



# WOMAN'S CLUB OF LACEY

## SHORE DISTRICT

### NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2019



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO** - Good morning everyone. Please welcome our speaker this month Susan Meeker-Paul, Shore District, who will speak to us about Achievement Day Projects for Conservation.

On October 21 several club members attended the NJSFWC Fall Conference at Battleground Country Club in Manalapan. There were a number of speakers who shared information on projects they had worked on. One of the speakers, Rachael Paulson was amazing. She heads an organization called *Hands of the World Global*. They work to provide clean water to schools in the most desperate parts of the world, including Kenya, South Africa and Haiti. Hopefully, she will be available to speak at one of our meetings. If you are interested in learning about this inspiring organization, the website is [www.howglobal.org](http://www.howglobal.org). This might be something we look at for International Outreach in the future.

Thanks to Carol Jones and Sally Blood for coordinating Cookie Day and to all members who baked and packed cookies. Thanks to Carol Lavelle and all members who contributed to Project Yellow Ribbon Christmas stockings for our overseas troops. Thanks to Diane Moser and Joyce Huffert and all members who donated sneakers to the *Nike Resole Project* and bras to *Free the Girls Project*. November 16, the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of NJSFWC, is our Day of Service. Thanks to a donation we will be sending cartons of *Nutri Grain* bars (to fill the backpacks) to NJSFWC for Embrella.org as they help young adults who have aged out of the foster care system.

Once again, our members have shown that they are "dedicated to pursue with diligence the best life for our home and community". Enjoy the day.

**1ST VICE PRESIDENT, BARBARA BOWEN** - There is a bus trip scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2020 to "Sight & Sound, Queen Esther," Lancaster, PA. The cost is \$150.00. You can pay in full or if you choose with a \$75.00 nonrefundable deposit at the November meeting with the balance due on or before January 8. It is always a great performance. Our guest speaker for our November meeting is Susan Meeker-Paul explaining Achievement Day Projects for Conservation.

**2ND VICE PRESIDENT, PATTI O'DONNELL** - We have a new report form that's easier to fill out for all events during the year. Do not forget hours and miles!

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

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, ADRIENNE MELNYK** - I will report at the meeting. Thank you.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY** - We have 121 paid members, 8 resigned and six honorary members.

**TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER** - The November monthly report will be presented at the meeting. If any member needs Income and/or Expense Vouchers, please

see me. Please remember that the Club is sales tax exempt and if you need a tax-exempt form, remember to ask me for the form prior to purchasing items. Thank you.

**FEDERATION SECRETARY, NANCY FORTIN**  
2019 - November 16: NJSFWC 125th Anniversary - Day of Service. December 4: GFWC Holiday Reception, Washington D.C.  
2020 - January 27: Shore District Council Meeting . February 1: Mini-Leads Seminar. March 7: NJSFWC Spelling Bee. March 30: Public Issues Day. April 24: GFWC Day. May 4-6: NJSFWC Convention, Atlantic City. June 1-4: GCI, Douglass College. June 26-30: GFWC Convention, Atlanta, GA.  
NJSFWC/Domestic Violence - Nancy Fortin, Shore District Chairman.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS**

**ARTS CREATIVE: Adrienne Melnyk** - Work continues on puzzle wreaths on Tuesday, November 19. Come join us at 10:00 am at Community Hall. Don't forget your glue gun .

**Achievement Day** - I have received this year's guide lines! Please see me if you are planning on participating this year. If you are unfamiliar with this activity, I will be happy to talk to you about it.

### **ARTS PERFORMING:**

**Music - Christine Urban, Joan Zucker** – The Merilee Singers need a TECH person to help with the audio equipment for concerts. Instructions will be provided by Doug Fortin, our present technician. Our concert dates are 12/3 @ 2 pm, 12/5 @ 2 pm and 12/17 @ 1 pm. Duties include plugging in microphones and piano into a sound mixer and playing a CD for the singers. Please call Christine Urban at 609-693-6853 for more information. Help is seriously needed to run our concerts. Thank you. Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!

**Drama - Patti O'Donnell** – The Christmas Show is now underway. Rehearsals will be held at Community Hall at 3:15 pm on the following days: November 11, 18 and 25 and December 9 and 16. The show will be on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

### **CONSERVATION: Joyce Huffert, Diane Moser, Diane Bauerhuber, Fran Geduldick**

Conservation will be participating in two projects as follows:

First, we will be collecting sneakers again! We are collecting (used) clean, laundered sneakers that will be recycled by Nike and used in projects including play surfaces for playgrounds. Please clean, launder and remove shoelaces on sneakers prior to donating them. We will be collecting the sneakers at our November general meeting.

The second project is with an organization called “Free The Girls”. This organization works with victims of sex trafficking in Africa and Central America and teaches survivors to earn a safe income selling bras in the second-hand marketplace. We will be collecting new or gently used bras in good condition for the free the girl’s organization. Again, please launder gently used bras prior to donating them. We will be collecting the bras at our November General Meeting. Thank you!

**EDUCATION: Eileen Tranz, Debbie Smith** - We wish everyone a happy fall!

**HOME LIFE: Carol Jones, Sheila Anderson** – Thanks, many thanks to all for your support that has created a super Cookie Day result; namely, over 2,100 cookies for 180 residents at Crystal Lake Healthcare Center! Well done ladies! Thank you so much!

Please continue to collect cell phones for soldiers, eyeglasses, aluminum tabs and we can use infant baby hats too.

**NURSING HOME: Sally Blood, Denise Cozenza-Brisco**– Our nursing home visits on the calendar are November 13 and December 18 from 2

p.m. to 3 p.m. for all who would like to participate. I appreciate your help and support.

For those members who forgot to bring items for the home last month, we would appreciate and accept the following items at all monthly meeting. It includes: Stuffed animals, used clothing, lotions, shampoos, new socks, brushes, combs, toothpaste, toothbrush and items similar to those mentioned. THANK YOU!!

### **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH:**

**Carol LaVelle** – Operation Christmas Stockings: Fifty-four (54) Christmas Stockings were stuffed after our 10/9 General Meeting and were delivered to Mt. Laurel. Thanks to everyone who donated items to fill the stockings and your help in stuffing them was greatly appreciated.

Greeting Cards for Troops: 750 greeting cards have already been collected to send to our troops overseas. They will be mailed out this week for our courageous men and women. New greeting cards are being collected at each General Meeting. Thank you!

### **LITERATURE: Nancy Conway, Fran Celantano**

Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Literature is meeting at 12:30 on Tuesday, November 19. The book we are reading is “Buddy” by Bryan McGrory. We are responsible for the baskets that will be raffled off at the drama program in December. The theme of our baskets will have to do with reading and education. Please remember to bring things in for our baskets. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Conway or Francine Celentano.

**PUBLIC ISSUES: Carol Crotty** - Food Bank/Tuna October meeting – members donated 111 cans of tuna. Thank you for your support!

### **Jo Faccioli, Adrienne Melnyk, Dot Van Blarcom -**

**NJ Sharing Network:** If you are not already an organ and/or tissue donor, please register at [www.registerme.org](http://www.registerme.org). Remember to share your registration with your family - let them know your wishes.

**Wrapped in Love Program** - I am in need of knitters and crocheters! There is a need in the community for these lap blankets so if you know someone who knits or crochets, please tell them about our Program. For information on this program please refer to the website or contact me directly. Most times I have yarn so there is no expense on their part. Thank you.

Please take time to read the *Wrapped In Love Notes* on the website under N. J. Sharing. You will be filled with pride at the work we are doing with this program when you read the heart felt gratitude from donor families. Lap blankets should be no larger than 30 x 36. Thank you.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:**

**Mariana Marzacco and Kathy Barrett and Judy Wisnewski** - 50/50 High School and Middle School Special Needs Program:  
Congratulations to Andrea Higley winning \$104 at our October Meeting.

Unfortunately, the High School will no longer be having a breakfast before Thanksgiving as they have in the past. However, we will be making a presentation to both the High School and Middle School sometime in November. The amount has not yet been finalized. However, I want to thank you all for your continued support and I wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

### **DOGGIE ANGELS: Lil Campbell, Val Brown, Kay Eisenmann**

Please continue to make donations to our doggie jar and donate blankets, towels, etc. for the dogs and cats to make their lives a little better and more comfortable. Thanks, the doggie ladies.

### **BY LAWS/PARLIAMENTARY:**

**Ellena DiCicco.** A Parliamentarian Workshop will be held on November 9 (cost \$2.00) at the Federation's Headquarters. If you are interested in attending or want more information on this important subject, please contact Ellena for more information. Thank you.

### **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**  
Attending the October meeting were 68 members and two guests.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Jo Faccioli Website/Emails:** Please remember to provide and/or update your email address. If you are not receiving email communications, please contact Jo Faccioli or Jof1217@comcast.net. Please send updated information for the website as soon as convenient. The website is edited and moved live twice a month.  
Local media, photographs and Electronic Billboard. Thank you to **Susan Gundersen and Nancy Pribila**. They handle all notifications to newspapers, magazines and the electronic billboards around

town. They also take those lovely photos of all events for our website and scrapbook and Facebook. If you see Susan or Nancy hovering around, just smile for them! For all events which you would like advertised, please provide a written notice or printed flyer of the event at least two months prior to the event.

**Facebook:** - Please join me in welcoming Tina Pilot who has graciously agreed to take the position of Facebook administrator for the Club. Please search Facebook for our organizational page "**Woman's Club of Lacey Inc.**" and "friend us", "like us" to stay informed. All future meetings, Game Day events, luncheons and fundraiser information will be there. **If you are hosting an event, please get us the information as early as possible so we can get the word out on Facebook.**

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### **Roving Reporter (Meet and Greet): Susan Morgan**

Please welcome Susan Morgan who has taken on the new role of **REPORTER**. The position requires her to select a member each month and highlight them in our newsletter. This "getting to know you" article will help us to know each other a little better. Thank you, Susan!

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** Sandy DeYonker Providence House – We are collecting food for the Providence House Thanksgiving Baskets and Food Pantry this month and next month. They are in need of gift cards to purchase turkeys and perishable items. Also, please donate non-perishable items, such as: stuffing, baking mixes, mac and cheese, corn muffin mix, instant mash potatoes, pasta, sauce, apple/cranberry/sparkling juice, and canned vegetables and yams. I will deliver all food to Providence House after our meeting on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **FUNDRAISING EVENT CHAIRS:**

#### **MONTHLY BASKET RAFFLES**

##### **Laurie Burke, Carol Setzer**

Special Committees Fundraising - Basket Raffle Schedule

Nov. Executive Board

Dec. Literature – at the Christmas Program

January- Education

February – Public Issues  
March- Home Life  
April- International Outreach  
May- Conservation  
June-Executive Board

**TRIPS: Barbara Bowen**

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**ACTIVITY DAY: Lina Kazala**

At Community Hall – 12:00 noon to 3:30 PM on Mondays – all dates are on Activity Day Schedule: be sure to ask me for a schedule. Have fun snacking, playing cards, Mah-Jongg, Dominoes and Rummikube’s, etc. Learn new games or teach us a new game. We play all year. REMEMBER to invite your friends!! Activity Day is now open to non-members.

**ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Adrienne Melnyk**

I will report at the meeting.

**SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: CASA - Book Stamp Funding: Mickey Esposito and Peggy Bea**

Please look for your smiley face – NONE, we would appreciate your \$5 donation to CASA (Court appointed Special Advocates for Children).

**CARING CORNER: Doris Nelson**

**WAYS AND MEANS:**

**Card Parties/Luncheons: Terri Candeletti**

**Luncheon Chair: Millie Pape**

Thanks to all who help in the kitchen/luncheon events.

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**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.

**WCL Roving Report: Susan Morgan:**



This month’s meet and greet member is Barbara Bowen. This very visible member has been a Forked River resident for 45 years. She is originally from Irvington and grew up with two siblings, a brother and sister. How many of you know Barbara was once in a Miss Irvington Pageant and came in second place? Way to go Barbara!

Barbara has been in the Woman’s Club of Lacey for 10 years. She currently holds the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. However, she is a Past President, Past 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Past Federation Secretary, and Fundraiser Chairperson. Whoa, all that in 10 years, very impressive, Barbara! Barbara continues to run bus trips in addition to her current responsibilities as 1<sup>st</sup> VP and her outside club responsibilities.

Barbara has been married to Tim for 51 years. She has two children, Jim and Tara. Her family also includes an active 91-year-old mother-in-law and 3 grandchildren, 2 boys and 1 girl. Barbara enjoys reading and singing. Barbara is a retired schoolteacher. She has taught 7 years in private schools followed by 29 years in Forked River School.

Barbara loves to keep busy and is active in her church choir and a member of the Board of Retired Educator’s Association.

When asked what advice she would give the youth of today Barbara advises; “Always be involved in outside organizations. This will make your life fuller”. This is a piece of advice Barbara lives by and attributes the same to her mother-in-law’s longevity.

Thank you, Barbara for sharing your story with us.

**CLUB BIRTHDAYS – November:**

Imelda Fragomeni	11/02
Lillis Campbell	11/05
Virginia Costa	11/05
Marilyn Hock	11/05
Jo Ann Norton	11/06
Joan Zuczek	11/08
Elaine Newman	11/09
Sandy DeYonker	11/14
Peggy Bea	11/19
Laurie Burke	11/22
Bunny McGauley	11/25
Patricia Schmelz	11/28
Judy Schermerhorn	11/30
Christine Frandsen	11/30