

Presidents' Message

IT'S MAY AND IT FEELS LIKE THINGS ARE FINALLY STARTING TO WARM UP. THERE'S A HINT OF SUMMER IN THE AFTERNOONS AND THAT MAKES US ALL HAPPY! AS WE WRAP UP OUR CLUB YEAR, THERE ARE A FEW MORE THINGS WE NEED TO DO. FIRST UP, OUR FLOWER BASKETS ON MAIN PROJECT. THIS HAS BEEN, FOR MANY YEARS, GREETED WITH DELIGHT BY THE WHOLE TOWN AND WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP. WE NEED MEMBERS TO STEP UP TO WATER THESE LOVELY BASKETS. DO IT WITH A FRIEND, DO IT WITH YOUR SPOUSE, JUST PLEASE SIGN UP TO DO IT. WE ALSO HAVE OUR INSTALLATION DINNER COMING UP IN JUNE AND THAT'S ALWAYS A GOOD TIME ~ FURTHER DETAILS TO COME IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

~ KATHY AND SHAWN



DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY OBSERVANCES:
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS
ARTHRITIS AWARENESS
CELIAC AWARENESS
CLEAN AIR

**MAY 7 ~ PINELANDS LIBRARY
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
NEW LIBRARY AT TOWN HALL
11AM - 2 PM**

MAY 8 ~ MOTHERS' DAY

**MAY 12 ~ GENERAL MEETING
MEDFORD MEMORIAL COMMUNITY
CENTER
7:00 PM**

**MAY 27 ~ BOOK CLUB
SUSAN'S HOUSE
6:00 PM**

MAY MEETING PROGRAM

REFRESHMENTS
SAVORY SNACK ~ TBA
SWEET SNACK ~ TBA
BEVERAGES ~ TBA





THANKS TO NORA, NANCY, CATHY L., JOANNE AND NEW MEMBER SUZANNE FOR HELPING WITH THE TOWN WIDE YARD SALE.

THANKS TO SHAWN FOR HELPING WITH THE GARDEN DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT DAY AND FOR ONCE AGAIN HEADING UP OUR FLOWER BASKETS ON MAIN PROJECT.

Health & Wellness

MAY IS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH. MENTAL HEALTH PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN OUR OVERALL HEALTH PROFILE. IT IS CRITICAL TO OUR WELL BEING AND TOO OFTEN OVERLOOKED OR BELITTLED. IN RECOGNITION OF THIS, THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF MEDFORD HAS, IN THE PAST, OFFERED A VARIETY OF RESOURCES INCLUDING TWO SUMMITS ON THE SUBJECT. THIS YEAR WE ARE OFFERING A VIRTUAL OPTION. NAMI- THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF ADVOCACY IN THIS ARENA. WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED FINANCIALLY MANY TIMES TO NAMI AND WE'D LIKE TO CONTINUE TO DO SO. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION AND TO TAKE THE PLEDGE TO BE STIGMA FREE FOLLOW THE LINK [HERE](#).



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE HAS CHOSEN THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT OF OUR ALICE MIETZ

SCHOLARSHIP. HER NAME IS RILEY PIPPS. RILEY INTENDS TO STUDY KINESIOLOGY AND PLANS TO BECOME A HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH TEACHER/COACH. CONGRATULATIONS RILEY!



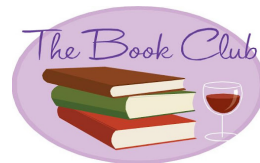
KIM G. ~ MAY 1ST
SHEILA M. ~ MAY 11TH
JOYCE S. ~ MAY 12TH

THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB
BY RICHARD OSMAN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 ~ 6:00 PM
SUSAN'S HOUSE

WANNA READ AHEAD?

~ THE SEVEN HUSBANDS OF EVELYN HUGO BY
TAYLOR JENKINS REID



Fundraising

WE HAVE BEGUN OUR FLOWER BASKETS ON MAIN SPONSORSHIP DRIVE.

VICKI HAS SET UP ANOTHER SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER TO RUN DURING MOST OF 2022. PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH EVERYONE.

WE MADE \$160 IN TABLE REGISTRATIONS FOR THE TOWN WIDE YARD SALE EVENT.



EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITION

UNFORTUNATELY KATHY G. IS NOT ABLE TO COMMIT TO THE CO-SECRETARY POSITION. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED, PLEASE LET KATHY C. OR SHAWN KNOW.

ENVIRONMENT

THIS SPRING WE WILL UNDERTAKE A RENOVATION OF OUR FREEDOM PARK MEMORIAL BENCH AREA. OUR MASTER GARDENER ELAINE HAS OFFERED TO CHAIR THIS PROJECT SO IF YOU CAN HELP (AND WE NEED HELP!) PLEASE LET ELAINE KNOW.

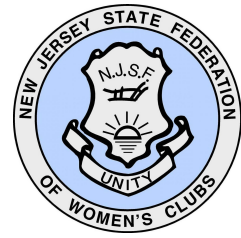
OUR FLOWER BASKETS ON MAIN PROJECT IS IN NEED OF WATERERS. SHAWN HAS CIRCULATED A SIGN UP FOR WATERING DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. 'WATERERS' DO NOT NEED TO BRING ANYTHING WITH THEM, THEY WILL FILL THE WATER BUFFALO AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND DRIVE A GOLF CART UP AND DOWN THE STREET WATERING. SIGN UPS ARE MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY. WATERING MUST BE DONE EVERYDAY. [FIND THE SIGN UP HERE](#)

MAY IS CLEAN AIR AWARENESS MONTH. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN AIR TO YOUR LUNGS VISIT THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION'S [WEBSITE](#). LET'S KEEP IT CLEAN FOR OURSELVES AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.





**NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF
WOMEN'S CLUBS OF GFWC**
Volunteers in Action



NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS CONVENTION ~WRAP UP

BY JAN W. HANSON, NJSFWC PAST STATE PRESIDENT 2020-2022

CONVENTION 2022

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE NJSFWC 128TH CONVENTION. BESIDES THE BUSINESS THAT WAS CONDUCTED, WE HEARD FROM SOME EXCELLENT SPEAKERS. VIOLET SNOW SPOKE ABOUT HER BOOK "TO MARCH OR TO MARRY" AND GFWC INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, MARIAN ST. CLAIR GAVE THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS. MEMBERS GAVE A WARM WELCOME TO MARIAN AND SHOWED HER NEW JERSEY HOSPITALITY. THANK YOU TO BRANDI LEIGH MILLER FOR ESCORTING MARIAN AND GIL AND JILL McDONALD FOR PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION.

THANK YOU TO JOYCE DREGER, PAUL SOLTIS AND LYNN WEBB FOR THEIR EXCELLENT WORKSHOPS. THIRD VICE PRESIDENT, SUSAN CHAMBERS AND LEGISLATION/RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN, CHRIS SIENKIELEWSKI, FOR THEIR MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP AND TREASURER, LINDA BABEUF AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY, CHRIS BURLEW FOR THE TREASURER'S WORKSHOP. CONVENTION GIVES MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP NEW SKILLS AND LEARN NEW INFORMATION.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS WHO WERE PLACED ON THE HONOR ROLL OR ORDER OF THE LILY. WE ALSO HONORED FOUR WOMEN AS WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AND HEARD FROM OUR NEW CECILIA GAINES HOLLAND AWARD WINNER LAURA PELSZYNSKI FROM THE NORTH BRUNSWICK WOMAN'S CLUB. CHECK OUT THE NJSFWC WEBSITE TO SEE THEIR BIOGRAPHIES.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEBBIE CIBELLI WHO WAS ELECTED NJSFWC CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY. ALL FOUR RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED SO START WRITING THOSE LETTERS.

ATTENDEES HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE ARTS AND CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT ENTRIES. CLUB'S RECEIVED AWARDS FOR BEST ALL AROUND WORK AND INDIVIDUAL CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS WERE ANNOUNCED. CHECK OUT THE CONVENTION CHATTER ON THE WEBSITE. THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PERFORMING ARTS SHOW. THE TALENT OF OUR MEMBERS IS AMAZING. PAST STATE PRESIDENT HANSON IS FEELING FINE (JUST A LITTLE SORE) AFTER HER SURPRISE PERFORMING ARTS FINALE.

RAY CHIMILESKI FROM OPERATION CHILLOUT WAS OVERWHELMED WHEN PATRICIA DAHL, SPECIAL STATE PROJECT CHAIRMAN, ANNOUNCED THE TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED, \$63,795.97. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE IN-KIND DONATIONS. THE WINNER OF THE QUILT WAS JOAN SHIBLA LYNCH.

THIS CONVENTION COULD NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT THE HARD WORK OF SUSAN FOSDICK AND THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE AND CYNTHIA BLUMENKRANTZ AND THE CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION COMMITTEE. SOMETIMES THEY DO NOT GET THE THANKS THEY DESERVE.

WITH THE FINAL RAP OF THE GAVEL THIS ADMINISTRATION ENDS AND A NEW ONE BEGINS. CONGRATULATIONS TO SHIRLEY HOLLY AND HER BOARD AS THEY START A NEW, EXCITING NJSFWC CHAPTER MOVING US FORWARD.

THE 2022-2024 SPECIAL STATE PROJECT WAS ANNOUNCED AND IT IS THE EMMANUEL CANCER FOUNDATION.

FROM THEIR WEBSITE ~ WWW.EMMANUELCANCER.ORG:

THE HALLMARK OF OUR PROGRAM:
RECOGNIZING THE EMOTIONAL TOLL A DIAGNOSIS LIKE PEDIATRIC CANCER CAN TAKE ON THE FAMILY, ECF'S PROFESSIONAL CASEWORKERS ARE FOCUSED ON MAINTAINING THE EMOTIONAL BALANCE OF THE FAMILY UNIT. CASEWORKERS PROVIDE COUNSELING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY AND CAN HELP SIBLINGS, AND OTHERS IN THE FAMILY UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CANCER – IN TERMS THEY CAN UNDERSTAND.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF MEDFORD WAS RECOGNIZED IN TWO CATEGORIES:

MOST CREATIVE PROJECT IN THE STATE IN THE COMMUNICATIONS CATEGORY FOR OUR WEEKLY FACEBOOK FOCUS POSTS

SECOND PLACE ~ BEST ALL AROUND WORK IN THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CATEGORY. OUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS REPORTING INCLUDED OUR ADOPTED GRANDMOTHER, OUR COTTAGE AT NEW LISBON DEVELOPMENT CENTER, OUR DONATION TO THE NAMI VIRTUAL WALK AND OUR THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR ON DUTY POLICE OFFICERS.



FROM GFWC NEWS & NOTES

**GFWC AFFILIATE
ORGANIZATION**



HOPE FOR JUSTICE

FOUNDED IN 2008 IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, HOPE FOR JUSTICE WORKS FROM MORE THAN 30 LOCATIONS ACROSS FIVE CONTINENTS TO BRING AN END TO MODERN DAY SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING BY PREVENTING EXPLOITATION, RESCUING VICTIMS, RESTORING LIVES, AND REFORMING SOCIETY. HOPE FOR JUSTICE IS MADE UP OF WORLD-CLASS SPECIALISTS WITH THE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE TO HELP END HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND PROVIDE TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE TO SURVIVORS. HOPE FOR JUSTICE FOCUSES ON RESCUING VICTIMS, EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES, WORKING WITH SURVIVORS TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES, AND REFORMING SOCIETY BY TRAINING PROFESSIONALS TO SPOT THE SIGNS OF TRAFFICKING.

TO LEARN MORE FOLLOW THIS [LINK](#).

GFWC BLOG

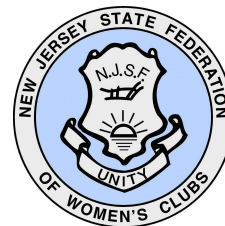
DID YOU KNOW THAT THE GFWC HAS A BLOG FOCUSING ON MEMBER CLUBS? 'VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION' CHOOSES ONE CLUB A MONTH TO HIGHLIGHT SPECIAL PROJECTS AND MEMBER ENTHUSIASM. TO BE INSPIRED, TAKE A LOOK [HERE](#).

GFWC 100TH ANNIVERSARY VIRTUAL TOUR



CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GFWC HEADQUARTERS AT 1734 N ST. NW, WASHINGTON, DC, BY ENJOYING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY VIRTUAL TOUR. HOSTED BY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MARIAN ST. CLAIR, THE VIRTUAL TOUR WILL COMMEMORATE THE PURCHASE OF GFWC HEADQUARTERS ON APRIL 1, 1922. IT WILL OFFER AN INSIGHTFUL LOOK AT THE ART, CULTURE, AND HISTORY THAT MAKES UP THIS GORGEOUS HOME. THE TOUR IS AVAILABLE UNTIL JUNE 30, 2022.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT THE GFWC MEMBERS PORTAL [HERE](#).



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'.