



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, BEVERLY KEUBLER and SHIRLEY HOULIHAN - We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for our potential. ~ Ellen Goodman

Potential! What a great way to start the year thinking about all the potential we have and how we can achieve great things together. As a member of Lacey Woman's Club individually we have our talents and strengths but collectively we are a mighty force and achieve great things even during a pandemic! I am honored to work with the ladies of this club as we are still able to support the community. At last month's meeting the number of gifts for Providence House and cards given to the nursing home was heartwarming and a true testament to your willingness to give to others! As we did last month, this month we will hold the meeting simultaneously online as well as in person at the Captain's Inn. The following is the information to join us online or by telephone for our meeting. If you are not joining us in person, please join us virtually! January Woman's Club of Lacey Meeting, Wed, Jan 13, 2021 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (EST).

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/500354093>; You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (312) 757-3121 - Access Code: 500-354-093. New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/500354093>.

January is Human Trafficking Awareness month some things one person can do include: 1. Become a mentor to a young person or someone in need. Traffickers often target people who are going through a difficult time or who lack strong support systems. As a mentor, you can be involved in new and positive experiences in that person's life during a formative time. 2. Parents and Caregivers: Learn how human traffickers often target and recruit youth and who to turn to for help in potentially dangerous situations. Host community conversations with parent teacher associations, law enforcement, schools, and community members regarding safeguarding children in your community. More information can be found at <https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/violent-crime/human-trafficking> In this month's Almanac the following was shared. GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT: Joyce Fredericks - DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION. Sexual Abuse of Children Awareness and Prevention is one of the areas covered by the GFWC Signature Project. In this time of Pandemic and home schooling, our children are online more than usual. It is important that parents monitor their children's online use. According to an article in the Daily Record. The sexual predators are not taking a vacation. The exploitation and abuse of children online is one of the biggest law enforcement challenges in the country, according to experts. But parents, teachers and guardians have a role to play in making sure children stay safe. Here are some tips, warning signs and resources. Recognize that every child is vulnerable. A popular misconception among parents is that it cannot happen to their child. Maybe they think their child is too smart or too innocent or does not have the capability to interact with strangers. That is usually wrong. Lieutenant John Pizzuro, commander of the State Police Internet Crimes Against Children said he thinks digital safety should be a required component of public education, but he and other experts agree that parents should speak early and often with their children about threats online. "I believe that children should be taught about online safety right about the time their fingers hit a keyboard or a phone," said Alicia Kozak, an internet safety expert who was the first known child to be abducted by an online predator. "Those discussions are not intended to scare children," she said, "but to empower them. It's important to have an open line of communication with the child so they feel comfortable coming to the parent with anything at all, and you won't punish them," Kozak said. "This isn't a problem that exists in certain areas. It's everyone's problem," said Lieutenant John Pizzuro. "Any platform that has a chat function and does not verify the user's age are most problematic. They include apps like Omegle, Skout and Whisper." Monitoring kids online is OK Parents may be hesitant to monitor their children's internet usage, but experts encourage it. Attorney General Gurbir Grewal, for example, said he randomly checks his child's phone to ensure there is no inappropriate content or discussions on it. His office suggests that parents regularly check their children's online settings, profiles and posts and review apps, games, and social media before allowing them.

Honor Roll and Order of the Lily

It is that time of year when nominations for Honor Roll and Order of the Lily must be made to submit them to NJSFWC. If there is anyone in the club who you feel should be nominated, please send an email to Shirley Houlihan at Shirley.houlihan0430@gmail.com.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules for the Woman's Club of Lacey have been finalized and will be mailed out to the club members. Furthermore, any reports to be submitted to NJSFWC from any chairpersons this year must be done by the chair of that department and submitted to Carol Nicolay before January 30th. Carol will be installed at the January meeting as our 2nd Vice President and will handle reports for next year. Her only role this year will be to gather the reports and submit them to the state. The state is holding two more Zoom workshops to write the reports. Please look at the materials online at <https://njsfwc.org/materials/> to write the reports. It is strongly recommended that you attend one of the Zoom workshops and familiarize yourself with the information found in the following PDF file <https://njsfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Where-Should-We-Report-It-2020.pdf>. While you may think you know where your report should be submitted, it is not always the case for the state reports. On the website are forms that can be filled in right online so that you do not have to write everything out longhand. Zoom meetings can either be joined online or by telephone call with the following information from the state. There will also be Zoom meetings will be held on Saturday, January 16th at 10:00am and January 19th, 10:00am. The link & format will be the same at all the workshops, although different questions may be asked. please review all the instructions and Where to Report it: forms, to please do so prior to the workshop, as some of their questions may be answered. Topic: Report Writing Meeting Room Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6978921521?pwd=em4zOHBHZlFvTlpkSzhZRmt3Q0pOQT09>
Meeting ID: 697 892 1521; Passcode: 4Tf5Ab; One tap mobile +13126266799,6978921521#,,,,*404570# US (Chicago) +16465588656,6978921521#,,,,*404570# US (New York) Dial by your location - +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago); +1 646 558 8656 US (New York); +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C); +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston); Meeting ID: 697 892 1521; Passcode: 404570

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, PATTI O'DONNELL-
I will report at the meeting.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, Carol Nicolay has agreed to assume the responsibility of 2nd VP and will be sworn in at the January meeting.

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

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARILYN HOCK – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

RECORDING SECRETARY, MARIA KOWALEWSKI – Happy New Year!

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY – Hi, we have 108 members and 7 honorary! Please remember our \$36.00 dues are due in March ! You can give me the checks at any of our meetings or if you rather mail them, the address is Andrea Higley 325 Harris Road Forked River NJ 08731. Thanks to Dottie Dobis I have new membership cards all ready for you! Regards
Andrea

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER – Happy 2021! I will report at the meeting.

FEDERATION SECRETARY - LORI VIRCILLO
Book Discussion

Join Pat Trainor, ESO Chairman, for a virtual book discussion on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7 p.m.

The second book in our discussion series will be *The Girl in the Letter* by Emily Gunnis.

Go to [Zoom.us/meetings](https://zoom.us/meetings) and click on join a meeting.

Use the following:

Zoom Meeting ID: 878 950 4400

Password: ESOJA21

Creative Writing Contest

Although Performing Arts day is canceled, the Member Writing Contest and Youth Writing Contest" is still happening. Members may submit a short story, poetry, haiku, play or skit, or a book review. The commitment date for entries had been changed to February 15, 2021, so now you have more time for your entry.

Please see the Arts Performing Supplement on the NJSFWC website for rules or contact Ro Saviello, saviello@njsfwc.org.

District Membership Chair – Adrienne Melnyk –

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ARTS CREATIVE: Adrienne Melnyk –

Arts Creative – Happy New Year!

ARTS PERFORMING:

MUSIC - Christine Urban, Joan Zucker – Happy 2021 We Made It! Singers we are still waiting for the "all clear signal" to start rehearsals. Please be safe and patient until that day arrives. With love from Joan and me.

DRAMA: Patti O'Donnell – Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

CONSERVATION: Joyce Huffert, Diane Moser, Diane Bauerhuber, Fran Geduldick –

Good morning everyone and Happy New Year!

We are participating in a new fundraiser with an organization called "Got Sneakers", All sneakers are recirculated to people who want quality reusable footwear and repurposed into new surfaces such as playgrounds and track. We are accepting clean, 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 handbook. Please help us make this a success! Thank you!

EDUCATION: Debbie Smith, Eileen Tranz –

HOME LIFE: Carol Jones, Sheila Anderson –

NURSING HOME: Sally Blood, Denise Cozenza-Brisco–

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH:

Carol LaVelle – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

LITERATURE: Nancy Conway, Fran Celantano –

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy New Year. ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron) is an Honorary Reading Society. To become a member, you simply read! For each membership level you read books from the ESO reading list and write brief reports. Certificates are awarded at Convention to members that complete each level. If you would like to join for next month, February's book is *Scout Over and Make Some Room: Creating a Space Where Everyone Belongs* by Heather Avis On Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm, NJSFWC ESO Chairman Pat Trainor will host an online book discussion via Zoom. Join Pat Trainor, ESO Chairman, for a virtual book discussion on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7 p.m. The second book in the discussion series will be *The Girl in the Letter* by Emily Gunnis. Go to <http://www.Zoom.us/meetings> and click on join a meeting. Use the following: Zoom Meeting ID: 878 950 4400, Password: ESOJA21. Discussions about new books will take place every other month. To join the ESO Honorary Literary Society or to suggest a book for future

NJSFWC book discussions, contact ESO Chairman Pat Trainor by email at pattee217@aol.com. Reminder! You can now submit your ESO Book Report online: <https://tinyurl.com/ESONJSFWC> If you are on Facebook, be sure to search for GFWC 2020 2022 ESO Book Club and click the "join" button to be added to this private group.

PUBLIC ISSUES: Carol Crotty – At our December meeting members contributed 64 cans of tuna and 9 jars of mayonnaise. Thank you.

Jo Faccioli, Adrienne Melnyk, Dot Van Blarcom, Joan Schuler - NJ Sharing Network: -

Happy New Year 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 - "Have a Heart for a Senior" - our Christmas card collection was so successful (close to 1000) cards were donated. These cards were so appreciated that I would like to do the same for these residents with a **Valentine card and chocolates**. If you would like to participate in this effort, kindly sign as many Valentine 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 **January 13th or February 10th** and give them to Joyce Huffert. I would also appreciate individually wrapped chocolates (**NO nuts, NO peanut butter**) and or tins of cookies. Please have all donations to me by **February 12th**. The activities directors at each facility will then distribute these items. Please keep in mind some residents have not had visitors in quite some time and I know these cards will put a smile on their faces. Thank you - Jo Faccioli

Public Issues = Wrapped In Love Program - I have 2 donations this month and will hold off on a trip up north until I have more to contribute. I am sure as winter sets in more busy fingers will be at work. Thank you for the work you do for the Wrapped in Love Program. A thank you card is sent each month and the Wrapped in Love Notes are placed on the website. Please take a moment and read some of these notes. They are sure to warm your heart.

N.J. Sharing Network- No report.

STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

Mariana Marzacco and Kathy Barrett and Judy Wisnewski - 50/50 to benefit Multiple Disability Classes in High School and Middle School

Joyce Huffert was our lucky 50/50 winner in last month's drawing, in the amount of \$58.00. Congratulations Joyce.

DOGGIE ANGELS: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer
Happy New Year!

BY LAWS/PARLIAMENTARY:
Ellena DiCicco.

" I want to wish everyone a happy, healthy blessed and safe New Year as we start the year, 2021"... Ellena

EULOGIES: Nancy Fortin - We mourn the loss of our dear friend, Mary Egolf.

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 lof1217@comcast.net

Photography and Media - Position needs to be filled.

Roving Reporter - Position needs to be filled.

Facebook: - Tina Pilot.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Providence House - Many thanks sent from this organization.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Lori Vircillo - If you are interested in serving on the high school scholarship committee, please call or email.

FUNDRAISING EVENT CHAIRS:

CALENDAR CLUB: Beverly Keubler -

MONTHLY BASKET RAFFLES

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

TRIPS: Barbara Bowen –

ACTIVITY DAY: Lina Kazala –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
Happy New Year!

WAYS AND MEANS:

Card Parties/Luncheons: Terri Candeletti,
Luncheon Chair: Millie Pape

SHORE DISTRICT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Nancy Fortin

Resources and help can be found by calling 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). Individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing may use TTY 1-800-787-3224.

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY:

Fran Gedulick	1/2
Diane Van Heest	1/3
Mickey Esposito	1/4
Carol Nicolay	1/4
Diane Bauernhuber	1/5
Rose O'Brien	1/18
Paula LeRiche	1/19
Alice White	1/21
Josephine Foschino	1/23
Nancy Pribila	1/25
Nancy Sevinsky	1/25
Carole Crotty	1/30