# MARLTON WOMAN'S CLUB

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#### **Club Meetings**

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

#### Time

6:30 pm Social Time 7:00 pm: General Meeting

#### **Place**

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

#### NEXT MEETING Monday, Oct. 27

7:00 p.m. Gibson House



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# PATCHWORK

"Together in Service, United in Friendship" Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President



October 2025

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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,

Can you believe Harvest Fest is over and Bingo is here? We still have some Hershey bars and will be selling them at our General Meetings and at Bingo. All proceeds benefit Veterans Haven South.

Bingo is Sunday, Oct. 19. Remember to wear your pink shirt. Set up starts at 9:45 AM and doors open at 11:30 AM. Our Bingo events are always a huge success due to your efforts and the generosity of your friends and family. We will again be collecting donations for Providence House as well as Prince of Peace Food Pantry. See the back of



your tickets for their Wish Lists. Remember to check the expiration dates on your donations since we cannot accept expired items. We again will be selling basket raffle tickets including a special lottery ticket basket and 50/50 raffle tickets.

Thank you to everyone who filled a holiday stocking and donated money to defray the shipping charges. Nancy and Sherry will be taking them to NJSFWC Headquarters on Oct. 28 so you still have time to bring a stocking to our October 27th General Meeting. Also, thanks to all who donated towels and washcloths for the GFWC Day of Service. This year's focus was on Domestic Violence. Thank you Donna G. for delivering 154 towels and 280 washcloths to Providence House, and June for coordinating this event for the Garden District.

This year we will be decorating a scarecrow at the Promenade at Sagemore. Don't forget to vote for our entry (see page 4). Once again, we will be participating as Wonder Women at Trunk or Treat on Oct. 17. Donations of candy, cookies, and snacks are greatly appreciated. If you want to join us, please contact Sherry or Nancy.

As always, the October meeting will be our Open House. Similar to last year, we will do a "Committee Fair." Committee Chairs will share about the exciting things they do. I hope to

see lots of creative posters and other displays. Remember we have lots of pictures on our Google Drive. If you need help accessing them, contact Andrea, Barbara G., Mary S., or me.

Please check our club calendar on our website for a list of all upcoming events. There's something for everyone!

Linda Magee linda@marltonwomansclub.com (609) 636-9797 cell/text October General
Meeting
Monday,
October 27

Gibson House Rec Center 6:30 pm Social Time Page 2 PATCHWORK

#### **Vice President**

- Committee Chairwomen Meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Gibson House. Please RSVP to Andrea if you can.
- Interested in having a club email address (yourname@marltonwomanclub.com)? Just let me know. The email address will also give you access to the club's Google Drive where all items are centrally stored.
- Interested in joining a committee? Please let me and the chair know and we'll get you started. Chairwomen: make sure you have event reporting sheets turned in for each activity.
- This year is a club election year. Are you interested in possibly running for an officer position?

Chairwomen: Linda Magee emailed notes from the recent Report Writing workshops. Please review the notes for your committee. We will discuss further during the October 23 committee chair meeting. All the workshops were recorded so they will be available later this month on the NJSFWC website.

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

#### **Federation Information**

- The NJSFWC Fall Conference is Monday, Oct.
   20. A number of us will be representing our club at the Lobster Shanty.
- Barbara McCloskey will be attending our Nov. General Meeting.
- The next Garden District Council meeting will be Thursday, January 15.

#### **Contact: Linda Magee**

linda@marltonwomansclub.com; (609) 636-9797



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# **Corresponding Secretary**

We are very busy sending out notes of thanks and gratitude to the many generous businesses and individuals who donated services, gift cards, baskets & items which always makes our Bingo Basket Auction such a huge success.

A special Thank You to previous member Elaine Barbagiovanni who continues to generously support our fundraising efforts as a club member from afar. Her generosity is so appreciated and we hope to see her soon.

#### **Treasurer**

- Veterans fundraiser to date we have raised \$506 for <u>Veterans Haven South</u> with sales of candy bars and lollipops at Harvest Fest.
- Heifer At our September meeting, we collected a total of \$74.00 from everyone's pocket change bringing the total to \$132.52 for this fiscal year for our friends at <a href="Heifer.org">Heifer.org</a>.
- We will share the initial results from the 2025
   Fall Bingo at the October 27 General Meeting.

Contact: Barbara Greco ~ (917) 225-3324 cell Barbara@marltonwomansclub.com Page 3 PATCHWORK

# We're Ready for Bingo! Sunday, October 19

#### Last minute bingo reminders

- Set up time on Sunday, October 19 is 9:30-9:45 a.m. Please remember to wear your pink shirt and bring a snack for the table.
- Remember your gift baskets and make sure baskets have a 3" x 5" card telling what is in baskets and the name of baskets.
- Bring a drink during set up so we don't bother the waiters who will be setting the room
- It's wise to ask your guests to carpool. The parking lot will be full with golfers on a beautiful fall Sunday.
- Barbara and Nicole Greco have collected lottery tickets from club members and will make the display board. Currently, we have \$325.00 in lottery scratch off cards for one lucky winner. Well done ladies, well done!
- Time to have fun, Pink Ladies!!

#### **Business Donations**

Each year Genni Fardella compiles a list of businesses club members have solicited for donations/baskets for our bingos. Please alert her if you have a donation from a merchant so we can accurately prepare thank you notes.

Contacts: Sandy Meltz ~ (856) 630-4118 NEW: <a href="mailto:sandy@marltonwomansclub.com">sandy@marltonwomansclub.com</a>

Contact: Shelly Thomas ~ (609) 680-7397 NEW: shelly@marltonwomansclub.com





That matches! Sharon Yesner presents a gift basket to this lucky winner at bingo. Patrons can bid on more than 50 intriguing gift baskets.

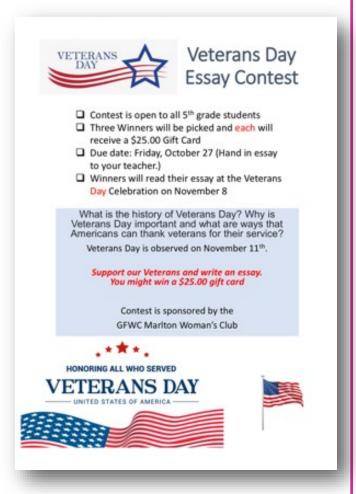


Don't forget **Oct. 22** is the day to shop until you drop at Boscov's and use your *Friends Helping Friends* discount coupon. To date we've raised \$1,022 for our Special State Project NJ Children's Alliance.

Coupons can also be purchased at Bingo on October 19, see Sandy Meltz. Page 4 PATCHWORK

### **General Meeting Notes**

- NJSFWC President Barbara McCloskey will be attending our November Meeting and bringing greetings. Please welcome her to our meeting. She was rescheduled from September.
- The Board encourages Committee Chairs to limit their general meeting presentations to 3 minutes per committee. We know many of you are passionate about the committees you lead, but we really would appreciate you following this time limit to keep the meetings moving. If a subject is in the Patchwork, you only need to hit the highlights during your presentation.
- The table with sign up sheets has been moved closer to the entrance for better traffic flow. If you are bringing a sign-up sheet to the meeting, please let Linda Magee know by the Thursday before the General Meeting so she can note it on the agenda. Many members arrive late and don't get the opportunity to sign-up until after the meeting. Often, the sign-up sheets have been collected at this time and people therefore cannot sign up. By noting it on the agenda, members can then follow up with the committee chair if they missed the opportunity to sign up.





#### **Arts and Culture Fun**

For the first time, our club has entered the scare-crow contest at the Promenade in Marlton. Stop by the center court and visit Alice Paulette. Voting opens on Monday, Oct. 20. Scan the QR code and place your vote. She will be reading our *Patchwork* newsletter until November 8.

Thanks to chair Nancy Schwartz for hosting the assembly on October 12 at her house.

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# Civic Engagement & Outreach

⇒ Filled Holiday Stockings for our troops were collected at our September General Meeting for Operation Jersey Cares. Packing is still underway and not all stockings have been returned, but committee chairs expect our club will be donating over 60 stockings! As usual, club members were extremely generous. Nancy & Sherry (and anyone else) will be hand delivering the stockings to NJSFWC Headquarters on Tuesday, Oct. 28th (time TBD).



⇒ Ghouls just wanna have fun. Thanks to everyone who donated candy for the Trunk or Treat, which will be Friday, October 17th at Savich Field from 6-8 PM. Candy can also be dropped off at Nancy's house or Linda Magee's. Our theme this year for one final time is Wonder Woman.



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Contact: Sherry Haines ~ (856) 630-2640 cell

Sherry@marltonwomansclub.com

#### **Advocates for Children**

#### **Little Hands, Little Feet**

Many thanks for all of the continued support for Little Hands, Little Feet. We are now kicking off our annual fall clothing drive. LHLF is in urgent need of boys clothing sizes 3-7 and teen girl and boy clothing. All donations are gratefully accepted. Donations may be brought to the October or November meetings or large donations can be dropped off directly to LHLF at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church on Route 70 in Cherry Hill. If you drop off directly, please fill out a Project Report including value of the items donated and submit to Paula W. or Debbie H.



# Ronald McDonald House Walk at Cooper River Park

The RMcDH "Hustle for the House" walk is scheduled for **Saturday**, **October 25** at Cooper River Park, Pennsauken NJ. Volunteers are needed to help around the course, register participants and man the water stations. You may also decide to walk or run for the cause. All information can be found on <a href="majorage-app.vomo.org/opportunity/hustle-forthe-house-5k1mile-walk">app.vomo.org/opportunity/hustle-forthe-house-5k1mile-walk</a>. Please let Debbie H. or Paula W. know if you sign up.

**Contact: Paula Wormald** ~ (267) 496-0330 <a href="mailto:npwormald@comcast.net">npwormald@comcast.net</a>

Contact: Debbie Hessler ~ (609) 744-6053 cell

dahess52@gmail.com

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#### **Health and Wellness Awareness**

The period for donation to the Cooper River Walk to End Alzheimer's is complete, and the Marlton Woman's Club came through like champions! Our total raised for the Alzheimer's Association was \$1,910. Fantastic. Many thanks to all who participated and donated.

MWC's walking groups continue on Tuesday and Friday mornings and on many evenings. It's been fun to get together with friends and get healthy together. Walking is an excellent way to keep our bodies young and strong! Please Contact Sue Gaskill (mornings) or Sherry Haines (evenings) to join our text threads!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. MWC helps raise awareness and funds for this cause when we walk in Relay for Life every June, when we hand out postcards reminding women to get their mammograms at Harvest Fest each year, and when we participate in Trivia Night, which is being held November 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. Please see the flyer on this page, and join us for this fun event, proceeds from which go to the American Cancer Society. All of us have someone in our lives who has had breast cancer, and we know how essential it is to continue to get our mammograms and do self-exams to help catch this illness as early as possible. Ladies – let's take care of our girls!

**Contact: Sue Gaskill** 

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





#### **Club Group Email Addresses**

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

 ${\bf MWC\text{-}Board@marItonwomansclub.com}$ 

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 Page 7 PATCHWORK

#### **Environment**



Renowned zoologist and primatologist Goodall, died on October 1, 2025 at the age of 91 of natural causes. Goodall was worldrenowned for her 65-year study of wild chimpanzees in Gombe, Tanzania. Later life, however, broadened her focus, becoming a global advocate for a range of crucial is-

sues, including human rights, animal welfare, species and environmental protection.

"Jane was passionate about empowering young people to become involved in conservation and humanitarian projects and she led many educational initiatives focused on both wild and captive chimpanzees. She was always guided by her fascination with the mysteries of evolution, and her staunch belief in the fundamental need to respect all forms of life on Earth," read a statement on the Jane Goodall Institute website.

Throughout her career, Goodall has published books, attended international conferences and talked to global leaders on this subject. Most importantly, she has inspired millions of people worldwide to take action and make our planet a better place.

**Contact: Valerie Pelerin** ~ 856-906-2031 val@marltonwomansclub.com

Contact: Genni Fardella ~ (856) 278-4880 cell gfardella@aol.com



**Cookie Exchange Social** 

- ◆ Date: **Thursday, Dec. 11** (7-9 p.m.)
- Place: Eileen McKeon's home (1 Jonquil Place, Marlton, Village Greenes)

Watch for more information on our 2nd Annual Cookie Exchange Social. Sign up will be at the November meeting. Exchange will be limited to minimize the number cookies one needs to bring. Please bring **homemade** cookies (no store bought) along with your recipe so other may snap a picture of it if they desire. Bring your cookies on your favorite holiday dish. We will have plastic gloves to use while handling cookies.

This is a BYOB social so bring snacks and your favorite beverage. Looking forward to seeing you and hopefully making this an annual social with the great women of the Marlton Woman's Club. Happy baking! Guidelines will be sent out once we know how many bakers are participating.

Eileen McKeon, Nancy Schwartz, Sue Price



# Veteran's Day is November 11, 2025

Contact June Adair if you can come to the student assemblies and essay presentations at VanZant and Jaggard Schools on November 11 (see page 4).

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### **Membership**

Happy Fall to all of you! We had another spectacular month in September! We welcomed three (3) more New Members after welcoming three ladies in August! What a great year this is turning into! I'd like to give a Big Hello & Welcome to **Toni McLaughlin**, **Cherie Caputi** & **Shari Simon**. We are very glad you found us and hope you explore all the wonderful work we do for the community.

Everyone is doing an amazing job letting the community know about us. The last two months our club was very visible at the Harvest Fest & Alzheimer's Walk. Let's not forget new members have been found on Facebook, our website and even at the car wash (go Barb!). If anyone would like Marlton Woman's Club business cards to have on hand please let Linda, Andrea or myself know. We've got 'em.

Please remember to mark the attendance sheet for every meeting. If you are unable to attend in person but wish to attend via Google Meet, please reach out to Andrea or Linda. They will provide you with a link and I will mark you on my sheet.

Contact: Sherry Haines ~ (856) 630-2640 cell

Sherry@marltonwomansclub.com

#### **Welcome New Members**

#### **CHERIE CAPUTI**

54 Burgundy Drive ~ Marlton, NJ 08053 <a href="mailto:cherielynn913@gmail.com">cherielynn913@gmail.com</a>

(856) 381-6310

Travel, Eagles, Phillies, Basketball, Concerts,

Baking

Birthdate: September 13

Brought in by: Sherry Haines/Fall Fest

#### **TONI McLAUGHLIN**

23 Lavister Drive ~ Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 mailbox08054@gmail.com

(484) 213-3887 cell Baking, Knitting, Reading Birthdate: December 15 Brought in by: Facebook

#### **SHARI SIMON**

2 Hathaway Court ~ Marlton, NJ 08053 <u>sksmail@mail.com</u> (856) 296-4969

Swimming, Puzzles, Dance, Music Birthdate: September 18

Brought in by: Alzheimer's Walk

Spouse: Irv Lavinski

# **Special State Project**

We are having a speaker Debbie Riveros, from the Special State Project, at our October Open House. They have asked if we could donate the following for a box that they keep in their lobby for children who come through to help themselves if they need. They need:

- $\Rightarrow$  Gloves
- $\Rightarrow$  Hats
- $\Rightarrow$  Scarves

So if you hit your local Dollar Store and can please pick up a pair or two and we will collect them at the October 27th meeting. I will ask one of my wonderful committee members to take a quick count and we will give them to our speaker. New Jersey Children's Alliance is a statewide nonprofit membership organization whose mission is to promote hope, healing, and justice for child abuse victims by supporting Child Advocacy Centers throughout the state with training, resources, advocacy, and leadership. At the state level, we aid communities in providing a coordinated investigation and comprehensive response to victims of criminal child abuse by providing support, training, and technical assistance to Child Advocacy Centers and multidisciplinary teams in all NJ 21 counties.

Barbara Greco, Special State Project Chair

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#### **Education and Libraries**

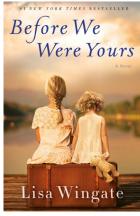
#### Book Club (October 18, Linda's House)

The Book Club is reading, "Before We Were Yours" for our October selection.

#### **Brief synopsis:**

Aiken, South Carolina, present day. Born into wealth

and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all: a successful career as a federal prosecutor, a handsome fiancé, and a lavish wedding on the horizon. But when Avery returns home to help her father weather a health crisis, a chance encounter leaves her with uncomfortable questions and compels her to take a journey through her family's long-hidden history, on a path that will ultimate-



ly lead either to devastation or to redemption.

**Contact: June Adair** 

jadair446@gmail.com ~ (856) 264-1808 cell

# **Arts Performing**

If you are looking for a great theatre experience, I highly recommend attending a Haddonfield Plays & Players performance. I have attended two musicals recently, Godspell and Rent, and they have both been excellent. They were both shows I had seen previously performed by professional casts and the quality of the acting and singing voices by HP&P was wonderful! Next up for them is **Fiddler on the Roof**, December 5 – 20 and I am definitely planning on going to this. Tickets are already on sale boxoffice@HaddonfieldPlayers.com.

Meanwhile as a club we will be attending Cherokee High School's performance of **Disney's The Little Mermaid.** Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> is the preferred date for us to attend and we will go out to dinner before the show. Please bring your ideas for a dining location to the next meeting.

If anyone has a favorite poem they would like to share with us at a meeting, please get in touch with Val.

**Contact:** Valerie Pelerin ~ (856) 906-2031 val@marltonwomansclub.com



We have a new Marlton Woman's Club Instagram account ... follow us and share!

Gfwc\_marlton\_womans\_club

# We'd love you to be a part of our world

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Half page ad placed in the Cherokee High School Drama ad book for The Little Mermaid. See Arts Performing report on this page. Page 10 PATCHWORK

# Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

October is Domestic Violence and Awareness month. The color purple has come to represent the struggle to encourage peace and dedication to ending domestic violence, which includes physical, mental, sexual, emotional and financial abuse.

Our MWC is continuing to lend our support to Providence House Domestic Violence Safe House and Services of Burlington County who will be the recipient of the abundant donation of wish list items so generously contributed by our fall Bingo guests. Thank you to all our members who are helping to transport, sort, count and repack items for delivery to the very grateful staff and clients. We will also be assisting with Providence House Thanksgiving preparations to ensure that the over 50 families that they serve will have food and other needs provided to enhance their special holiday. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October general meeting for volunteers - Thursday, Nov. 20 & Friday, Nov. 21 to help with sorting and packing bags of food and other needed items at their administrative facility in Westampton.

A special thank you to June Adair, Garden District Domestic Violence Chair, who organized and encouraged the Garden District clubs to collect new bath towels and washcloths for domestic violence shelters in their communities. These items are part of the intake kit that clients receive when entering the safe house or other protected environments. A large part of this much needed donation was delivered to a very grateful Providence House.

**Contact: Donna Gatti** 

zeets1@comcast.net ~ (609) 828-6505 cell



#### A Future MWC Club Member!

The club sends its warmest congratulations to MWC President Linda Magee on the birth of her granddaughter Arielle Jade Magee. Baby Arielle was born on October 1, 2025 at 5 lbs. 13 oz. and 18 1/2" long. Proud but tired parents are Linda's son Jonathan and his wife Dana Magee.



Donna GattiNovember 13Nicole GrecoNovember 16Barbara GrecoNovember 22Sharon YesnerNovember 22

# **Ongoing Collections**

- Gently used shoes to DSW
- Used mascara wands to Sephora for wildlife
- Brita water filters, K-cups, etc. to Val Pelerin
- Towels and washcloths for Providence House
- Gently used or new bras for Free the Girls
- Sanitary napkins for I Support the Girls
- Spare change for Heifer
- Coats and clothing for Little Hands, Little Feet
- Children's books for Little Hands, Little Feet
- Arts & craft supplies, wrapping paper, wrapped snacks, stuffed animals for PALS

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### **Programs**

Debbie Riveros from our Special State Project, New Jersey Children's Alliance, will speak to the club at our October 27 Open House. We look forward to welcoming our guest.

At NJCA, its mission is clear: to support Child Advocacy Centers with training, resources, advocacy, and leadership, and ensure that every child abuse victim in New Jersey receives a coordinated and compassionate response. Learn more at njcainc.org.

Contact: Genni Fardella ~ (856) 278-4880 cell gfardella@aol.com



#### **Communications**

- Please send articles for the November issue of the Patchwork to editor Jan Martin at jan@marltonwomansclub.com by November 1.
- Work is underway on the 2025-2026 Marlton Woman's Club Yearbook. Please let Jan Martin know if there have been any changes to your email, land line, cell phone or personal contact information.
- Remember to share our Facebook posts on your Facebook page to increase our visibility and range. Thank you to Andrea Hearing and Linda Magee who continue to help with the website and Facebook social media. Please send photos to both ladies from your events.
- We have created an Instagram account as an additional platform for exposure on social media to reach others who may be interested in the club. Find us a gfwc\_marlton\_womans\_club.

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#### 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.

LIVE YOUR LIFE. TAKE
CHANCES. BE CRAZY. DON'T
WAIT. BECAUSE RIGHT NOW
IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER
BEEN AND THE YOUNGEST
YOU'LL BE EVER AGAIN.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD** 

President Linda Magee
Vice President Andrea Hearing
Corresponding Secr. Donna Gatti
Recording Secretary Debbie Price
Treasurer Barbara Greco

#### **October Board Meeting**

Monday, October 20 5:30 PM dinner meeting Gibson House



# October General Meeting and Open House

Monday, October 27

Social Time 6:30 PM/Meeting 7:00 PM at Gibson House

# November General Meeting

Monday, November 24

Social Time 6:30 PM/Meeting 7:00 PM

### 2024-25 Committee Chairwomen

Advocates for Children......Paula Wormald &

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	. Debbie Hessler
Arts & Culture	. Nancy Schwartz
Arts Performing	. Valerie Pelerin
Civic Engagement	.Sherry Haines and
and Outreach	Nancy Schwartz
Communications	.Jan Martin
Contact	.Linda Magee
Domestic Violence	.Donna Gatti
Awareness	
Education & Libraries	.June Adair
Environment	. Valerie Pelerin
	& Genni Fardella
Finance	.Barbara Greco
Fundraising	.Sandy Meltz
Health & Wellness	.Sue Gaskill
Holiday Dinner	.Linda Magee
Installation Dinner	.Linda Magee &
	Andrea Hearing
Legislation/Resolutions	. OPEN
Membership	.Sherry Haines
Special State Project	.Barbara Greco
Photography	.Barbara Greco
Programs	.Genni Fardella
Social	.Sue Price
Sunshine	.Sue Price
Website	.Jan Martin

Women's History.....Sandy Ellis





