

Presidents' Message



WE'RE OFF TO A GREAT START TO 2023. IN CELEBRATION OF 130 YEARS, WE MADE AND DECORATED 130 VALENTINES FOR VETERANS IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR SERVICE. PLANS FOR THE SPRING TEA AND FASHION SHOW ARE IN FULL SWING AFTER A TWO-YEAR HIATUS! AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING WE MADE FAVORS FOR THE TEA WHILE ENJOYING WINE AND CHOCOLATE IN CELEBRATION OF VALENTINE'S DAY. THANK YOU, JOYCE AND SUSAN. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR ITEMS AND DONATIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION BASKETS TO OUR MARCH MEETING. PLEASE SELL TICKETS TO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, WE WOULD LIKE FILLED TABLES! LET'S MAKE THIS TEA OUR BEST ONE YET! AS ALWAYS WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE TIME AND ENERGY ALL OF YOU BRING TO THE CLUB.

WISHING YOU GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD LUCK IN 2023, THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT.

ELLEN AND SHAWN



DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 10 ~ GENERAL MEETING
MEDFORD MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER
7:00 PM

MARCH 12 ~ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS

MARCH 17 ~ ST PATRICK'S DAY

MARCH 20 ~ FIRST DAY OF SPRING

MARCH 26 ~ FUNDRAISING TEA
MEDFORD VILLAGE COUNTRY CLUB
1:00 PM

APRIL 5 ~ BOOK CLUB
ANNAHITA'S HOUSE
6:00 PM

MARCH PROGRAM



JOIN US FOR A
CONVERSATION WITH
DANI DURANTE
OWNER OF LA FACCIA
BELLA AND IN DIETRO
CAFFE.



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



Womans' Club of Medford 2023 Alice Mietz Scholarship Application

The Womans' Club of Medford is excited to offer high school residents in the 08055 zip code \$1000 to support costs of higher education (college, trade school). Applicants will be required to provide a short essay in response to a prompt, information about their community and service activities, and an unofficial copy of their transcript.

DEADLINE: March 31, 2023- no exceptions!

Eligibility:

- Must be a female high school student **residing in the 08055 zip code**
- Must be pursuing a higher degree of learning (college/trade school)
- Must have at least a 2.8 GPA (an unofficial transcript is required with the application)
- Previous community and volunteer experience preferred

Incomplete applications will not be considered! Applicants cannot receive any assistance from anyone associated with WCOM.

Please submit an essay in response to this year's prompt:

Mahatma Gandhi stated "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." In light of this quote, what woman has inspired your thoughts on volunteerism and why?"

- Word Count: 300 minimum/550 maximum
- Spelling, grammar, and punctuation are major factors in the overall score

IF YOU KNOW ANY SENIOR AGED GIRLS RESIDING IN THE 08055 ZIP CODE, PLEASE PASS ON THIS OPPORTUNITY.

FUND-RAISING NEWS



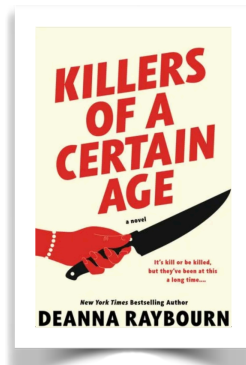
WE ARE CONTINUING OUR YEAR LONG SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER. PLEASE CLICK ON THE QR CODE HERE TO ACCESS OUR STOREFRONT.



ON MARCH 26TH WE ARE BRINGING BACK OUR FUNDRAISING TEA! TICKETS ARE \$40 SO GATHER YOUR FRIENDS AND LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!

FUND RAISER

BOOK CLUB



"THIS GOLDEN GIRLS MEETS JAMES BOND THRILLER IS A JOURNEY YOU WANT TO BE PART OF." -BUZZFEED

OLDER WOMEN OFTEN FEEL INVISIBLE, BUT SOMETIMES THAT'S THEIR SECRET WEAPON.

THEY'VE SPENT THEIR LIVES AS THE DEADLIEST ASSASSINS IN A CLANDESTINE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, BUT NOW THAT THEY'RE SIXTY YEARS OLD, FOUR WOMEN FRIENDS CAN'T JUST RETIRE – IT'S KILL OR BE KILLED IN THIS ACTION-PACKED THRILLER BY NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AND EDGAR AWARD-NOMINATED AUTHOR DEANNA RAYBOURN.

KILLERS OF A CERTAIN AGE
BY
DEANNA RAYBOURN
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
6:00 PM
ANNAHITA'S HOUSE

WANNA READ AHEAD?
NEXT UP:
THE CHICKEN SISTERS
BY
KJ DELL'ANTONIA



THANK TO ALL MEMBERS WHO CREATED OUT BEAUTIFUL VALENTINES FOR VETS AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING. WE CREATED 130 CARDS ~ IN RECOGNITION OF NJSFWC'S 130 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. SPECIAL THANKS TO DENISE FOR COORDINATING AND ELAINE AND HER HUSBAND FOR DELIVERING THE CARDS.

THANKS TO SUSAN AND JOYCE FOR CHAIRING OUR FUNDRAISING TEA. THIS IS OUR FIRST EVENT SINCE THE COVID PANDEMIC HIT AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO BE ABLE TO BRING THIS MUCH LOVED PROGRAM BACK! PLEASE BRING ANY DONATIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION BASKETS TO THE MEETING NEXT WEEK OR DROP OFF AT SUSAN'S HOUSE.

THANKS TO SAMANTHA AND ALLIE FOR TAKING OVER THE CHAIR POSITION OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

SPELLING BEE NEWS



THERE WERE 52 COMPETITORS.

THE TOP 3 QUALIFIED FOR THE GARDEN DISTRICT BEE. WINNERS THERE PROCEED TO THE STATE SPELLING BEE AT NJSFWC HEADQUARTERS IN NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ ON MARCH 18, 2023.

FIRST PLACE: SAMANYU SRIHARSHA~KIRBY'S MILL
SECOND PLACE: MIA TRAPANI~CHAIRVILLE
THIRD PLACE: LIANA RIVIELLO~KIRBY'S MILL



NJSFWC NEWS

MEET THE NJSFWC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Shirley Holly, President

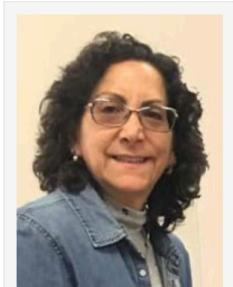


Shirley has been a clubwoman for 29 years. She's been President of the Dover Township JWC, Barnegat WC, Junior Ex Club, GFWC Past Directors Club, GFWC Marta's Cruising Juniors and served as Advisor to the Jersey Juniorettes for five years.

A member of the NJSFWC Board of Directors since 2002, Shirley began as Junior Membership Representative to the Board, followed by Director of Junior Clubs, Historian, Day of Service & Public Issues Chairman, Third Vice President, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and is currently serving as President.

Shirley was a 13 year Girl Scout leader. She volunteers for Emmanuel Cancer Foundation and is a puppy raiser for Canine Companions for Independence. Shirley works as a Media Specialist for Brackman Middle School. She has been married to Bob for 33 years and has four children.

Barbara McCloskey, President-Elect



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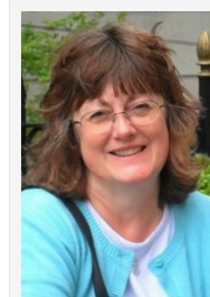
Barbara has been a member of the State Federation since 1987, joining the Denville/Rockaway Junior Woman's club, where she served as President. Barbara also served on the NJSFWC Junior State Board as Conservation Chairman and Membership Liaison.

Barbara is presently a member of the GFWC Woman's Club of the Denville-Rockaway Area, the GFWC Woman's Club of Boonton, The Past President's Club of the Highlands District, and the Phoenix Club.

On the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Board of Trustees, she has served as Communications Chairman, Webmaster, Highlands District Vice President, Third Vice President and Second Vice President. Presently Barbara is the NJSFWC President-Elect.

She was employed for 18 years as the Membership & Outreach Manager for the Land Conservancy of New Jersey, where she coordinated one-day stewardship projects with corporate volunteers and managed their community garden. She has been married for 40 years, has two adult children and one daughter-in-law.

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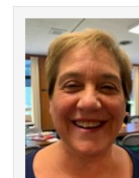
Susan Chambers serves as NJSFWC First Vice President 2022-2024. She has previously served on the NJSFWC Board as Palisades District Vice President and Special State Project Chairman.

She is currently Vice President of the Book and Needle Woman's Club of Oradell, having served as their President, Recording Secretary and

Chairman of Communications, Special State Project, and Boatsie's Boxes. She is a member of the Palisades Past Presidents, Ex Club, and Lilies. Susan has been a member of Federation for 16 years.

Susan was a trustee of the Oradell Public School Board of Education for six years and a Board member of the Oradell Arts and Business Coalition; she is also a lifetime Girl Scout member. She and her husband of 38 years have one grown daughter.

Chris Sienkiewski, Second Vice President



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President

Chris Sienkiewski served as the New Jersey State Director of Junior Clubs 1996-1998, and subsequently served twenty years on the GFWC Board of Directors in various positions in education, resolutions, leadership, conservation and violence against women. Chris also served the NJSFWC as Corresponding Secretary,

Community Improvement Program Chairman, Sixth District Vice President, Bylaws Chairman, Chairman of the Signature Project Investigating Committee, and three terms as Legislation/Resolutions Chairman. Chris is honored to serve the current administration as the Second Vice President. On the local club level, she is the President of the GFWC Central Valley Contemporary Club.

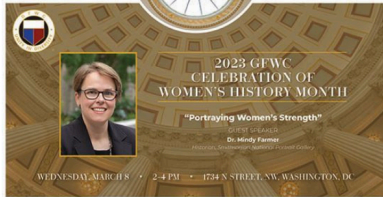
Professionally, Chris has been an educator for 45 years teaching various grade levels the director of a private preschool and kindergarten for 18 years. Later she worked in the field of adult education developing curriculum and training for English as a Second Language. Chris is currently retired and hopes to someday write a children's book.

Chris resides in South Plainfield, NJ with her husband, Rich, her son, daughter-in law and their two children, along with two dogs and two cats.



GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Register Today for the 2023 GFWC Women's History Month Celebration — Wednesday, March 8, at 2-4 p.m. ET, in Washington, DC!



Join us for [GFWC's 2023 Women's History Month Celebration!](#) If you have not registered for this year's event, please do so soon. As previously mentioned, Dr. Mindy Farmer, historian, of the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery will speak about "Portraying Women's Strength" through portraiture. Please note [registration](#) is limited to the first 100 attendees. Also, the event is in-person at GFWC Headquarters in Washington, DC.

Early Bird Registration Open for 2023 GFWC Annual Convention



[Early bird registration is officially open!](#) Click on the register for the 2023 GFWC Annual Convention.

(To help you register, GFWC created a "[Registration: How To Guide](#)," which provides step-by-step instructions.)

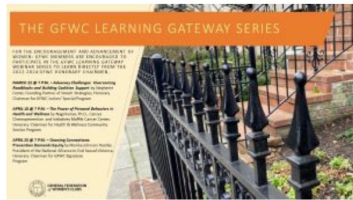
For complete information on the 2023 GFWC Annual Convention, see the "[Call to Convention](#)."

GFWC is accepting ads for the "Convention Program." If you would like to [place an ad](#), please complete the form and send it back to Nishu Raina at NRaina@GFWC.org. Please note that ads are due by *Thursday, March 30*.

Also, the GFWC Fundraising Committee is collecting donations for the "Race to the Finish" fundraiser. [Please sign up to donate](#). The deadline for submission is Monday, May 1.

See you in Louisville!

GFWC Learning Gateway Webinar Series



To celebrate Women's History Month, GFWC members are invited to participate in the GFWC Learning Gateway webinar series to learn directly from the 2022-2024 GFWC Honorary Chairmen.

The first three offerings include Signature Program Honorary Chairman Monika Johnson Hostler, President of the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence; Juniors' Special Program Chairman Stephenie Foster, Speaker, Author, Women's Advocate, and Co-Founder of Smash Strategies; Health and Wellness Chairman Nagi Kumar, Ph.D. Director of Cancer Chemoprevention at Moffitt Cancer Center.

Visit the [Member Portal](#) to register today.

New Online Access to WHRC Collections



The Women's History and Resource Center collections have migrated to two new public platforms, allowing you to access photos, archival material, artifacts, ephemera, and reference books from the comfort of your own home!

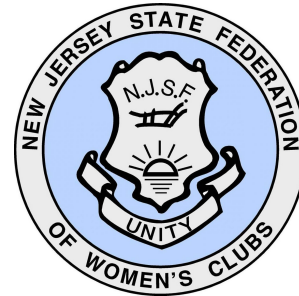
The majority of our materials are on the familiar, but newly upgraded, [PastPerfect database](#). (If you've ever clicked the "Search the Collections" button from the WHRC page, you've used this great resource.) The improved version allows for faster updates when new materials come in or more thorough cataloging has been done. Each record includes a "Feedback" option in the top right corner, and the thumbnail images include an "Image Request" form in the bottom right of the pop-out window; use these to contact us for more information.

Our reference library collection – which includes the State and Local Club Histories – is now on a platform designed for small libraries like ours: [TinyCat](#). (Book collectors out there may be familiar with its underlying database, LibraryThing.) Please note: This is an early version of the catalog, and we know that there's room for improvement! You might even notice the "QC needed" tags on many entries. Importing our old library catalog into the new database led to some information gaps, but there's enough here to aid researchers even while we work on the necessary quality control. If you have questions or comments about a particular work (remember, we're a non-circulating library), please click "Ask About This Item" to let us know, or reach out to us at whrc@gfwc.org.

Both databases can be found on the WHRC homepage (and are linked above), but here are the URLs if you want to bookmark them:

<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/GFWC>

<https://gfwc.catalogaccess.com/>



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.

CLUB WOMEN ARE 'DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY
IMPROVEMENT BY ENHANCING THE LIVES OF OTHERS
THROUGH VOLUNTEER SERVICE'.

Make A Difference

