

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, Jan. 24

7:00 p.m.

In-person, Gibson House



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PATCHWORK

"Let Our Voices Soar"

Jan Hansen, NJSFWC President



January 2022

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Garden District

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

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

Hi Ladies,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season!

We had SUCH a wonderful time at our club's Holiday Dinner in December! Many **thanks** to members for your generosity of children's gifts and gift cards, it truly made a difference with the families in our local community. **Thanks** to June Adair for organizing this huge project. Excellent job June!



A big **thank you** to all club chairwomen for doing such outstanding work with your Reporting Forms and Narratives. And more importantly, thank you for doing such an amazing job being chairwomen for our committees. Your dedication always is appreciated, more than you know.

We are very much looking forward to year 2022 to our club events, fundraisers and making such a tremendous difference in the lives of others!

"Never underestimate your ability to make someone else's life better!"

~Lisa

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General Meeting Monday, January 24

Gibson House
6:30 pm Gather
7:00 p.m. Meeting
Masks required

2nd Vice President

THANK YOU to all committee chairwomen for your work in submitting 2021 Reporting Forms and Narratives for the year. The reports were excellent and, although we're still in a pandemic, our club has done some amazing things!

We have an opening for chairwomen for the Arts and Culture Committee (please see page 7). If this is something you think you could help us with, please contact me.

A subcommittee of the Executive Board is exploring options for possibly accepting electronic payments and credit cards for donations at our events. More soon.

This spring we will have club elections so look for more information in the coming months.

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Treasurer

- ⇒ If anyone has receipts from any disbursements from 2021, please submit them to me as soon as possible for reimbursement. We are closing the books for 2021.
- ⇒ Currently we have \$7,697.99 in our bingo account and \$7,745.18 in the general account.

Contact: Genni Fardella
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Corresponding Secretary

Our Marlton Woman's Club has once again received a \$500 grant from the PSEG Foundation-Power of Giving program in recognition of Arleen Prusienski's amazing community service. As vice president, Arleen works tirelessly for our club to grow and flourish and to extend our outreach in the community. We are very grateful to Arleen and that we are the recipient of her employer's generosity. A letter of thanks has been sent to PSEG for their continued support.

We also received a \$50 check from the Marlton Elks Lodge 2514 as a contribution towards the snack trays that were delivered to our Evesham Township First Responders thanking them for their

wonderful service to our community. A thank you note has been sent to the Elks for their joint participation in this project and our club looks forward to partnering with them in the future.



NEW: Garden District Food Pantry

Jill McDonald, our District Vice President, has asked the NJSFWC Garden District to help fill the pantry for Rutgers students in need. Below is a list of items needed. Donna Gatti has graciously agreed to be the drop off spot. Items can be dropped off at Donna's home at 7 Sunnyside Court, Marlton from now until **February 2**.

Here are the items that are needed most:

1. Peanut Butter
2. Granola Bars
3. Individual packs of oatmeal
4. Cereal
5. Shelf stable milk
6. Soup
7. 1-2 lb. bags of rice
8. Chicken broth
9. Vegetable broth
10. Travel hand sanitizers (that hook on to back pack)

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT ! Together we DO make a difference!!

THANK YOU!

Spelling Bee N-e-w-s from Education and Libraries Committee

We are continuing to organize and plan for our 2022 spelling bee and so happy to be back! The event is open to area fourth and fifth graders in Marlton schools.

NJSFWC has changed the date of its New Jersey State bee which means we are able to hold our bee later. Our event has been moved to **February 24**.

The NJSFWC Garden District bee is Sunday, March 27 and New Jersey State bee is Saturday, April 9. More information as we get closer.

Federation Secretary

GARDEN DISTRICT JANUARY COUNCIL

Thursday, January 20, 2022

ZOOM ONLY

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.; meeting begins at 10:00. Club members are encouraged to attend via Zoom AND donate a food item for the Rutgers Student Food Pantry (see this page).

Each club President or her representative will introduce herself and give two highlights of their club's accomplishments or upcoming events. District Chairmen will update information from their areas. Highlights of the 2022 NJSFWC Convention will be presented.

Information for the Arts and Culture CSP and Environment CSP contests to be held at Achievement Day April 14, 2022 will be provided. Forms can be obtained from the NJSFWC website.

To receive the Zoom link for the meeting, please contact President Lisa Levin at lisalevin445@gmail.com.

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Marlton Woman's Club Spelling Bee

Thursday, February 24, 2022

Van Zant School

270 Conestoga Drive, Marlton

Winners advance to Garden District Spelling Bee at Haddon Fortnightly, Sunday, March 27, 2022



Women's History

Each month I try to write about women who worked very hard to win the right to vote. However, and hard to believe, there were women who were totally against that right.

One woman, **Josephine Jewell Dodge**, fought against winning the right to vote. She was born in 1855 in Connecticut. She attended Vassar College for a year but then left school to go to Russia with her father who was a diplomat for the U.S. government. Later, she married and had six children.

Josephine worked at a nursery school in New York City but in 1888 she developed the Jewell Day Nursery with an emphasis on education. She spent many years working in that industry.

In 1911, she helped found and became president of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage. She was also editor of their publication, "Woman's Protest." She was the target of verbal attacks at the 1915 riot in Washington, DC between suffragists and anti-suffragists. The same year, she gave a speech in New Jersey against the suffrage movement. A quote from that speech was "The life of the average woman is not so ordered as to give her first hand knowledge of those things which are

the essentials of sound government. She is worthily employed in other departments of life and the vote will not help her fill her obligations therein." Luckily, she did not succeed and the right to vote passed in 1920.

She died in 1928 at 73 years of age in Cannes, France.

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Fundraising

Before you start cleaning out those closets, remember to save sellable items for our yard sale, which we hope to have again this spring.

A good tip is to leave a box in one of your closets, and drop things in it as you go throughout the year and find something that is good for the yard sale. Then when yard sale time comes around, you don't have to scurry around.

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Shop RADA Cutlery

New Year, New You. Looking for healthy recipes and ways to cook healthy foods? Shop online for cooking tools, cutlery, dips and mixes, hostess gifts, chef's knives and kitchen tools, low-fat recipes, cookbooks ... and MORE. Use our link below to go directly to the ordering website:

<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=4462351.49dd4f>

SHARE this link with your family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, sports teams, social media and church friends. Spread the word! **The Marlton Woman's Club will receive 40% of all sales** back to support its programs and scholarships.

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Membership

WELCOME! We have several ladies who recently have joined our club, many who found us at the October Open House, and we are so happy to meet these new friends. Please introduce yourself to our newest members when you see them and help with any questions.

New this year, new members will be assigned a mentor from the club to serve as a contact, answer any questions, and explain "club stuff."

Keep sharing the great work of the Marlton Woman's Club!

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Domestic Violence Awareness

In early December, **donations for the safe house and Christmas Shop** were delivered to Providence House Domestic Violence Services of Burlington County. Donated items included purses, cosmetic bags, jewelry, nail and skin care kits, personal care products and other assorted gift items. As stated by Barbara Katz, the Community Outreach Coordinator, there is an ongoing need for small kitchen appliances and household products for families who are transitioning to more permanent safe housing. Our club members generously donated bowls, dishes, small appliances, baskets and food storage items. We also delivered 12 new bath towels and 2 packs of wash cloths for the safe house. These bath towels are included in the intake kit when a client is admitted during a crisis. As always, the staff were very grateful for our club's ongoing support.



We are also looking forward to rescheduling our MWC planned **blanket making project** this winter! (see page 8). Recipients of these cozy blankets will be the residents of Covenant House in Atlantic City. During a recent visit to the facility, the volunteer and community coordinator, Jen Williams, stated that there was a great need for these blankets and the homeless teens would greatly appreciate the extra TLC.

Advocates for Children

Please let me know when you have items to donate!

St Jude's Ranch for Children

All Greeting cards, except Hallmark, American Greeting, & Disney. Donate with or without envelopes, as well as the 'face', front, of used cards.

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

Arts and crafts supplies, non-holiday, gender neutral wrapping paper, indiv. wrapped snacks, 6" stuffed animals, 12-15" stuffed animals

Little Hands, Little Feet

Clothes for at risk youth, sizes newborn to 16

Contact: Jane Fischer

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NJSFWC Convention Information

April 24, 25, and 26, 2022

Tropicana Hotel

Atlantic City, New Jersey

www.njsfwc.org

- All room reservations are to be made directly with Tropicana, Atlantic City by calling 1-800-345-8767 and mention NJSFWC 2022. Single or Double occupancy is \$83.67 per night. These rates include the Atlantic City room tax, the Tourism Promotion occupancy resort fee and a voucher for self-parking.
- Hotel and meeting rooms will be in the North Tower. Check-In is at 4:00 p.m. and check out is at 11:00 a.m.
- Workshops are first come, first served.
- Be prepared to provide each roommate's name, arrival date, departure date, smoking or non-smoking preference for the room, and a major credit card number to hold the reservation.
- For a full refund cancellation must be made 72 hours prior to the attendee's schedule arrival.

*Grace from Holiday Dinner
December 6, 2021:*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe. We come together tonight at this Holiday Dinner, women of all faiths, all ages, all traditions, to celebrate the Marlton Woman's Club. We ask you to bless this meal, bless those who have prepared it and those who bring it to us this evening. It is our privilege to raise funds for others who are struggling, and to offer gifts for local families we have adopted, so that these children and adults might have a brighter holiday.

Continue to bless us with good health as we celebrate 2021 and look with hope toward 2022, and opportunities to make an impact with our hands — and with our hearts. We ask this in the name of the one God who unites us. Amen.



Arts and Culture

Happy New Year Everyone!

The Arts & Culture Committee chairwoman position is open! Hoping that someone is interested to participate in this great opportunity to help the club! Or two people if want to co-chair! There are already committee members in place to help you!

Please contact VP Arleen Prusienski for any questions or if interested in helping to chair. Thank you!

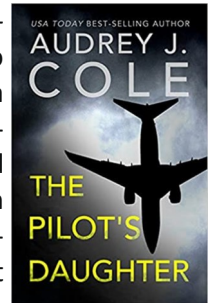
The NJSFWC Garden District Spring Conference and Achievement Day has been scheduled for **Thursday, April 14, 2022**. Stay tuned for further information on how to submit your entries.

Contact: Open



February Book Club Reading

Welcome aboard *Pacific Air Flight 385*, with nonstop service from Seattle to Honolulu. Cora is scared to fly again after her husband died in a recent helicopter crash in Pago Pago. A thousand times she has told herself to turn around, not get on the flight, go back to her young children. But now, she's seated in first class across the aisle from the girlfriend of a famous billionaire pharmaceutical entrepreneur.



Halfway across the Pacific, the flight is hijacked. Six people are dead—including the pilots. Cora is a young widow, mother, and emergency room nurse...but as the world closes in around her, she's also a pilot's daughter.

Lost off radar in the middle of the vast Pacific Ocean, the motive behind the hijacking remains a mystery. Not knowing who to trust, Cora works with the man seated beside her, Seattle Homicide Detective Kyle Adams, to save herself along with the remaining one hundred and fifty-four souls on board.

Stay tuned for the exact date in February.

Ho Ho Ho



Thanks to everyone's generous donations at the December Holiday Dinner, we made five children very happy for Christmas.

We collected over \$650 in gifts and \$550 in gift cards. Thank you so very much!



Health and Wellness

Due to the large number of reported COVID cases, the blanket making event scheduled for Jan. 23 has been postponed. A new date has not yet been decided by the Health & Wellness Committee. We continue to track the new COVID-19 outbreaks and hope to select a new date by the end of January.

- ◆ **February 4** is "Wear Red Day" in support of American Heart Association. We currently are planning a dinner at Redstone for Friday, Feb. 4 depending on the current COVID situation. Sign up to join us no later than the January General Meeting by contacting Linda Magee.
- ◆ The 2022 Weight Loss Challenge kicked off on January 1. Nine (9) members recorded their starting weight and will continue on this journey until March 31. The biggest "loser" of weight will select a charity to receive a donation based on the total weight lost by the group.
- ◆ Walkers continue to brave the cold weather and meet every Tuesday and Friday morning and Wednesday evening. Feel free to join us by contacting Sue Gaskill or Linda Magee.

Contact: Linda Magee

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Upcoming Birthdays

Sue Staton..... January 12
 Suzanne Campbell..... January 16
 Sue Gaskill..... January 26

Scentsy Fundraising/Social

Thank you so much to everyone and your friends that purchased fragrance flowers or other items for this fundraising/social effort. The sales for the Scentsy party were \$1,029.90! Our rep will be donating **\$638.00** (60%) to the Marlton Woman's Club to be used toward our 2022 high school scholarships. The online Zoom event was held January 11th and the creations were dazzling. The colored Sharpies really popped!



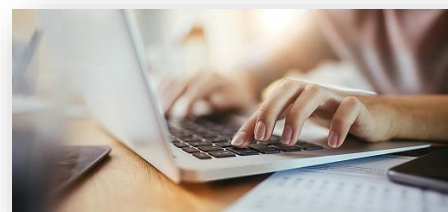
Communications

The 2021-2022 Yearbook has been delayed but is coming soon!

Deadline for the February issue of the Patchwork: January 15, 2022.

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Education and Libraries



Supporting our educators and schools

Contact: June Adair ~ (856) 264-1808

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Civic Engagement and Outreach

- ⇒ **Heifer** - Please continue to donate what you can, even spare change, for the Heifer Project.
- ⇒ **Free the Girls** - Start the New Year off right. Donate those new and gently used bras and help free girls from sex trafficking. January 11th is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.
- ⇒ **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 go to work and school.

Contacts:

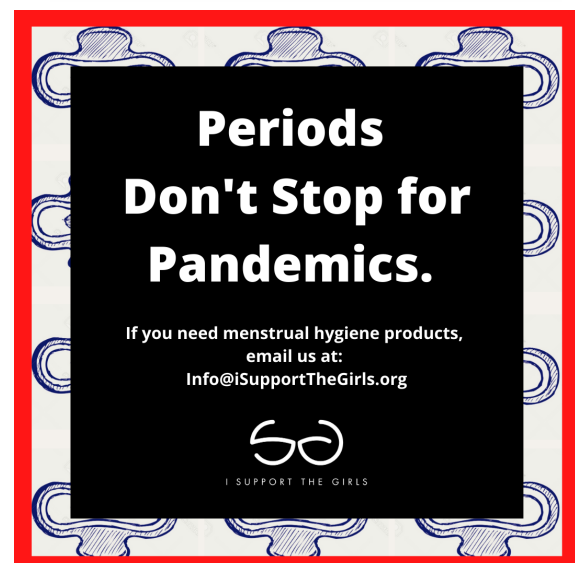
Amy Ettelson ~ (610) 322-0994

Arleen Prusienski ~ (609) 306-0241



Ongoing Collections (bring to January Club Meeting)

- ⇒ Blank Christmas cards and envelopes
- ⇒ Spare Change (Heifer)
- ⇒ Gently used or new bras (Free the Girls)
- ⇒ Sanitary napkins (I Support the Girls)
- ⇒ Coats and clothing (Little Hands, Little Feet)
- ⇒ Greeting cards, new or used (St. Jude Ranch)
- ⇒ Arts and crafts supplies (PALS)
- ⇒ Used clean mascara wands (Environment)
- ⇒ Dr. Seuss books (Education & Libraries)
- ⇒ Non-perishable food and paper products (Cherokee Food Pantry, Wiley, NJSFWC Food Pantry donation (pg. 3))
- ⇒ Towels and Washcloths (Providence House)



Arts Performing

The Arts/Performing Community Service Program Supplement 2020-2022 can be obtained from NJFWC.org/materials. Actual details about the day will be shared at the Garden State Council Meeting on January 20, 2022 and will be relayed to you as soon as I have them.

Sue Gaskill came up with a unique way of reporting our hours that I thought I would share with you all!

*It's easy to hide behind COVID
And not to get anything done.
But the Marlton Woman's Club ladies
Were out doing good, having fun.*

*Particular challenges facing
the committee of Performing Arts
Are to safely, creatively, open
Brand new windows, new doors and hearts.*

*Member Genni F. wrote for the contest
Of her family, with much love and grace
Such a heartfelt and well written story,
We're so proud that it won second place.*

continued

*In the Spring time we had a Zoom meeting
With a British Poet Laureate guest
25 women turned on their computers
Malika Speaks did all the rest.*

*Malika shared poems with those attending,
We all shared our thoughts and our praise
Though our total time spent was 11 hours
The effect of her words lasted days!*

*In the summer, our intrepid ladies
Went to concerts outdoors at the mall
There were 5 of them and through the season
They spent 17 hours in all.*

*In December a group of nine women
Shared a trip to our high school's new play
Total time spent including their dinner
Was 49 ½ hours – What a fun day!*

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Environment

- Please call Tami Millaway of BnT Farm at 856-520-4422 for pick-up of your tinsel-free Christmas tree and greens to be enjoyed by her goats!
- When discarding gently used shoes, please consider donating them to Soles4Souls, a program designed to empower women in developing countries to start and sustain small businesses through the sale of these shoes. A bin is located near the check-out at DSW, Marlton. This also keeps these textiles out of our landfills. *Please give us a tally of the number of shoes you have donated.* Collection is year round through May 2022. Visit: <https://soles4souls.org/give-shoes/>

- Please bring in used, cleaned mascara wands for the animal wildlife refuge in North Carolina.
- We will share an article from the January 5, 2022 edition of Sam's Club magazine regarding greenhouse-grown vegetables.

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Spring Achievement Day

All entries must be pre-registered with the District Arts & Culture Chairman, no later than three weeks prior to the District Achievement Day. The District Arts/Creative Chairman will determine the preregistration deadline for their respective district. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PRE- REGISTERED.

- ⇒ All entries must be the work of the clubwomen.
- ⇒ Entry must be completed within the past year. Entry may not have been entered in a previous Federation contest.
- ⇒ Only ONE entry per clubwoman in each category or sub-category.
- ⇒ Each entry must be labeled with member's name and address, club and district, category and subcategory.
- ⇒ All entries must be accompanied with the current registration form. Entries will be handled with care; but are entered at owner's risk.
- ⇒ No copies, no kits, no pairs, or sets, except where noted. DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE ALWAYS FINAL.

See www.njsfwc.org/materials for applications.



On **January 27, 2022** the world commemorates the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a United Nations observance that honors and remembers the tragedy of the Holocaust, and the millions of people who lost their lives at the hands of the Nazi government. The Holocaust Remembrance Day was established by the United Nations General Assembly on November 1, 2005. The idea for this day came after the commemorations of the 60th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust and the liberation of Nazi concentration camps. The date chosen to observe International Holocaust Remembrance Day was January 27, because that was the day, in 1945, when Soviet troops from the Red Army liberated Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest concentration camp operated by the Nazis.



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Happy Valentine's Day
Monday, February 14

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.

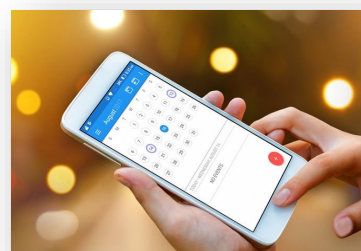
**You either quit or keep going.
They are both hard.
You get to pick which hard
you're willing to accept.**

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Lisa Levin
1st Vice President	Open
2nd Vice President	Arleen Prusienski
Corresponding Secr.	Donna Gatti
Recording Secretary	Linda Magee
Treasurer	Genni Fardella
Federation Secretary	Mindi Carleton

January Board Meeting (3rd Monday)
Monday, January 17
7:00 pm (Google Meet)



Upcoming General Meetings

Monday, January 24
Monday, February 28
Gibson House
7:00 p.m.
(masks are required indoors)

2020-21 Committee Chairwomen

Advocates for Children.....	Jane Fischer
Arts & Culture	Open
Arts Performing.....	Valerie Pelerin & Amy Ettelson
Civic Engagement.....	Amy Ettelson & & Outreach Arleen Prusienski
Communications	Jan Martin
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Domestic Violence	Donna Gatti
Awareness	
Education & Libraries	June Adair
Environment	Roberta Calabria & Charlotte Muoio
Fundraising.....	Sandy Meltz
Health & Wellness.....	Linda Magee
Hospitality	Terry Zito
Legislation/Resolutions.....	Pat Fusco
Membership.....	Andrea Hearing
Operation Chillout.....	Irene Hartman
(Special State Project)	
Photography	Barbara Greco
Programs	Lois Szwajkowski
Social	Sue Price, Arleen Prusienski, Joan Sacks
Sunshine.....	Sue Price
Women's History	Sandy Ellis

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