

# The Woman's Club of Medford



## VOICE

June 2023

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

## Presidents' Message

As we approach the end of another remarkable year, we want to take a moment to reflect on our journey together and express our heartfelt gratitude for your support and dedication. It has been a privilege to be part of such an extraordinary group of women, united by a common purpose and a shared commitment to making a positive impact in our community.

Our meetings, events, and initiatives have been a testament to the strength and resilience of the Medford Woman's Club.

Together, we have celebrated achievements and nurtured friendships that will endure beyond our time together

As we bid farewell to this year, let us cherish the memories we have created and the bonds we have formed. Our collective strength and unwavering spirit have carried us through the toughest of times, and they will continue to guide us as we venture into the future.

As the year draws to a close, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Thank you for your enthusiasm, your kindness, and your steadfast support.

May the coming year bring joy, success, and fulfillment to your lives both within the Medford Woman's Club and beyond.



~ Shawn and Ellen

## Dates to Remember

June 6 ~ Coffee Meet Up  
9:00 AM  
In Dietro Caffè

June 7 ~ Installation Dinner  
6:00 PM  
Illiano Cucina

June 11 ~ Flower Basket Hanging  
Time TBA  
Main Street

June 13 ~ Coffee Meet Up  
9:00 AM  
In Dietro Caffè

June 20 ~ Coffee Meet Up  
9:00 AM  
In Dietro Caffè

June 21 ~ First Day of Summer

June 27 ~ Social  
10:00 AM (Meet time in Medford)  
Grounds for Sculpture

*See you in September*



## Executive Board ~ To Be Installed Congratulations to All!

Co-Presidents ~ Shawn Shaffer and Ellen Walsh

Co-1st Vice Presidents ~ Peg Czekay and  
Denise Mazza

Co-2nd Vice Presidents ~ Joyce Scholz and  
Susan Michaelides

Treasurer ~ Nancy Clipper

Secretary ~ Julie Peterson

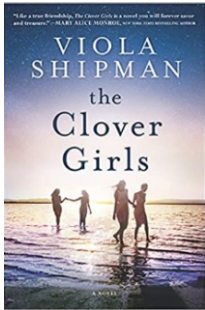
## FUNDRAISING

We are running a year long fund-raiser  
with See's ~ YUMMY!

Visit our website:

[www.MedfordWomansClub.com](http://www.MedfordWomansClub.com)

for the link to our storefront.



## Book Club

The Clover Girls  
by Viola Shipman

Date and Time TBA

Elizabeth, Veronica, Rachel and Emily met at Camp Birchwood as girls in 1985, where over four summers they were the Clover Girls—inseparable for those magical few weeks of freedom—until the last summer that pulled them apart. Now approaching middle age, the women are facing challenges they never imagined as teens, struggles with their marriages, their children, their careers, and wondering who it is they see when they look in the mirror.

Wanna Read Ahead?

Up Next ~ The Paris Apartment  
by Lucy Foley

And Then ~ A Walk in the Woods  
by Bill Bryson



## Thanks to:

Shawn for once again organizing our Flower Baskets on Main project. Main Street will look beautiful again!

Also thanks to everyone who signed up to water ~ there are still spots open so please sign up today!

The new Executive Board for agreeing to steer our wonderful club for another year!

Susan for organizing our installation dinner.

Dues are due at the

Installation Dinner and are

\$40 for the upcoming club

year. Dues may be paid via

check brought to the dinner

or via Venmo ~ @WomansClub-OfMedford



## Social News

June Socials:

Most Tuesdays beginning  
June 6th we are offering  
morning coffee meet ups at

In Dietro Caffè. We will meet at  
9:00 AM so see you then!

June 27th (which is a Tuesday so no coffee meet up) we are offering a day long social at Grounds for Sculpture. We will meet in Medford at 10:00 AM and carpool.

Reservations for lunch will be made at Rats Restaurant so let Kathy know ASAP if you plan to attend!





# NJSFWC NEWS

## *New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Convention Recap:*

Thank you to Patricia Dahl, Convention Chairman, Carole Speechley, Credentials and Registration Chairman and their committees for a **wonderful convention!!**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Convention. I hope that you all enjoyed the new venue, The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City. For those who weren't in attendance Monday speakers were GFWC International President Deb Strahanoski and Congressman Andy Kim who spoke about volunteerism and the impact on our communities. Bylaws were approved and Best All-Around Reporting Awards were given in 7 categories.

Monday night the EX Clubs were honored along with five amazing Women of Achievement for their outstanding accomplishments here in NJ: **Shanel Y. Robinson** - who was instrumental in developing a county plan for integrating open space, farmland, and historic acquisition of new properties for environmental benefit and for supporting tourism and economic development in her county, **Jacquelyn Litt** - former Dean of Douglass College, **Pamela Brug, M.D.** - Medical Director of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, **Julia Orlando** - Director of the Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center in Hackensack and **Leslie Morris** - licensed clinical social worker who founded and serves as CEO of Women of the Dream – an organization dedicated to improving the lives of girls and young women in underserved areas.

Tuesday's business session included keynote speaker former Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, currently Executive Director of the Mercy Center in Asbury Park, Resolutions were passed along with Awards for Best All Around Reporting for the Community Service Programs.

Wednesday Jean Revis read the inmemoriam for the past state board members and Deen Meloro read the inmemoriam for Marion Graham Arnao, Past State President 1990-1992. Honor Roll and Order of the Lily recipients were announced as was the winner of the Mega 50/50 Raffle. Joyce Donnelly from the Woman's Club of Belleville received \$4,135.00. Thank you for making this raffle a huge success.



# GFWC NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE INAUGURAL



## National Day of Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Living the Volunteer Spirit | [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org) | #GFWC23NDS

Help Us to End Hunger in the United States By  
Volunteering, Donating, or Organizing a Community Service Project



What is GFWC National Day of Service?  
The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is united in its dedication to volunteer community service. The National Day of Service (NDS) is a day in which all of GFWC comes together in service to highlight an area of need, take action to address it, and raise public awareness about its importance. State federations and clubs will participate by organizing Community Service Programs (CSP) in their communities as part of NDS. It's also a great opportunity to invite guests to participate in your NDS activities and introduce them to the benefits of GFWC.

NDS Information & Updates:  
Every week until September 30, GFWC will make announcements, provide project ideas, and discuss food insecurity. Be sure to checkout the weekly electronic newsletter, GFWC News & Notes; Facebook and Instagram; and website, [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org). Stay tuned for additional resources, including a tool kit and a media kit.

How can you help solve food insecurity in the United States?

To initiate the planning process, GFWC encourages you to contact your local food banks and food pantries — wherever people go for food — to find out how best to be of service. For example, a club can sponsor a food bank, pantry, or food program to organize a volunteer activity with fellow club members, family, and friends. Ask every member of your club to invite a friend who is not presently a member to participate and experience GFWC in action.



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AND IN TURN OF  
THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.  
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IMPROVEMENT BY ENHANCING THE LIVES OF OTHERS  
THROUGH VOLUNTEER SPIRIT.'

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