, look for information for a yoga-wine-chocolate fundraiser and a 5K walk/run on Saturday, April 1 at Riverwinds. ECF may also be looking for volunteers for their annual ECF golf outing in the spring — stay tuned.

**Contact: Michele Fleming-Waters**

[ewaters13@verizon.net](mailto:ewaters13@verizon.net) ~ (609) 707-1257

[www.emmanuelcancer.org](http://www.emmanuelcancer.org)

## Federation Secretary

- ◆ Please see Arts and Culture on page 5 for Achievement Day information. Find the entry forms at the general meeting, on our website, NJSFWC.org and on our Google Drive. Achievement Day will be **Thursday, April 13** at the Pennsauken Country Club.
- ◆ SAVE THE DATE: [2023 Annual NJSFWC Convention](#) will be held at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City **May 1-3, 2023**. [Find complete information on our website.](#)
- ◆ The convention will open at 1:30 pm Monday, 5/1/23 and close at the end of the business session Wednesday 5/3/23.
- ◆ Room reservations are to be made directly with the Hard Rock Café by April 21. Call (609) 449-6860. Room rate \$123.85.
- ◆ Registration is \$30 if postmarked by March 31. On-site registration is \$40. Tuesday banquet honoring Club Presidents is \$90.

### Contact: Mindi Carleton

[mindi@marltonwomansclub.com](mailto:mindi@marltonwomansclub.com) (NOTE NEW)  
(609) 304-5825 cell

## Treasurer

The Finance Committee will be resuming efforts to research electronic payment options.

Remember to use tax exempt status for purchases from Dollar Tree (see Linda Magee or myself for the bar code on your phone), and also Amazon.

If you need a check, please let me know!

### Contact: Barbara Greco

(917) 225-3324 cell  
[Barbara@marltonwomansclub.com](mailto:Barbara@marltonwomansclub.com)

## FreeTheGirls.com (Domestic Violence Awareness)

Throughout the year, we collect gently used or new bras. Why? Are bras necessary? In a word, yes. With these donations, a woman can make a livable wage – pay off past debts, supply the needs for herself and her family in the present, and saving for the future.

Trafficking survivors need a dignified way to make money while transitioning from exploitation to the rest of their lives.



*This picture is from Nairobi, Africa showing an outdoor bra market.*

## I Support The Girls.com (Domestic Violence Awareness)

Every person should have dignity. Every day of the month. Periods don't stop for homelessness... or domestic violence, or natural disasters, poverty or pandemics. Every time our club donates pads, we are giving dignity to women.

*Here, women gratefully receive pads in India.*





## Spring Bingo April 16, 2023

A few reminders about our upcoming Spring Bingo:

### Gift Cards

Don't forget about gift card donations for Dining Around Town. The donation letter is on our website if you need to give it to the restaurant, salon, etc.

### Gift Baskets

Please let [Genni Fardella](#) know how many baskets you have. If you need assistance putting the items together, call Genni at (856) 278-4880 to make arrangements with her to drop it off at her house.

### Tickets

Bingo tickets are on order and we hope to have them at the February General Meeting. Tickets are \$40.00 and include a boxed lunch. Please get your guests' selections for (1) Roast Beef, (2) Turkey and Cheese, or (3) Veggie Wrap. To reserve tickets, email Sandy Meltz with (a) how many tickets, (b) first and last names of attendees, and © their lunch order. **Last day to order tickets will be April 2, 2023.** We will seat 8-10 people at a table.

**Contacts:** Sandy Meltz

[Sandysmiley1229@gmail.com](mailto:Sandysmiley1229@gmail.com) ~ 856-630-4118 cell

## Environment

If water conservation is far from your mind on this winter day, maybe by the hot days of summer as you fill yet another watering can to water your plant pots, you will wish you had planned ahead!

I have had a water barrel for a few years now. The first one was a hand-me-down from my son that he didn't winterize and was cracked. We tried to fix it and it worked for a while, but eventually we gave up and got a new one.



It holds 50 gallons and gets filled up really quickly during a rain storm. I have not had it run dry on me and I have lots of pots and borders that I water constantly during the summer. It is also fun for my grandchildren to fill their cans to help Nani with the watering.

**Contacts:** Valerie Pelerin

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Genni Fardella

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## Spring Bingo

- ⇒ **April 16, 2022 Spring Bingo**
- ⇒ Earn 3 free games with a food donation to Wiley Food Pantry and Cherokee Food Pantry
- ⇒ Ticket orders DUE to Sandy Meltz by April 2, 2023
- ⇒ \$40 per person, includes boxed lunch and free games



## Arts and Culture

### NJSFWC Garden District Achievement Day

Thursday, April 13, 2023

#### Pennsauken Country Club

Achievement Day is a day to encourage club members to show off their talents to others who will appreciate their efforts and enjoy seeing what others can do. There are two portions:

- ⇒ Arts and Culture Achievement Day
- ⇒ Environment Achievement Day

Members are encouraged, and will hopefully be inspired, to enter their favorite or best efforts with crafts and cooking to share the knowledge and enjoyment with their friends. Categories in the **Arts & Culture Achievement Day** include: handmade items of jewelry, needlecraft (knitting, crochet, sewing, paper crafts (scrapbooks, cards, flowers, etc.), holiday decorations, birdhouses, painting and drawing, and photography.

For anyone interested in these activities, your other club members (local and statewide) would enjoy seeing what you have done. There are three levels: for Beginners, Advanced (previous winners) and Professional (if you sell items), so you will only compete at your level of experience. Items must have been created in the previous calendar year, in this case, 2022.

The **Environment Achievement Day** contests are divided into two divisions: Artistic Design and Horticulture. All entries must be pre-registered with the District Environment Chairman, **two weeks** prior to the District Achievement Day. To register, contact the District Environment Chairman [wisner@njsfwc.org](mailto:wisner@njsfwc.org) to determine the pre-registration deadline for your district. All entries must be the work of the clubwoman.

- Only ONE entry per clubwoman in each category/subcategory. Entry must be completed within the past year.
- Entry may not have been entered in a previous Federation contest.

- FREE to enter— this is primarily for enjoyment and a chance to meet other members with similar talents and interests. Bragging rights are also included!
- Find the Entry Forms and complete directions on our Marlton Woman's Club [website](#) or [www.njsfwc.org](http://www.njsfwc.org) (Arts and Culture tab) as well as our club Google Drive.
- Please check with Mindi Carleton for specific pre-registration deadlines for Achievement Day

### MEMBERS

Please bring any of your items that were entered into the contests in the past to the February General Meeting so other members can see a few examples.

The entry forms are on the Google Drive for the club and on our club website [www.marltonwomansclub.com](http://www.marltonwomansclub.com).

GOOD LUCK!

### Contact: Mindi Carleton

[mindi@marltonwomansclub.com](mailto:mindi@marltonwomansclub.com) (NOTE NEW)  
(609) 304-5825 cell



## Health and Wellness

**February is American Heart Month**, which spotlights and shares awareness of the risk factors associated with heart disease. Heart disease is the leading cause of death among women in the US, partly because women have different, more subtle heart attack symptoms than men, and are therefore less likely to recognize a heart problem when it occurs. High blood pressure is one of the major causes of heart attacks, but getting regular exercise (150 minutes a week is recommended) can help keep our blood pressure down and help prevent heart disease and stroke. According to the American Heart Association, 80% of cardiovascular illnesses are considered preventable with regular physical activity, a healthy diet, and avoiding tobacco.

To that end, **everyone is welcome to join our walking groups** – check the calendar and text Sue or Michele, depending on what day(s) you'd like to come out! We go out in any weather but rain or ice. Keeping fit is fun when you do it with friends!

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual MWC Weight Loss Challenge is ongoing – I hope all participants are finding fun and healthy ways to take off pounds to benefit their favorite charity!

National Wear Red Day, which emphasizes health, wellness, awareness, and empowerment, is the first Friday of each February, but **MWC encourages our members to wear red to our February 27<sup>th</sup> General Meeting** to remind ourselves to keep our hearts healthy!

**Contact: Sue Gaskill**

[Gaskill\\_susan@yahoo.com](mailto:Gaskill_susan@yahoo.com) ~ (856) 979-8595 cell

**Check It Out!**

Learn facts about women and heart disease at <https://www.goredforwomen.org/en/about-heart-disease-in-women/facts>,

## Advocates for Children Collections

### Ronald McDonald House

Collecting pull tabs

### 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 collecting books for children of all ages.

### St. Jude's Ranch for Children

At this time we are discontinuing the collection of greeting cards

**Contact: Meryl Schindler** ~ (856) 912-2043 cell  
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## International Dinner

Due to COVID sensitivities and logistics, we will not be hosting our April International Dinner. We hope to return to that event next year.



## Club Group Email Addresses

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

**[MWC-Board@marltonwomensclub.com](mailto:MWC-Board@marltonwomensclub.com)**

Group email for MWC Board Members

**[MWC-Members@marltonwomensclub.com](mailto:MWC-Members@marltonwomensclub.com)**

Group email for all club members

**[MWC-Chairs@marltonwomensclub.com](mailto:MWC-Chairs@marltonwomensclub.com)**

Group email for Committee Chairwomen

**[MWC-Communications@marltonwomensclub.com](mailto:MWC-Communications@marltonwomensclub.com)**

Group email for honorary guests

**[MWC-Guests@marltonwomensclub.com](mailto:MWC-Guests@marltonwomensclub.com)**

Group email for potential members



## Programs

This spring we will welcome Jen Williams from Covenant House as a guest speaker, most likely for our April meeting.

Are you interested in helping with Programs? Contact Linda Magee. We try to have four speakers per year.

**Contact: Linda Magee ~ (856) 577-6936 cell**  
[linda@marltonwomensclub.com](mailto:linda@marltonwomensclub.com)

## New Tracking Sheet

Copies of the new tracking sheet can be found on our club Google Drive. This sheet is to be filled out after each activity or event and will aid the committee chairwomen in completing their annual reports in December, without trying to recreate what happened, remember who paid, how much or other details of the event.

There is also a fillable version on the Google Drive for simplicity and accurate recordkeeping. For information or questions, contact Linda Magee or Andrea Hearing.

### MARLTON WOMAN'S CLUB TRACKING SHEET

- ◆ *Date of Event:*
- ◆ *Project Title:*
- ◆ *Primary Committee:*
- ◆ *Chairwoman:*
- ◆ *Supporting Committees:*
- ◆ *Project Description:*

*Please store or attach any pictures supporting this event in Google Drive.*



Update Your GFWC

## Membership

Welcome to our new members! Please say hi and extend a big warm welcome!

### Lynda Calderone

*(brought in by Paula Wormald)*

9 Halter Court

Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

[lcaldrone@calderonebullock.com](mailto:lcaldrone@calderonebullock.com)

Phone (215) 740-1967

Has 3 adult daughters, likes reading, music, cross-words and (previously) crochet

### Nicole Greco

*(brought in by Barbara Greco)*

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Marlton, NJ 08053

[IHatePlaque@aol.com](mailto:IHatePlaque@aol.com)

Phone (716) 444-8636

Likes reading, shopping, animals

### Contact: Andrea Hearing

[andrea@marltonwomansclub.com](mailto:andrea@marltonwomansclub.com)

(609) 304-6521 cell

## Arts Performing

At our General Meeting, I will have a sign-up for the Cherokee Spring Musical – Addams Family. Meanwhile, here is a winter poem to enjoy:

### Spellbound

*Emily Brontë*

The night is darkening round me,

The wild winds coldly blow;

But a tyrant spell has bound me

And I cannot, cannot go.

The giant trees are bending

Their bare boughs weighed with snow.

And the storm is fast descending,

And yet I cannot go.

Clouds beyond clouds above me,

Wastes beyond wastes below;

But nothing drear can move me;

I will not, cannot go.

I hope that some members will be in a creative frame of mind this year, to enter into the Performing Arts Festival which will be held on **March 24**. Full details of how to enter are in the Arts Performing Supplement which you can get here: <https://njsfwc.org/materials>.

### Contact: Valerie Pelerin

[val.pelerin@gmail.com](mailto:val.pelerin@gmail.com) ~ 856-906-2031 cell/text

## Civic Engagement and Outreach

Club members are encouraged to attend the [Garden District Civic Engagement and Outreach Day](#) on **March 28 at 1:00 pm** at Gibson House. June Adair is the District chair of this event, which will feature Evesham Police officers, Larry Abrams from BookSmiles and Sandra Ortega, first commissioned black woman officer in the U.S. Air Force. See flyer on our website. Cost is \$5, we'll be providing desserts. Many thanks to **Janet Brindisi**, for stepping up into the vacancy for this committee. Interim chair **Kathleen Somers** needed to step back due to work obligations and we thank her for her fine work with the committee.

**Contact:** [Janet Brindisi](mailto:Janet.Brindisi) ~ (215) 313-3752

## Communications

We have placed a congratulatory full page ad in the Ad Book for the 2023 NJSFWC Convention in Atlantic City.

Please let me know if you still need a copy of the *2023 Yearbook*.

### Patchwork Deadlines

⇒ **March 1:** articles due to Jan Martin at [jan@marltonwomansclub.com](mailto:jan@marltonwomansclub.com)

⇒ **March 15:** March issue distributed

**Contact:** Jan Martin ~ (630) 750-7622 cell  
[jan@marltonwomansclub.com](mailto:jan@marltonwomansclub.com)



## Education and Libraries

### Book Club

Our book club is reading *The Maltese Falcon* by D. Hammett. Our meeting will be at Sue Gaskill's home on **February 28** at 6:30 p.m. If you are coming, please let me know.

### District Civic Engagement and Outreach Event;

#### Chairwoman June Adair

On **Tuesday, March 28**, we are hosting the Garden District Civic Engagement and Outreach at The Gibson House at 1:00 pm. It should be a wonderful day learning how we can help others. I'll have signup sheets at our February meeting for food and help during the event. Thanks for your support!! See our website for the flyer.

### Spelling Bee

Our 9th annual spelling bee on January 19, 2023 was a great success, thanks to all the wonderful club members who helped and made this a special day for our fourth and fifth graders. Thank you, thank you!! The top three winners will advance to the Garden District Spelling Bee on **February 26, 2023** at The Haddon Fortnightly.



### Garden District Spelling Bee February 26th

Are you interested in helping with the Garden District Spelling Bee? Wonderful! Please contact Mindi Carleton, Garden District Spelling Bee Chair, at (609) 304-5825 or [mindi39@aol.com](mailto:mindi39@aol.com). GOOD LUCK to our local winners Sam Hassan, Ryan Steele and Lavin Vinayagamoorthi.



L-R: First place: Samuel Hason; Second place: Ryan Steele; Third place: Lavin Vinayagamoorthi; Alternate: Emily Li not pictured



**Contact:** June Adair ~ (856) 264-1808 cell [jadair446@gmail.com](mailto:jadair446@gmail.com); Photo Credit: Jeffrey Price

### **NEW: Marlton Woman's Club Apparel**

We now have new, updated clothing options for our Marlton Woman's Club apparel, which club members wear at almost all our events. Choose from:

- ⇒ Soft T-Shirt = \$25.00 (regular crew neck)
- ⇒ V-Neck = \$20.00
- ⇒ Collared Polo Shirts = \$35.00
- ⇒ Zip up hoodies \$40 and \$45

2XL up — add \$3.00 crew/V-neck; \$2.00 polo

Shirts may be ordered throughout the year (and even a quantity as low as ONE!), but it is helpful to group together as many orders as we can.

Orders were taken at the November meeting and samples were provided to view.

Interested in a refresh for your MWC shirt? Or want another one? Sign up at the sign up sheet at the General Meeting

or contact Andrea Hearing at (609) 304-6521 or [andrea@marltonwomansclub.com](mailto:andrea@marltonwomansclub.com).

Makes checks payable to *Andrea Hearing*.



### Legislative and Resolutions

Did you know that almost every MWC committee has legislative action attached to it? Check out the list of GFWC Legislative priorities for 2022-24 (ATTACHED); together we can encourage Congressman Kim and Senators Menendez and Booker to pass (or reauthorize) laws and allocate (or increase) funding to help support causes that are close to our hearts. These include increased funding for programs addressing domestic violence, sexual exploitation, kids’ online safety, child abuse, pay equity, mental health counseling and other veterans’ services, state and local arts programs, STEAM education programs, state and local recreational areas, food insecurity, school lunches, global vaccination programs, and more!

VISIT the GFWC website’s Legislative Action Center <https://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/public-policy/> for opportunities to sign pre-written letters to our representatives supporting these causes. Together, we can advocate for a safer, kinder, more equitable world for the next generation! **LINK:** <https://www.votervoice.net/GFWC/Campaigns/98384/Respond>

**Contact: Sue Gaskill**  
[Gaskill\\_susan@yahoo.com](mailto:Gaskill_susan@yahoo.com) ~ (856) 979-8595 cell



**Wear red to the February General Meeting**  
**February 27, 2023**

### Happy Birthday!

- Paula Wormald..... February 15
- Kathleen Somers ..... February 16
- Jane Fischer ..... February 18
- Genni Fardella ..... February 23



### Caught You

At the January General Meeting, President Linda Magee presented **Jan Martin**, with the “Caught Making a Difference” award. Jan was honored for the “multitude of hours creating the *Patchwork*, our Yearbook, maintaining our website and Facebook pages while working full-time and running a family. Our District Vice President, Marie DiMatties, receives copies of our Patchwork every month and often recognizes the hard work that Jan puts into creating that newsletter. Thank you, Jan!



### Ongoing Collections

- ⇒ Spare Change (Heifer)
- ⇒ Gently used or new bras (Free the Girls)
- ⇒ Sanitary napkins (I Support the Girls)
- ⇒ Coats and clothing (Little Hands, Little Feet)
- ⇒ Children’s books (Little Hands, Little Feet)
- ⇒ Used clean mascara wands (Environment)
- ⇒ Gently used shoes (Environment, DSW)
- ⇒ Towels and Washcloths, twin size Safe House bedding (Providence House)
- ⇒ Eyeglasses for the Lions Club (Education)

## Domestic Violence Awareness

Grab your scissors and join us for a fun “No-Sew” tie blanket making get-together on **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm** at the Marlton home of our gracious host, Jan Martin (129 Preamble Drive). Light snacks will be provided, but please bring your own beverage. [Covenant House](#) in Atlantic City is a safe haven for homeless teens and youth at risk for human trafficking. There is a constant need in the shelter for these blankets. If possible, donated blanket kits are very welcome for this activity day and may be purchased at JO-ANN Fabrics or on Amazon – size 48” x 60” – please select a pattern appropriate for teenagers. All our members are welcome! Hope to see you there! For questions please call [Donna Gatti](#) – 609-828-6505.

Recently, much attention has been focused on awareness and prevention of human trafficking and identifying those vulnerable and at risk for falling victim to these horrific and dangerous situations. Covenant House, Atlantic City has been combating this crisis in NJ with the recent addition of Covenant House Action and Research Tank (CHART). Their purpose is to identify and work with trafficking victims and were able to serve 149 trafficked youths this past year.

Jan Martin recently attended a program featuring [Dawn's Place](#), a residential non-profit organization based in Philadelphia, dedicated to providing a safe refuge for women who have been affected by commercial sexual exploitation. These victims receive housing, trauma recovery services and vocational training. Jan stated that the presentation was very compelling and highlighted the need for more awareness and action to combat this crisis.

## Collections

- ⇒ [Free the Girls](#) - Donate those new and gently used bras and help free girls from sex trafficking. Call or text Donna Gatti for a pick up or bring to the General Meeting. (See page 3)
- ⇒ [I Support the Girls](#) - Please donate sanitary napkins, you can bring them to the General Meeting. Napkins can be found at the Dollar Store. You are helping women and young girls continue to go to work and school. No tampons please. (See page 3)

**Contact: Donna Gatti**

609-828-6505 cell/text ~ [zeets1@comcast.net](mailto:zeets1@comcast.net)

## Social Committee

Are you feeling lucky? Join several MWC members for a bus trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on **Wednesday, Feb. 22nd**, sponsored by Evesham Twp. Bus leaves promptly at 9:00 am from the Gibson House and returns at 5:00 pm. Payment can be made by mail, in person at the Gibson House or online if you have a Community Pass with the Township. **For questions contact Karen at the Gibson House (856) 985-9792.** Looking forward to a FUN day! On February 3, a group of us enjoyed a day out to see 80 For Brady. Such a fun time and movie!

**Contact: Sue Price**

856) 313-6831 cell ~ [smprice0509@comcast.net](mailto:smprice0509@comcast.net)



## NEW: Website Calendar Updated

Thanks to Andrea, Linda, and Jan, our [Marlton Woman's Club website](#) now displays our Google Calendar when you click the calendar link at the top of the page. Hooray! Now as we update the Google Calendar the website will reflect those calendar updates in real time. It will now no longer be necessary to send an event file every month with the minutes of the General Meeting.

Access the calendar and our website online at [www.marltonwomansclub.com](http://www.marltonwomansclub.com).



## 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

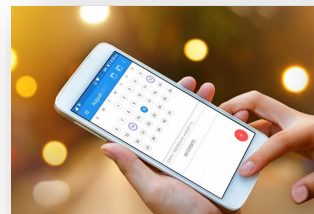
The purpose of this club, which is non-political and non-sectarian, shall be to advance the welfare of the Community and to promote the progress and work of the General Federation of Women's Clubs through the education, civic and charitable interests of its members.

# EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Linda Magee
1st Vice President	Andrea Hearing
2nd Vice President	<b>Open</b>
Corresponding Secr.	Donna Gatti
Recording Secretary	Debbie Price
Treasurer	Barbara Greco
Federation Secretary	Mindi Carleton

### February Board Meeting Monday, February 20

5:30 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. meeting  
Marco's Restaurant



## UPCOMING DATES

### February General Meeting

Monday, February 27

Social Gathering 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
at Gibson House (see pg. 1)

### March General Meeting

Monday, March 27

## 2022-23 Committee Chairwomen

Advocates for Children.....	Meryl Schindler
Arts & Culture.....	Mindi Carleton
Arts Performing .....	Valerie Pelerin
Civic Engagement .....	Janet Brindisi
& Outreach	
Communications .....	Jan Martin
Contact .....	Sue Gaskill
Domestic Violence .....	Donna Gatti
Awareness	
Education & Libraries .....	June Adair
Environment.....	Valerie Pelerin & Genni Fardella
Fundraising.....	Sandy Meltz
Health & Wellness.....	Sue Gaskill
Hospitality .....	Terry Zito
Legislation/Resolutions .....	Sue Gaskill
Membership.....	Andrea Hearing & Mindi Carleton
Special State Project.....	Michele Fleming- Waters
Photography.....	Barbara Greco
<b>Programs .....</b>	<b>Open</b>
Social .....	Sue Price
Sunshine .....	Sue Price
Women's History.....	Sandy Ellis



## Black History Month



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