

### Presidents' Message

*Happy Fall Y'all! It certainly seems like a switch was thrown on the first day of Autumn. Suddenly our 90 degree days went away and we are looking for our sweaters. Our October meeting on October 13th is about recruiting new members. Joyce and Susan have a fun wine tasting event planned. Please invite your friends. Our Garden District Vice President, Marie Dimatties will be joining us! Our first project of the year, the Scarecrow Contest is October 1st. This project really brightens up Main Street for the Autumn season. Thank you to Kathy for chairing this special project. Thank you all for signing up to work on our various projects throughout the upcoming year, we appreciate the enthusiasm you all had at our September meeting.*

~ Shawn and Ellen



### DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER 15  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH  
AND  
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 1 - 27 ~ SCARECROWS ON  
MAIN CONTEST  
MAIN STREET MEDFORD

OCTOBER 15 ~ GENERAL MEETING  
MEDFORD MEMORIAL COMMUNITY  
CENTER  
7:00 PM

OCTOBER 17 ~ BOOK CLUB  
ERIN'S HOUSE  
6:00 PM

OCTOBER 29 ~ HALLOWEEN PARADE  
MAIN STREET MEDFORD  
STREET CLOSSES AT 6:00 PM

OCTOBER 31 ~ HALLOWEEN

### OCTOBER MEETING

THE PROGRAM FOR OUR NEW MEMBER WELCOME MEETING WILL BE WINE TASTING. WE THANK TAUNTON FORGE LIQUORS WHO WILL BE PROVIDING US WITH A NICE SELECTION OF WINES TO TASTE.



# Things to Consider

WE ARE ALWAYS SO EXCITED ABOUT THE ENTHUSIASM AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR CLUB YEAR AND THIS YEAR IS NO DIFFERENT! WE HAVE A LOT OF PROJECTS COMING UP AND WE WILL NEED HELP WITH ALL OF THEM. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR CLUB ALLOWS US TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE ~ FOR NOW AND FOR ALWAYS.



THANK YOU TO SAMANTHA FOR VOLUNTEERING TO CHAIR THE SPELLING BEE AND TO SAMANTHA AND ALLIE FOR VOLUNTEERING TO CHAIR THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

THANKS TO SUSAN AND JOYCE FOR VOLUNTEERING TO CHAIR OUR FUND-RAISING TEA.

THANKS TO ELLEN FOR VOLUNTEERING TO CHAIR THE THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR ON DUTY POLICE OFFICERS.

THANKS TO ELAINE AND BARBARA FOR VOLUNTEERING TO ASSESS THE WORK NEEDED FOR OUR FREEDOM PARK MEMORIAL BENCH PARK. AND ESPECIALLY

THANKS TO ALL OUR RETURNING CHAIRS!

THANKS TO THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S SCARECROWS ON MAIN CONTEST: ERIN, BARBARA, ANNAHITA, ALLIE, SUZANNE, SAMANTHA, JULIA, JULIE, ELLEN, SUSAN, NANCY. WHILE IT DIDN'T WORK ENTIRELY TO PLAN WE STILL APPRECIATE YOU!



## FUND-RAISING NEWS

WE ARE ONCE AGAIN RUNNING A FUNDRAISER FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH SEE'S CANDIES. OUR STOREFRONT CAN BE VIEWED [HERE](#). IF THERE IS SOMETHING ON THEIR WIDER SITE NOT IN OUR STOREFRONT, PLEASE PURCHASE A GIFT CARD FROM OUR STORE AND USE THAT TO PURCHASE.

**FUND RAISER**

## BOOK CLUB



### THE SOUTHERN BOOK CLUB'S GUIDE TO SLAYING VAMPIRES BY GRADY HENDRIX

'FRIED GREEN TOMATOES AND STEEL MAGNOLIAS MEET DRACULA IN THIS SOUTHERN-FLAVORED SUPERNATURAL THRILLER SET IN THE '90S ABOUT A WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB THAT MUST PROTECT ITS SUBURBAN COMMUNITY FROM A MYSTERIOUS AND HANDSOME STRANGER WHO TURNS OUT TO BE A REAL MONSTER.'

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 ~ 6:00 PM ~ ERIN'S HOUSE

## Scarecrow Contest 2022

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR THIS YEAR'S SCARECROWS ON MAIN CONTEST. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 25 SCARECROWS REGISTERED AND HAVE RAISED \$515 SO FAR FOR OUR FEEDING FAMILIES / GROCERY GIFT CARDS PROGRAM TO HELP OFFSET GROCERY BILLS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED. THIS YEAR'S WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON OCTOBER 8

- FAMILY ~ TBA
- INDIVIDUAL ~ TBA
- SCHOOL GROUP ~ TBA
- SCOUTS ~ TBA
- NON-PROFIT ~ TBA
- COMMERCIAL ~ TBA
- MISCELLANEOUS ~ TBA

THIS YEAR'S CONTEST PROVIDED A STEEP LEARNING CURVE FOR DEALING WITH WEATHER ISSUES!

IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD STILL LIKE TO REGISTER PLEASE HAVE THEM EMAIL US.

STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES!





# NJSFWC NEWS

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## NJSFWC ECONNCTION

Shirley A. Holly, NJSFWC President  
September 14, 2022



Operation Smile

[www.operationsmile.org](http://www.operationsmile.org)

*Please continue to support Operation Smile with needed supplies.*

Here's a message from Jill McDonald:

Gil and I travel to Operation Smile Headquarters in Virginia Beach every October and April to deliver supplies from NJSFWC Clubs throughout New Jersey. Saves a lot of postage for everyone and it has been our habit for several years. Consequently, we have personal contacts there so always have a special heads up on needed items. This year our first trip will be about October 13; not definite yet, but all items to go with us will need to be to our home or NJSFWC Headquarters by the October 11 Board meeting.

I have just talked with my contact and here are the latest priority needs:

1. Gently Used Luggage: A conference is held annually at Operation Smile Headquarters. When the conference is over, the participants purchase some personal items and are given additional materials and supplies to take back to their facilities. Luggage has to be purchased or provided for this need. I am certain we can meet this need with extra suitcases that many have in their closet or storage.
2. If members prefer to sew, knit or crochet follow Operation Smile Guidelines regarding sizes and fabrics for:
  - no-no arm bands
  - light weight quilts or blankets
  - patient gowns
3. Most needed supplies for Smile bags (they have good inventory of bags):
  - toothbrushes for adults and kids
  - toothpaste with expiration date of August 2024 for upcoming Dec 22 mission

Other medical supplies and toothpaste need to have expiration at or beyond December 2023. Using the Inventory List with the Operation Smile packet, all other therapy (to include specific toys) items, medical and office supplies are welcome.

Every club with donations must complete an Inventory Sheet and Shipping Document for EACH box. Include to Inventory and Shipping document inside each box. DO NOT seal the box!

I have forms, patterns and instructions for various situations and am willing to share those materials with each club. My email is [jillmcdon@aol.com](mailto:jillmcdon@aol.com) for assistance.



# GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS



## SUPPORT THE SUCCESS FOR SURVIVORS SCHOLARSHIP FUND



GFWC is excited to enter a fundraising agreement with Starfish Project for the 2020–2022 Administration. Starfish Project

is an organization that supports women escaping human trafficking and exploitation. The organization is currently working with more than 150 survivors to provide a fresh start in life by arranging safe housing, healthcare, education and training, and employing them to make jewelry and to support its mission.

Through this endorsed fundraiser, 25% of the proceeds from any Starfish Project products purchased through this dedicated link will go to GFWC's Success for Survivors Scholarship! View Starfish Project's necklaces, earrings, bracelets, rings, and garments. Order your next favorite piece of jewelry today and help a survivor of human trafficking succeed!

### OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

PRINT PALM CARDS WITH HOTLINE NUMBERS AND LEAVE AT DOCTORS' OFFICES, MOVIE THEATERS (PLACE IN LADIES ROOM), DENTIST OFFICES AND NAIL SALONS, TO NAME A FEW PLACES.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS. ASK A SHELTER FOR NUMBER OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE SHELTER AND PROVIDE GIFTS. ARRANGE FOR A HOLIDAY LUNCHEON.

COLLECT PAPERBACKS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN AND/OR BUY USED BOOKS FROM GARAGE SALES AND LIBRARIES. DONATE BOOKS FOR A SHELTER LIBRARY, IF THEY HAVE NO LIBRARY, START ONE.

DONATE PREPAID PHONE CARDS AND GIFT CARDS TO A SHELTER.



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'.