MARLTON WOMAN'S CLUB

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(609) 636-9797 cell

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, April 24

7 :00 p.m. Gibson House



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Editor Jan Martin fromjan2@gmail.com



PATCHWORK



"Love, Loyalty, Friendship: The Bonds of Volunteerism" Shirley Holly, NJSFWC President



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Garden District

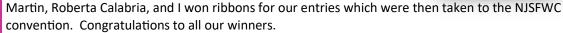
FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

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

Hi everyone! Where do I begin? We have been so busy and continue to have lots of events planned for the next couple of months.

Our **Spring BINGO** was wonderful. We had lots of baskets, lots of winners, made lots of money, and had a lot of fun. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.

The **Garden District Achievement Day** was April 13 at Pennsauken Country Club. We won numerous awards for the narratives that were submitted by our Committee Chairwomen. Val Pelerin, Genni Fardella, Jan





We have received 11 applications for our **Joanne Lotierzo Memorial Scholarship**. The Education committee met on May 10 to review all the applications. It was a tough job deciding on our winners.

Do you have used books collecting dust or stored in boxes? Would you like to donate them to **Book Smiles** so children's libraries can be built? Our Book Smiles drive is underway. Collection sites are at the Evesham Township Library, Van Zant school, and Jaggard school. Any type of book can be donated.

Speaking of things collecting dust or stored in boxes. Our **Yard Sale** is scheduled for Sat., June 10 at Jan's house from 8 AM to 1 PM. Start digging out your items for donations. We don't accept clothing but toys, household items, costume jewelry, etc. are greatly appreciated. More information will be available during our next General Meeting which is May 22. We also will be selecting all the organizations that will receive **donations** this year. I hope you can attend!

Linda Magee

linda@marltonwomansclub.com or (609) 636-9797 cell/text

General Meeting Monday, May 22

Gibson House 7:00 p.m. Meeting (Social Time 6:30 p.m.) Page 2 PATCHWORK

First Vice President

Hello ladies! Just a few reminders:

- Please remember you may sign up at any time for any committee. Please contact me to join or be removed from a committee.
- If you would like a MWC email address (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.

Contact: Andrea Hearing ~ Cell 609-304-6521 andrea@marltonwomansclub.com

Second Vice President

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 Andrea Hearing or Linda Magee.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda at linda@marltonwomansclub.com.

Federation Secretary

- The Marlton Woman's Club had several winners at the Garden District Achievement Day on April 13. We will honor these projects at the June 5 Installation and Award Banquet.
- The 2023 Annual NJSFWC Convention was held at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City May 1-3, 2023. It was a time of informative presentations, networking with other clubwomen, honoring club presidents including our own Linda Magee (woo hoo), and bringing home the hardware.
- Are you receiving a 5-year or 10-year pin this year? Please give your old pin to Mindi or Andrea to recycle and give to newer members to enjoy.
- See page 5 for an invitation to the June Garden District Council. Donations are being collected for <u>Emmanuel Cancer Foundation</u>: soft insulated lunch bags, insulated water bottles, sandwich containers, and small ice packs.

Contact: Mindi Carleton

<u>mindi@marltonwomansclub.com</u> (NOTE EMAIL) (609) 304-5825 cell

Corresponding Secretary

We received a Thank You note from Suzanne Connolly, the coordinator for the Cherokee Food Pantry, for the items donated by our recent Bingo attendees. As always, she expressed extreme gratitude for our support in assisting local families in need of paper and cleaning products as well as personal care items and other basic provisions. Our club sent 19 Thank You letters to restaurants and businesses that generously donated gift cards, services and other items for our Dining Around Town Raffle and basket auction at our April Bingo event. Their support greatly helped to make the day a huge success!

Contact: Donna Gatti ~ <u>zeets1@comcast.net</u> (609) 828-6505 cell

Special State Project 2022-2024: The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation

Throughout this club year, NJ clubwomen have:

- held a basket raffle luncheon fundraiser with over 200 gift baskets being donated
- supplied 1,300 backpacks filled with school supplies.
- Collected food for the ECF food pantries at Fall Conference and provided turkeys in Nov.
- adopted over 150 ECF families, providing gifts and joy during the holidays.
- worked at 4 holiday party locations providing crafts and face painting supplies.
- handwritten over 300 thank you notes to cash sponsors for the ECF administrative staff.

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Civic Engagement and Outreach

Well done! Thank you to everyone who brought non-perishable food and toiletry items to our Spring Bingo on April 16. Bingo patrons donated an estimated total value of \$2,700 of in-kind donations, and items were distributed to Cherokee and Wiley Food Pantries. Thank you Donna Gatti for coordinating and club members for delivering the goods to the VERY happy recipients.

Contact: Janet Brindisi ~ (215) 313-3752 ianetbrindisi@aol.com



Relay for Life

Our team *Sweet Charities* is officially signed up for Relay for Life. If you are interested in signing up for the team you can go to www.relayforlife.org/marltonnj, click on team Sweet Charities and hit join team - it is a simple sign up. We'll be in the Bead Tent this year, a plum position!

Anyone who is a cancer survivor is invited to sign up for a Survivor Luncheon at 12 noon that day in the Blue Barn (we may help serve). Please contact Meryl Schindler to sign up (mschin48@gmail.com). You are invited for yourself and a caregiver. Meryl Schindler also has restaurant raffle tickets available. Reach out to her at 856-912-2043. See info on the May 19 Trivia Contest on page 7.

RELAY FOR LIFE
Saturday, June 3 from 2:00-10:00 pm
Memorial Park (Tuckerton Road)



Treasurer

Dues for the 2023-2024 year is due at the May 22nd general meeting. Dues are \$40; checks made out to the Marlton Woman's Club. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please MAIL your payment to: Marlton Woman's Club, P.O. Box 84, Marlton, NJ 08053.

If you mail a check, please email Barbara Greco and Andrea Hearing so we can accurately record payments.

Contact: Barbara Greco (917) 225-3324 cell Barbara@marltonwomansclub.com

Financial Audit

We are currently looking for 1-2 volunteers to help Andrea Hearing and Barbara Greco audit the financial books of the club. The committee will need copies of all fundraising support documentation and copies of all reimbursement requests.

Also, if anyone has club property, please let Linda Magee know so the club inventory can be updated. Most of it is at the president's house but other members may be storing items.

Contact: Barbara Greco (917) 225-3324 cell Barbara@marltonwomansclub.com Page 4 PATCHWORK

Spring Bingo April 16, 2023

Congratulations on another successful Spring Bingo event. This was a lot of work by a lot of people and we had a terrific day. Here it is by the numbers:

- ⇒ 222 tickets sold
- ⇒ \$8,560 raised for ticket sales @ \$40 each
- ⇒ \$3,445 raised for gift baskets
- ⇒ \$1,840 raised for Dining Around Town
- \Rightarrow \$1,005.00 raised for 50/50 Raffle
- ⇒ \$1,118 raised for Special Games
- \Rightarrow \$93 raised for dabbers @ \$2 ea.
- ⇒ Total \$16,051.00
- ⇒ Total expenses \$5,677.07
- **⇒** Total profit \$10,383.93

Contact: Sandy Meltz

Sandysmiley1229@gmail.com ~ 856-630-4118 cell











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Arts and Culture

NJSFWC Garden District Achievement Day

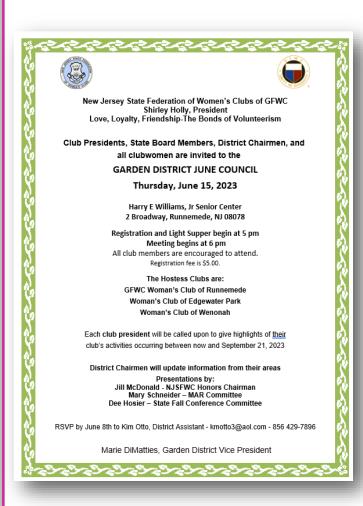
<u>Thursday, April 13, 2023</u>

Pennsauken Country Club



Contact: Mindi Carleton

<u>mindi@marltonwomansclub.com</u> (NOTE NEW) (609) 304-5825 cell



2023 Installation and Awards Dinner

Monday, June 5 ~ 6:00 pm

Marco's at Indian Spring Country Club

Clubhouse Garden Salad
Choice of Entrée: Chicken Marsala,
Honey Glazed Salmon or Vegetarian Option
Served with Potato and Vegetable
Rolls and Butter
Peach Melba Dessert
Coffee and Tea

Cost is \$35 inclusive of gratuity

Make checks payable to the club and give to treasurer Barbara Greco on or before the May 22nd General Meeting. Please note your entrée choice with payment.

Decide Donations for 2022-2023 at May Meeting

It's time to give away all that money that we all worked so hard to raise this year!! Members were recently emailed a facsimile of a ballot that will be filled out at our May 22nd General Meeting summarizing possible donations for our club year. This was provided to club members early in case they wish to research these entities in advance of the May meeting.

Two categories are included on the voting ballot: (1) charities we vote on as a group (Vote for 5), and (2) charities we donate to annually (rank 1-7). Once you hit Reply from the email, you will be able to cast your ballot and send the email back to treasurer Barbara Greco for tabulation. The email was blind copied, any replies will only come to Barbara and not to the whole club so your vote will remain (semi) confidential.

If you cannot attend the May meeting or are not comfortable with Excel, please see me.

Contact: Barbara Greco (917) 225-3324 cell

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Barbara@marltonwomansclub.com

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Health and Wellness

All members are encouraged to register, participate in, and raise funds for **Relay for Life** to fight cancer. **See page 3.** Our club team is "Sweet Charities" and you can sign up at www.relayforlife.org/marltonnj. This is a special day for many of us who have been touched by cancer.

Did you know ... that June 2023 is the inaugural "Age Without Apology" Month? A skincare company started this campaign to "provide an alternative to the current age message, to change the perception of age by celebrating age and the aging process. Willowberry wants to fill social media with positive examples of age and inspire people on how to see age and the aging process in a different light. After all, aging is an honor and should be revered, not feared. Let's celebrate our experience and the wisdom it can bring!



Our **Walking Groups** are going strong and—good news—will continue throughout the summer. We welcome all MWC members to join us on Tuesday and Friday mornings at different locations (ask Sue G. to be added to the text list so you can find out exactly where), Wednesday or sometimes other evenings (ask Michele Fleming-Waters to be added to her text list), or Sunday mornings at Laurel Acres (Sue G. will continue to send weekly emails to all club members). We enjoy exercising while strengthening our MWC friendships!

Contact: Sue Gaskill

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

Advocates for Children Collections

Ronald McDonald House

Collecting pull tabs. The club may host a breakfast at Ronald McDonald house in August. More info to come.

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



The life in front of you is far more important than the life behind you.

- Joel Osteen

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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@marltonwomansclub.com
Group email for MWC Board Members

MWC-Members@marltonwomansclub.com
Group email for all club members

MWC-Chairs@marltonwomansclub.com
Group email for Committee Chairwomen



Event Tracking Sheet

Copies of the event tracking sheet can be found on our club Google Drive and our club website. 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.



Enjoying a night out at the awards banquet at the 2023 NJSFWC Convention in Atlantic City.



At the May 22
General
Meeting and as part of Older
Americans
Month in May and Alzheimer's & Brain Aware-



ness Month in June, we will hear from **Courtney McLaughlin**, MSW, LCSW, director of Tapestries, the Memory Care Unit at United Methodist Communities in Pitman. Please let Genni know if you have ideas for next year too!

Contact: Genni Fardella

gfardella@aol.com ~ 856-278-4880 cell/text



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Membership

Please give a great, big welcome to our two new members who joined at the April meeting:

- ⇒ Sherry Haines
- ⇒ Christine Marshall

Sherry and Christine joined after enjoying our fantastic Spring bingo and attending our April 24th meeting. Genni Fardella brought both members into the club — well done Genni!

We continue to field requests for more information about our club from individuals who are finding us on Facebook, our website, and from you, our members! Prospective members are sent a descriptive email and packet, as well as the recent issue of The Patchwork. Tell your friends!

REMINDER: Dues for the 2023-2024 year are due at the May 22nd general meeting. Please see page 3 for information about submitting your \$40 dues. We're looking toward another year supporting our community.

Contact: Andrea Hearing

andrea@marltonwomansclub.com (609) 304-6521 cell

Caught Making a Difference

Looking back on the table seating of 222 people for Bingo, **Meryl Schindler** was Caught Making a Difference. Meryl skillfully managed to arrange



for one of the largest crowds that ever attended our Bingo. She had multiple requests from club members regarding who was to sit at their tables,

where they wanted to be seated, who they wanted to be near. I'm sure she was ready to throw it all in the air and say "sit anywhere, people" but she hung in there and did a fantastic job! Thanks Meryl for Making a Difference.

Arts Performing

Sixteen members are signed up to enjoy Cherokee High School's Spring Musical "Addams Family" on Friday, May 19. They will be enjoying dinner together at Casa Nostra at 4:45 pm and look forward to telling you their reviews at the May general meeting.



Contact: Valerie Pelerin

val.pelerin@gmail.com ~ 856-906-2031 cell

We need at least 4 members willing to walk in the Evesham 4th of July parade. The parade will start at about 11:15 am, with staging in the Marlton Greene Shopping Center. The route begins at Main and Maple and ends at the Post Office (about 1 mile). Please let Linda Magee know if you'd like to walk in the parade for the club. If we have enough members, then we will consider participating.

Communications

15th of the Month (June 15)

Articles due to editor Jan Martin jan@marltonwomansclub.com

June 30 (approx. :))
June/July Summer Issue
"Patchwork"

General meetings will take a hiatus for June and July, and we will return for our 2023-24 club year in August.

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

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Education and Libraries

Joanne Lotierzo Memorial Scholarship

The committee met on May 10 to review the 11 amazing applicants. It is always so hard to choose! All the applicants were accomplished and impressive. The committee identified six recipients who will each receive \$1,000. All of your hard work raising money enables us to give away \$6,000. Thanks everyone!

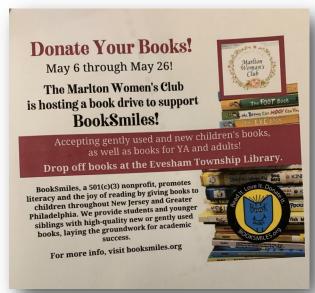
Third Grade Trees Are Back!

On Friday, May 5, after a hiatus due to COVID-19, the club again gave tree saplings to 3rd graders at Van Zant School. This project teaches about recycling and is usually done around <u>Earth Day</u>. The kids LOVED getting their trees! Eight MWC members helped the students wrap 150 trees to give to the third graders and kindergarten students. We heard lots of this is fun and thank you!! Many hands made the job easy. Thanks to Roberta, Sue P., Donna, Linda, Paula, Sue G., Sandy and June.



Book Club

Book club is reading *Orphan Train,* and will meet on **June 20th** at 6:00 PM at Genni Fardella's house. Our books are due back to the library on June 23 so please return your books back to Linda Magee by **June 20**. Join this wonderful group for great conversation and snacks.



Marlton Woman's Club Apparel

One last order will be made before the end of the club year. Are you interested in a new MWC shirt? Or want another one? Club members wear these pink shirts at almost all of our events, and the new designs have been very popular! Choose from:

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

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.

Sign up with Andrea Hearing at <u>andrea@marltonwomansclub.com</u> or (609) 304-6521. Make checks payable to *Andrea Hearing*. NOTE: 2XL up — add \$3.00 crew/V-neck; \$2.00 polo.

Apparel orders will return in August.



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Debbie Price	May	19
Sandy Ellis ······	May	30
Florisa Cascarina ······	June	1
Valerie Pelerin ······	June	9

News and Notes

It is with great sadness that we share with you the death of Mary Ann Crilley's husband Tom Crilley. Arrangements are pending, and will be handled by Bradley Funeral Home in Marlton. If you would like to send a card or note with your condolences, please mail to:

Mary Ann Crilley 1 Summerhill Lane Medford, NJ 08055 Member since 1991 (31 years)

Women's History

The theme for 2023 for the Women's History Alliance is Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories. One woman who did just that is not well known but has done quite a lot to keep women's history alive. Nan Johnson was born in 1930 and was the first woman legislator elected to office in Monroe County, NY after years of community service. She was a political science and women's studies professor at the University of Rochester. She was named the founding director of the University's Susan B. Anthony Center.

She co-chaired a 1998 gathering of academia policy makers and feminist activists that recognized the 150th anniversary of the first women's right convention in the United States. It was known as Forum 98. In 2020, she was a driving force uniting scores of women to create a Rose Bowl Parade float that recognized the Centennial of American Women winning the right to vote. The awardwinning float of the Statue of Liberty was a dream of hers that she made come true.

She ended one of the last speeches she gave with a quote from Susan B. Anthony, "Oh, if I could live but another century and see the fruition of all the work for women! There is so much yet to be done." Nan Johnson died in 2022 at the age of 92.



Living the Volunteer Spirit

www.GFWC.org

#GFWC23NDS

Clubs from forty states and the District of Columbia have registered for the first GFWC National Day of Service. GFWC is calling for clubs to represent! Encourage your GFWC sisters across the country to register their clubs so we have participation from every state. Register now. Your club does not have to have a project in place yet, just the intent to participate on **September 30, 2023.**

Ongoing Collections

- ⇒ Spare Change (Heifer)
- ⇒ Gently used or new bras (Free the Girls, DV)
- ⇒ Sanitary napkins (I Support the Girls, DV)
- ⇒ 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)

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Domestic Violence Awareness

Many thanks to our April meeting guest speaker, Covenant House Atlantic City Community Coordinator, Jen Williams. Jen is a longtime friend of our Marlton Woman's Club and she speaks passionately about the many wonderful and vital services Covenant House provides homeless teens and youths at risk for trafficking. We were pleased to present Jen with 22 no-sew blankets recently crafted by our members at a get-together in March. She explained that such personal donations boost the resident's morale and self-esteem. We look forward to continuing our relationship and supporting this important program.

The Providence House Domestic Violence Safe House renovations and expansion has finally been completed. Barbara Katz, Community Outreach Coordinator, has contacted our club for members to help with clean-up and reorganizing the facility so that clients can move back into an optimal and safe home environment. Several members will be assisting with this project and we look forward to hands-on activities to enhance the lives of those seeking to be free of domestic violence. Stay tuned for future opportunities to volunteer!

Contact: Donna Gatti

609-828-6505 cell/text ~ zeets1@comcast.net



Members of the club helped Providence House move into their newly refurbished safe house.



Social Committee



Club members celebrated Cinco de Mayo with lunch at On The Border Restaurant on Friday, May 5. You can never turn down an opportunity to don a silly hat. Olé!

Contact: Sue Price

856) 313-6831 cell ~ <u>smprice0509@comcast.net</u>

Save The Date: Yard Sale Saturday, June 10 8:00 am—1:00 pm

Jan Martin's home (129 Preamble Drive)
Donations dropped off the day before
Bring your folding tables, beverages and a SMILE!
Sign up to help at the May meeting

Contact: Sandy Meltz

Sandysmiley1229@gmail.com ~ 856-630-4118 cell



Who We Are

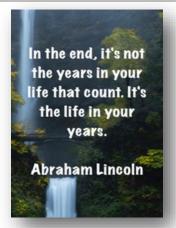
GFWC Marlton Woman's Club is a proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) and the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC).

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 Open

Corresponding Secr. Donna Gatti

Recording Secretary Debbie Price

Treasurer Barbara Greco

Federation Secretary Mindi Carleton

May Board Meeting Monday, May 16

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



UPCOMING DATES

May General Meeting Monday, May 22

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

Off for June and July

Enjoy your summer!

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
Programs	Genni Fardella
Social	Sue Price
Sunshine	Sue Price
Women's History	Sandy Ellis





