



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2020



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, BEVERLY KEUBLER and SHIRLEY HOULIHAN - Remember This December, That love weighs more than gold!— Josephine Dodge Daskam Bacon. In keeping with that thought the end of a very unusual year I am reminded of a song, "You've Got a Friend in Me" by Randy Newman which has been a longtime favorite that encourages peace, joy, and fellowship. It is the fellowship of club members who have reached out to one another, stopping by, calling, sending an email, getting together to play a game of cards or mahjongg that truly is one of the forces that makes our club women so very special. We have brought together women from various backgrounds, education, experiences all with one goal to create a better community through our service to others. As an organization we have been moved out of our comfort zones and tried new things, using technology in new ways, fundraising, providing for our community and staying connected. It reminds me that the one thing that never changes is that things always change. We are weathering the storm well, after all in a room filled with women who charge forward and join with others around the country and world, we remind them that women matter. We are a club filled with women who make a difference! For the December meeting I will be bringing the laptop to allow those of you who would like to join us virtually for the meeting to do so. The meeting link and phone number will be in this newsletter so you may either join in on the computer or phone in from your telephone. Either way will allow you to join us as we induct two new members into the club and conduct our monthly meeting. As someone said to me today, I've never done this before... it was really easy! Take the leap and try it! I truly do miss seeing all of your faces at our meetings. As you get ready to celebrate the upcoming holidays and New Year's Eve, continue to stay safe and take care of one another as you have been doing. Mom (Beverly Keubler) and I will toast to your health as we raise our glass! In closing, I'd like to share a poem by Laura Kelly Fanucci that I felt really sums up what a lot of us have been thinking and feeling. "When this is over, may we never again take for granted A handshake with a stranger; Full shelves at the store; Conversations with neighbors; A crowded theater; Friday night out; The taste of communion; A routine checkup; The school rush each morning; Coffee with a friend; The stadium roaring; Each deep breath; A boring Tuesday; Life itself. When this ends may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be, and may we stay that way — better for each other because of the worst."

December WCL meeting

Wed, Dec 9, 2020 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (EST) **Remember we will be pulling the first drawing of Calendar Club so get those tickets out!**

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I ask that if there is a question or concern that you may have during the meeting that you use the chat feature on the website as it will be easier for us to see it in order to have it answered. If we call for a vote, you can raise your hand in agreement for the motion, disagreement or to abstain. My intention is to have everyone muted unless there is something that they want to add or question, in that case I will see in the chat section there is a concern and be able to recognize you and unmute you at that time. This will prevent cross speaking which doesn't work well in the virtual platform.

If you would like to practice this platform before the December meeting please join me with your beverage of choice, come as you are: No format, no specific topic, just a time to chit chat with your friends just like an old fashion coffee klatch except no one is bringing the coffeecake you'll have to provide your own! (smile) Feel free to bring any questions or concerns up at that time, I'll try my best to answer them.

Friendly get together practice session for WCL

Tue, Dec 8, 2020 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (EST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT, PATTI O'DONNELL-
Will report at meeting.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, Position Needs to be Filled.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL CANDELETTI -
I will report at the meeting. Thank you.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARILYN HOCK - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

RECORDING SECRETARY, MARIA KOWALEWSKI - Wishing all a happy healthy and safe holiday and better 2021.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY - I
will report at the meeting. Thank you.

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER - Wishing everyone a safe and joyous Happy Hannukah and Merry Christmas!

FEDERATION SECRETARY - LORI VIRCILLO
The State Federation will be holding a number of ZOOM Workshops in January.
Report Writing: January 6 at 7 PM; January 16 at 10 AM; January 19 at 10 AM
NJSFWC Website: January 7 at 7 PM

Book Discussion: The Girl in the Letter by Emily Gunnis- January 13 TBA

District Membership Chair - Adrienne Melnyk -

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ARTS CREATIVE: Adrienne Melnyk -

Arts Creative - Though this holiday season is far from anything that we are accustomed to, I wish each and every one of you a Blessed and Merry Christmas. I miss being with you all and the happy times that we have shared in the past. My gift to you is a prayer for a healthy, happy and safe 2021. Hope to be with you all very soon



ARTS PERFORMING:

MUSIC - Christine Urban, Joan Zucker - Merilee Singers - Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukah to all our members.

A special greeting to the Merilee Singers. It won't be the special holidays without music, not now not ever. Let us look to Spring and hope we can sing again. All the blessings of the holidays to you and your families.

Remember Always keep a song in your heart.



P.S. Go to U-tube and find last year's Holiday Concert. Play it and sing along.

DRAMA: Patti O'Donnell – Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

CONSERVATION: Joyce Huffert, Diane Moser, Diane Bauerhuber, Fran Geduldick – Good morning everyone!

We are participating in a new fundraiser with an organization called “Got Sneakers”. All sneakers are recirculated to people who want quality reusable footwear or repurposed into new surfaces such as playgrounds and track. We are accepting clean, like new or used sneakers.

Sneakers can be brought to our general meetings or dropped off at Joyce Huffert's or Diane Moser's home. Our addresses are in our WCOL handbooks. Please help us make this a success!

Thank you and we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

EDUCATION: Debbie Smith, Eileen Tranz –

HOME LIFE: Carol Jones, Sheila Anderson –

NURSING HOME: Sally Blood, Denise Cozenza-Brisco–

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH: Carol LaVelle – MERRY CHRISTMAS!

LITERATURE: Nancy Conway, Fran Celantano – Merry Christmas and wishes for a happy, healthy New Year. Literature will remain on hold until further notice.

PUBLIC ISSUES: Carol Crotty – Merry Christmas! Please remember to support our local food bank by bringing tuna, mayonnaise or other can items to the meetings. All contributions are appreciated. At our November meeting members contributed 48 cans of tuna, 3 jars of mayonnaise and 10 miscellaneous items. Thank you.

Jo Faccioli, Adrienne Melnyk, Dot Van Blarcom, Joan Schuler - NJ Sharing Network: - **Merry Christmas to All** - Please offer your prayers for all affected by this Covid-19 virus. Stay safe and healthy my friends. Welcome to the new members.

Special Event - Due to the Covid-19 virus, the local nursing homes are unable to receive gifts of food or cookies. I spoke to the Activities Directors and they are able to receive Christmas cards. If you would like to participate in this effort, kindly sign as many Christmas cards as you wish from the **Woman's Club of Lacey** and drop them in a box at my front door at **7 Kent Drive, Forked River** or bring them with you to the meeting on Wednesday Dec 9th. I will deliver the cards and they will be distributed to the residents. I would like to have all cards no later than Dec. 12th. Some residents have not had visitors to quite some time and I know these cards will put a smile on their faces and lift their Christmas spirit. Thank you - Jo Faccioli

Public Issues = Wrapped In Love Program - 25 lap blankets were donated in November and were delivered to the Wrapped in Love coordinator up in New Providence.

N.J. Sharing Network- No report.

STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Mariana Marzacco and Kathy Barrett and Judy Wisniewski - 50/50 to benefit Multiple Disability Classes in High School and Middle School

Carol Candeletti was our lucky 50/50 winner in last month's drawing, in the amount of \$87.00. Congratulations Carol.

This has been a very difficult year for everyone. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and pray that next year we see the end of this pandemic. Stay well, stay safe.

DOGGIE ANGELS: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer Rachel and I would like to say THANK YOU to all the very generous members from November's meeting. Thanks to you all we will be able to buy Christmas treats and toys for the animals in the Pop Corn Zoo. And as usual we are still collecting Blankets, Towels, Newspapers, etc. From the doggie angels to all of you a Merry Christmas. Arf Arf Meow Meow.

BY LAWS/PARLIAMENTARY:

Ellena DiCicco.

I want to wish everyone a safe, healthy and Merry Christmas and, looking forward to a healthy, safe and better New Year for all!

EULOGIES: Nancy Fortin

NEWSLETTER: Joan Schuler. Please forward information to jschuler13@gmail.com or 1-609-661-2100. Thank you.

REGISTRATION/PHONE:

Lil Campbell, Linda Hintz

COMMUNICATIONS: Jo Faccioli

Communications: No report.

Website: Please send any changes or updates to the website to Jo Faccioli at jof1217@comcast.net

Photography and Media - Position needs to be filled.

Roving Reporter - Position needs to be filled.

Facebook: - Tina Pilot.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Providence House -

A Wish List has been forwarded via email thanks to Jo. As stated in that email, any items or gift cards can be delivered to my home (616 Center Street, Forked River) or brought to the general meeting on December 9. If you need me to pick up your donation, please give me a call. All donations need to be delivered to me by December 12. Thank you.

Joan Schuler

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Lori Vircillo -

If you are interested in serving on the high school scholarship committee, please call or email me this month.

FUNDRAISING EVENT CHAIRS:

CALENDAR CLUB: Beverly Keubler - First drawing December 9.

MONTHLY BASKET RAFFLES

Laurie Burke, Carol Setzer – Special Committees
Fundraising - Basket Raffle

TRIPS: Barbara Bowen –

ACTIVITY DAY: Lina Kazala – 2020 was great until March. We all miss Activity Day and will resume when it is safe. It has been a good fundraiser and a day of fun. Merry Christmas and Healthy Happy New Year!!

ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Adrienne Melnyk

I hope you are working on an entry for this event . I will pass along information when I receive it. Think positive and use this down time to practice your craft. I hope you find “ creative “ ways to have a wonderful holiday season.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT:

CARING CORNER: Adrienne Melnyk

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

WAYS AND MEANS:

Card Parties/Luncheons: Terri Candeletti,

Luncheon Chair: Millie Pape

SHORE DISTRICT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Nancy Fortin

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BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER:

Carol Jones	12/3
Eleanor DelVecchio	12/8
Robin O'Brien	12/10
Betty O'Neill	12/13
Kay Eisenmann	12/15
Jo Faccioli	12/17
Virginia LaVelle	12/19
Jackie Ott	12/19
Carol LaVelle	12/23
Ellen Larney	12/25
Carol Candeletti	12/29
BJ Graham	12/29
Carolyn Quinn	12/30