



Woman's Club of Lacey Shore District NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO - Hurra members! All reports have been completed and mailed to NJSFWC prior to the February 1, deadline. Thanks to Maria and Jo for the hours they spent with me working on these. After conferring with our Shore District Vice President, we agree that in the future a club of our size needs a committee to work on these. That said, THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU who contributed your time and hours to give us so much to report.

February is Heart Healthy Awareness month. "I, President Joseph I. Biden Jr., President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim February 2023 as American Heart Month..." Heart disease is a leading killer so let's take care: be on top of your blood pressure, and cholesterol. Check with your doctor to see if you need medication. Let's create an awareness of Heart Healthy Month by Wearing Red to the February meeting.

February 15, 1820 birthday of Susan B. Anthony American suffragette. Read more about her at this link www.womenshistory.org

Sadly, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow so, 6 more weeks of winter. But let's face it, we have had only one snow day.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, BARBARA BOWEN - Our guest speaker for this month's meeting is Rachel Johnston from Providence House who is their Outreach Coordinator.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT - Reporting monthly or when your project/event is complete is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL CANDELETTI - Three applications to join the Club have been received. We will be welcoming Maria Fiorenza, Laura McDonald and Amy Myers-Young as new members at our General Meeting. Please have all guests check in with Lillis. Please wear your nametags to the meetings so new members could associate names and faces.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MARIA KOWALEWSKI - HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

RECORDING SECRETARY, LORI YOUNG - I will report at the General Meeting.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY - Hi Ladies, I hope everyone is doing well! As of the latest member log we have 97 members and 8 honorary! We also have 28 members who have paid their dues due in March early. The amount is 36:00. This is Fantastic! The early payment makes it so much easier! I have cards I found from Dottie Dobis for the 2023-2024 season which I didn't know I had. Make sure you get a card when you pay your dues, it is your receipt! Regards Andrea

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER - Please do not forget to include your income/expense voucher when giving me funds or requesting reimbursement. Thank you.

FEDERATION SECRETARY - SHIRLEY HOULIHAN - Wow, it's already February! As you get ready to celebrate Galentine's Day (2/13) with your girlfriends or Valentine's Day with your sweetheart (2/14) remember to keep your heart healthy! The 75th GCI will be held on June 5-8, 2023. The Director, Mary Kay Tokar, is always looking for additional volunteers. There is a volunteer application on the NJSFWC.ORG website.

Needed are Housemothers, part time daily volunteers, and career speakers. The Directors could also use help BEFORE GCI from someone computer savvy, to help with the database management. Mary Kay is local as she lives in Toms River, consider helping her with this undertaking.

It is also that time of year to write your recommendations for Honor Roll and Order of the Lily. Please take time to write those letters which should be sent to Lori Vircillo.

Convention time is approaching. The NJSFWC convention will be held at the Hard Rock Casino, Atlantic City on May 1-3, 2023. Please let Lori know if you're interested in attending. NJSFWC is requesting Hard Covered books for table decorations. Books can be for children or adults and will be donated to Emmanuel Cancer Foundation and Atlantic City Schools at the end of convention.

GFWC Convention will be held in Louisville, Ky on JUNE 10-12 at the Louisville Marriot Downtown. Reservations online can be made at <https://book.passkey.com/event/50348695/owner/18553/home> or by calling 800-266-9432 or 502-627-5045.

Domestic Violence: Secure the Call is the nation's only organization providing FREE 911 devices to high-risk individuals across the country. WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP. Join us December 1 – February 28 by holding a cell phone and tablet donation drive in your community. An old device could save a life. securethecall.org/gfwcinfo@securethecall.org

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Carol LaVelle –

"Operation Smile" - Our Art & Culture group are making smile bags for the children. We are in need of the following items to fill them: hotel size shampoo & soaps, wide tooth combs, wash cloths, travel toothpaste, individual child-size toothbrush, small stuffed animals, 8 or 10 pack crayons & thin coloring books. Thank you for your support!

ARTS & CULTURE: Diana Monia – Please bring fabric, shears, scissors, and ribbon to our February 8 meeting; we will meet after the meeting. We will be cutting out the smile bags. I have patterns. I made one already as a sample. Very easy. After they are all cut out those of us who want to sew can take them home and sew them. Please bring them back to the March 8 or the April 12 meeting. If anyone needs thread please let me know. Thanks, Diana

ARTS PERFORMING: Jeanne Scaffiddi – Happy President's Day!

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

NJ Sharing Network/Wrapped in Love: Jo Faccioli
Wrapped in Love – A donation of 24 blankets were donated for February and sent to the N.J. Sharing Network. Thank you to anyone who has donated yarn to this cause. These blankets are greatly appreciated by all who receive them.

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Awareness & Prevention: Maddie Stapleton – :

We are still collecting Tupperware that can be used in a microwave. DSVAP Group

Providence House:

Pinwheel Garden:

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Bridges of Books: Debbie Smith - Happy Valentine's Day!

Read Across America: Debbie Smith - We will be having our "Read Across America" poster contest for third graders at the end of February. All members will be asked to vote for their favorite poster after the March meeting to determine the winners. If anyone would still like to be a guest reader the last week of February in one of the elementary schools, please call me and I will add you to the list. Debra Smith
609-713-8816.

Monthly Book Club: Nancy Conway/Fran Celentano
Happy Valentine's Day! Literature will meet at 12:30 on Tuesday, February 21st. We will discuss "The Life She Was Given" by Ellen Marie Wiseman. Judy Schermerhorn and Nancy Pribila are signed up for refreshments.

Scholarships: Diane Bauernhuber –

Girls Career Institute: Sheila Anderson/Monika Sisbarro

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Conservation: Joyce Huffert/Diane Moser
Happy Valentine's Day!

Sneaker Collection

We are collecting sneakers again! We will be collecting sneakers through May. Please bring your clean, new or used sneakers to our general meetings, activity day or they can be dropped off at Joyce Huffert's home. Her address is in our WCOL handbook.

Diane Moser and Joyce Huffert
Environmental Co-Chairpersons

Doggie Angels: Lil Campbell, Rachel Clemmer and Rae Mauri - Please continue to donate old towels, blankets, sheets, etc. for our hairy friends. It sure makes their life a lot better. We love the treats and toys, the Animals at the Pop Corn Zoo!

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Home Life: Carol Jones/Sheila Anderson – Please collect cell phones for soldiers and eyeglasses. Thank you for your support!

Nursing Home: Sally Blood – Donations for the following items are always appreciated: toiletries, toothpaste, toothbrushes, stuffed animals, dolls and gently used clothing. Please bring the items to our general meetings. Thank you.

Food Bank: Carol Crotty – Hi Ladies. Happy Valentine's Day!! At our January meeting we collected 134 cans of tuna and 47 miscellaneous food items for our local food bank. Please continue to bring 3 cans of tuna, potato and rice sides and/or hamburger helper and/or food staples to our General Meetings so we can continue to support the Lacey Food Bank. Thank you!

STANDING COMMITTEES

CARING CORNER: Diane Moser

COMMUNICATIONS

Email/Website/E-Board – Jo Faccioli – If you are not receiving emails from the Club, make sure I have your email address.

Advertising - The lighted signs at the corner of Lacey Rd. and Route 9 and Manchester Ave. have advertised the WCL meeting. Future meetings will be sent to the various free newspapers along with fundraising events. If you are hosting a fundraiser, it is your responsibility to get the information for me as soon as possible. Several announcement and photos were posted on **Lacey Patch** under **Neighborhood News**. Take a peek and share your photos of your events with us so we can show the community the great things we can accomplish.
Website - Please review for your department and let me know if there are any corrections or changes. Check out the photos of each event. Also, if you wish to advertise your fundraiser on the website, you must send me your information.

Calendar: Is updated regularly.

Facebook: We have a potential new member who will be working on this project for the Club. Thank you, Laura.

Facebook: Nancy Conway/Carol Candeletti –
Photos: Linda Hruska -

Newsletter: Joan Schuler – Please try to forward information for the Newsletter by the Friday/Saturday after the Board Meeting. Thank you.

Roving Reporter: Joan Engelhart – Nancy Fortin was born in Patterson and spent her childhood in Kinnelon, New Jersey where she graduated from Butler High School. She continued her education at Ocean County College from 1972-75 and received a degree as a registered nurse. Later on she received her Bachelor's degree from Wofford College in South Carolina. Part of her career was in Intensive Care. She also worked at many New Jersey hospitals and spent time as a Home Care Nurse.

Nancy was able to accomplish this while raising five children. She is proud grandmother to eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Nancy joined the Woman's Club of Lacey in 2001 and still is an active member. During this time, she was President several times and served as Shore District Vice President twice.

Nancy has traveled to Europe several times and among her favorite places were Italy and the Netherlands. While in South Carolina Nancy owned a dog kennel and raised English Springer Spaniels. Her many hobbies include painting, sewing and knitting. Sounds like Nancy has had a busy and interesting life.

Nancy's motto is "Together we can do it" she sure did. Thank you, Nancy, for your interview.

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM (CIP):

Mariana Marzacco and Dot VanBlarcom -
50/50 Raffle for Multiple Disability School Programs

Congratulations to Rachel Clemmer on winning \$163 at our January meeting.

I am happy to report that Lori Vircillo and I presented to Cedar Creek School \$1850 to be used towards the construction of a sensory decompression room for autistic students. This year they have about 24 autistic students, mostly nonverbal, and expecting that number to increase next semester.

I want to thank all of you for your support, and a special thanks to those who made a private donation towards this cause. This goal could not have been achieved without all of you.

EULOGY: Nancy Fortin -

HOSPITALITY: Milli Pape –

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Ellena DiCicco –

REGISTRATION/PHONE: Lil Campbell/Nancy Conway –

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Joan Schuler – Achievement Day is right around the corner (April 2023). Please consider submitting whatever your creative project may be on behalf of the WCOL. The categories are endless, from door decoration, jewelry, needlepoint to photography; just to name a few. If you are interested or have any questions, please see me for a list of the categories as well as its specific sizes and rules for each. The list is also on our website for your review. Thank you.

ACTIVITY DAY: Lina Kazala – Happy Valentine’s Day and THANK YOU for supporting Activity Day. This is a social fun day, and we are exercising our brains with card playing and Mah Jongg games and enjoying good snacks. Please pick up your new play date schedule for 2023 and send for your new play card for Mah Jongg. We play Mondays 12-3:30 at 15 E. Lacey Road.

FUNDRAISING: Shirley Houlihan –

Monthly Baskets: Carol Setzer – Thank you for supporting our Club’s Fundraising basket event. It brought in \$105.00 at our January meeting, congratulations to our winner.

Calendar Club: Helen DelaCruz – This fundraising event was a success! Our first drawing will be on February 8, 2023 at our General Meeting. Good Luck! The proceeds are used to fund Lacey high school scholarships, local charities and our general fund. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Bunco (T benefit Emmanuel Cancer Foundation): Carol Setzer – This fun event will be held in our Community Center on April 29.

Trips: Barbara Bowen – A bus trip is planned for May 9, 2023, to the Hunterdon Playhouse. The cost is \$155; if interested, please sign up. The show is the Million Dollar Quartet.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: Joan Engelhardt – On March 22, we are having an event at The Mathis House Victorian Tea Room in Toms River. Price is \$55.00 and tickets can be purchased through Diane Monia 732-814-2212 (checks should be made payable to the WCOL). RSVP by Feb. 21st. P.S. - Please help sell the tickets for the Emmanuel Children’s Cancer Fundraiser to your friends. We only have 35 people signed up so far and we need 50. Please bring your checks to this Wednesday’s meeting as well. Thank you.

On April 29 we will have our Bunco fundraiser for the benefit of the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation.

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY:

Charlene Brown	2/5
Rose Squeo	2/7
Lori Vircillo	2/7
Nancy Fortin	2/11
Dot Van Blarcom	2/12
Carol Setzer	2/15
Ellena DiCicco	2/23
Lina Kazala	2/26
Nancy Protonentis	2/28

MARCH:

Rose Neubauer	3/3
Connie Galvin	3/4
Helen DelaCruz	3/7
Tina Pilot	3/27