



NJSFWC GARDEN DISTRICT - WOMAN'S CLUB OF MEDFORD, NJ

Presidents' Message

DECEMBER SEEMS TO BE THE BUSIEST MONTH. PARTIES TO HOST OR ATTEND, PRESENTS TO FIND AND WRAP, AND IF YOU ARE OR HAVE SOMEONE IN SCHOOL, GETTING ALL THAT WORK DONE OR GRADED MAKES TIME FLY. NOVEMBER WAS ALSO BUSY! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TURKEYS AND TO THOSE WHO MADE THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR THE MEDFORD POLICE. IT IS WONDERFUL TO BE A PART OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS SO MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY. IN NOVEMBER WE WERE THANKFUL FOR ALL OF YOU. JOYCE MADE US ALL THESE LOVELY BOOKMARKS. IF YOU DIDN'T RECEIVE ONE, SHE STILL HAS SOME! . WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO CELEBRATING WITH YOU AT OUR HOLIDAY PARTY/MEETING ON DECEMBER 8TH. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING MEDFORDWOMANSCLUB@GMAIL.COM WE HOPE YOU HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON! SHAWN AND ELLEN



DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 2 ~ LAST DAY TO ORDER SEE'S CANDIES FOR HOLIDAY DELIVERY

DECEMBER 3 ~ DICKENS FESTIVAL MAIN STREET 4:30 PM

DECEMBER 8 ~ HOLIDAY PARTY MEDFORD MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER 6:00 PM COST IS \$20 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART IN THE GIFT GIVING, PLEASE BRING ONE VALUED AT \$25

> DECEMBER 18 FIRST NIGHT OF HANUKKAH

DECEMBER 21 ~ FIRST DAY OF WINTER

DECEMBER 25 ~ CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 31 ~ NEW YEAR'S EVE



Things to Consider



PART OF OUR MISSION TO 'MAKE THE COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE' IS TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES. PLEASE CONSIDER STAYING LOCAL FOR YOU HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING NEEDS.



THANKS TO NORA, JOANN, SUSAN, NANCY, ELLEN, DENISE AND
SUZANNE FOR DONATING TURKEYS FOR OUR FEEDING FAMILIES
TURKEYS FOR SENECA PROJECT AND THANKS TO VICKI FOR
ORGANIZING THE DROP AND TO CHRIS FOR GETTING THE
TURKEYS DELIVERED TO THE SENECA FOOD PANTRY IN TIME
FOR THANKSGIVING DELIVERY

THANKS TO NORA, MAUREEN, JULIE, SUSAN, JOYCE, NANCY, ERIN, SAMANTHA AND ELLEN FOR DONATING THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR ON DUTY POLICE OFFICERS.

THANKS TO DENISE FOR COORDINATING OUR LETTERS FROM SANTA AND TO EVERYONE WHO SPREAD THE WORD.

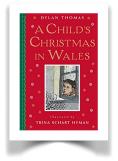
THANKS TO VICKI FOR SETTING UP OUR SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER AND AGAIN THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SPREAD THE WORD.



FUND-RAISING NEWS WE ARE LOOKING TO RESTART OUR FUNDRAISING TEA THIS COMING YEAR. WE NEED THE PARTICIPATION OF EVERY MEMBER IN THE CLUB. PLEASE JOIN THE COMMITTEE IN A CAPACITY THAT SUITS YOUR INTERESTS AND PASSIONS.

FUND RAISER

BOOK CLUB



A child's Christmas Carol by Dylan Thomas Wednesday, December 13 ~ 6pm Elaine's house

WANNA READ AHEAD? NEXT UP: THE CRIMSON PETAL AND THE WHITE BY MICHAEL FABER DATE AND LOCATION



THIS NOSTALGIC RECOLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS PAST BY CELEBRATED WELSH POET DYLAN THOMAS EVOKES THE BEAUTY AND TRADITION OF THE SEASON AT EVERY TURN: THE WARMTH OF A FAMILY GATHERING; THE LOVELINESS OF A MISTLETOE-DECKED HOME; THE PREDICTABILITY OF CATS BY THE FIRE; THE MISCHIEF AND FUN OF CHILDREN LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES; AND THE SHEER DELIGHT OF GIFTS--BE THEY USEFUL OR USELESS.





NJSFWC NEWS

NJSFWC ECONNECTION

November 30, 2022 Shirley A. Holly, NJSFWC President

EMMANUEL CANCER NEEDS OUR HELP!

Emmanuel Cancer Foundation is finally holding an in-person Holiday Party after three years but they need our help! Volunteers are needed to help this party be successful!

The Amazon Wish Lists are starting to come in: https://a.co/4ZWQwuu https://a.co/fAVu3oa

and now we need help serving food and handing out gifts and helping children do crafts etc. Any amount of time you can stay is very much appreciated!

ECF has created an easy sign up Genius to help coordinate volunteers:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AA29ABF8C34-holiday

DAY OF SERVICE JANUARY 16, 2023

Mark your calendar for Day of Service

The NJSFWC Day of Service is on January 16, 2023. The Day of Service honors the founding of the Federation, and this year's event will coincide with the National Day of Service and align our efforts with all organizations and individuals coming together on that day to address needs in their communities.

The charity is the Community Foodbank of New Jersey, an organization with more than 800 local community partners distributing needed food items to food pantries, soup kitchens, child and senior feeding centers, emergency shelters, and mobile pantries. The Day of Service project is to supply food items for a variety of meal kits including Dinner-In-a-Bag, Snow-Day-Meal-Bag, Healthy-Lifestyle-Meal-Kit, and College-Meal-Kit. These meal bags are designed by the Community Foodbank to hold specific food items, and lists of what those bags contain are being distributed to clubs through the District Chairs and DVPs. Clubs will collect the food items and then deliver them on the Day of Service to each District's gathering location, where members will bag the items.

Community Foodbank will assign the local recipients of these meal kits, who will then pick them up on the Day of Service from each District location. Any questions contact Mary Lou Bak at <u>bak@njsfwc.org</u>.



GENERAL FEDERATION OF

WOMEN'S CLUBS

GFWC Recognized for Excellence in Historic Preservation



On behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Rachel Norman, a member of the Emily Nelson Chapter of the DAR, presented GFWC International President Deb Strahanoski with a certificate and medal for Excellence in Historic Preservation.

This past weekend, GFWC was honored to receive a certificate and medal for Excellence in Historic Preservation from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The award was presented to GFWC International President Deb Strahanoski by Rachel Norman, who is a member of the Emily Nelson Chapter of the DAR and the GFWC District of Columbia Woman's Club.

"It was an honor to accept this outstanding acknowledgment from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) on GFWC celebrating 100 years of owning our GFWC Headquarters," said President Strahanoski.



GFWC District of Columbia President Mohra Gavankar and her fellow Washington, DC, clubwomen visited GFWC International President Deb Strahanoski at Headquarters on November 12.

GFWC was presented with the certificate from the DAR during the GFWC District of Columbia Woman's Club meeting at the Federation's Headquarters in Washington, DC.



Remember GFWC During This Season of Giving

By Shelli R. Fehr, Annual Giving Program Chairman



If you watch TV, you have inevitably seen commercials from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Operation Smile, ASPCA, and others asking for a nominal monthly contribution to save or improve the lives of children and animals. These are all causes worthy of your hard-earned money. However, please remember another organization that accomplishes what those groups do; GFWC is dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

Every day, members give their time and money to improve their communities, and GFWC is the national organization that anchors them all together. Its success is attributed, in part, to generous donations from its members, clubs, states, and Regions.

During this season of generosity, GFWC asks to be included in your year-end giving. Any amount is welcomed and appreciated. GFWC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, so any contribution can be claimed as a charitable donation on your taxes. Earmark your monetary donation for any fund listed on the *Annual Giving Program Donation Form*, located in the "A" Resources folder or the "Club Manual" subfolder in the "C" Resources folder of the <u>Member Portal Digital Library</u>. You can also make your donation a gift by naming a person it is made in honor of. What a wonderful present for family and friends!

Please Honor the Legacy, Inspire the Future of GFWC with your gift today!





THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF MEDFORD IS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS AND IN TURN OF THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

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