
WOMAN'S CLUB OF LACEY

SHORE DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - LORI VIRCILLO - Happy February to all. So far so good: no blizzards and the ground hog did not see his shadow so we can expect an early spring. Six of our Club members including: Barbara Bowen, Patti O'Donnell, Joan Schuler, Millie Pape Tina Pilot and myself attended the Shore District Winter Council Meeting on January 28 at the Pt. Pleasant Clubhouse. We contributed 17 pairs of pajamas to benefit CASA. Shore District clubs reported on their upcoming events and these flyers will be posted on our website. Linda Babeuf spoke about the NJSFWC "Shining Future Endowment Campaign". Copies of her letter will be distributed to all club members at the meeting.

Sheila Anderson and I will be meeting with several Lacey High School girls on February 20 to select a delegate and alternate for GCI.

This committee is accepting nominations for Honor Roll and Order of the Lily. As per Standing Rule 12 nominations must be in writing and signed. No nominations will be accepted after the March General Meeting.

Our club is still in need of a 3rd vice president who will assume the duties of membership. Please see me or Adrienne for more information regarding this position.

February is Heart Health Awareness month. GO RED FOR WOMEN is the American Heart Association's national movement to end heart disease and stroke in women. Visit goredforwomen.org a great resource for information and tips for heart health.

Special thanks to 2nd VP Patti O'Donnell for working so hard to get all the reports to the state by February 1. Thanks to all executive committee members and department chairs who continue to donate their time and effort to help us fulfill our mission, "*to pursue with diligence the best life for our home and community.*" I invite all members to become involved with one of our service projects or fundraisers.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT - BARBARA BOWEN

Don't forget our great trip on Thurs. April 11th to Peddler's Village, Lunch at Jos. Ambler Inn & Wine Tasting at the Crossings. \$95, due by March 5th. Happy Valentine's Day!

2ND VICE PRESIDENT - PATTI O'DONNELL

Thank you all very much for helping me with the 2018 reports. All reports have been submitted to the State. Just a reminder - DON'T FORGET HOURS AND MILES!!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

ADRIENNE MELNYK

Report will be given at meeting.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - ANDREA HIGLEY

Please all members do not forget dues are to be paid by March 2019. The new amount is \$40.00. Thank you.

FEDERATION SECRETARY - NANCY FORTIN

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***Performing Arts Day** Monday, March 25, 2019 - 10:30 a.m. Snow Date - Monday, April 1, 2019 at the Woman's Club of Asbury Park, 57 Wickapecko Drive, Ocean. ***Achievement Day Monday**, April 22. 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Clarion Hotel, 815 Route 37, Toms River, NJ. ***Spring Conference** - Tuesday, April 23, 10 a.m., Clarion Hotel, 815 Route 37, Toms River, NJ.

NJSFWC: ***State Spelling Bee** - Saturday, March 2, 2019. Snow date Saturday, March 9, 2019. Sign-up with Nancy. Registration -10:00 am, Spelling Bee begins at 10:30 am. NJSFWC Headquarters, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick. ***Celebrating 125 years Spring Membership**. Open House Saturday March 30th, 2019 1:00-3:00 pm. NJSFWC Headquarters 55 Labor Center Way New Brunswick. Members and guests welcome. ***Convention** - May 6 - 8. Atlantic City. More information when available.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ARTS CREATIVE: Adrienne Melnyk

We are looking for donations of jigsaw puzzles. No matter if pieces are missing. Our next meet up will be Tuesday, February 19th at 10:00. Please bring scissors and a hot glue gun along with puzzles if you have them.

ARTS PERFORMING:

Music - Christine Urban, Joan Zuczek

Merilee Singers - Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!

Remember Presidents Day Feb.18

The Singers continue their rehearsals during the off season. Next rehearsal. Thursday February 21 @ 12:30PM Please arrive @ 12:15PM

Drama - Patti O'Donnell

Our District Arts Performing Day is on Monday, March 25 at the Woman's Club of Asbury Park, 57 Wickapecko Drive, Wanamassa, Ocean Township, NJ. Anybody interested in performing (recite a poem, sing a song, do a skit, etc., etc. [individual or group]), please contact Patti O'Donnell - 609-529-6153. Please try to support our District by expressing your talents.

CONSERVATION: Joyce Huffert, Diane Moser

We will be collecting CLEAN, LAUNDERED sneakers that will be recycled by Nike and used in projects including play surfaces and playgrounds. Please remember to CLEAN and LAUNDRER sneakers prior to donating them. "NO SHOELACES, PLEASE." Thank you!

EDUCATION: Eileen Tranz, Debbie Smith

Third grade students at Lanoka Harbor School have been given the directions for the Read Across America contest for the Education Department of the Woman's Club. Each student will draw a picture of their favorite book. Winners will be chosen and displayed in the Shop Rite showcase window for the month of March.

HOME LIFE: Carol Jones, Sheila Anderson

We would appreciate the members help in putting together our March raffle basket which will consist of **kitchen items**. We are also in need of eyeglasses and cell phones. Hold off on used card fronts for now. Thank you.

NURSING HOME: Sally Blood, Denise Cozenza-Brisco

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH:

Sandy DeYonker, Carol LaVelle

Our new Year-Round Project started in January. We are collecting NEW greeting cards, with envelopes, for our great men and women serving in the military abroad, for their use. For all who brought in cards, thank you for your participation! We have 2 card collections going on right now. One is for just the fronts. Please separate them. There will be a USO card box at each meeting for the new cards for the troops. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this wonderful program.

LITERATURE:

Nancy Conway, Terry Acquivita, Fran Celantano

Happy Valentine's Day! Literature is reading The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd. Bakers are always needed for desserts for the meeting. We are also reviewing the list of books available for next year's reading. If you have any questions, see Nancy Conway or Fran Celentano at the meeting.

PUBLIC ISSUES:

Carol Crotty - Food Bank/Tuna

January meeting, members donated 129 cans of tuna and 9 miscellaneous items of food.

Jo Faccioli, Adrienne Melnyk, Dot Van Blarcom Happy Valentine's Day!

NJ Sharing Network - April is Donate Life Month. Do you know a business who would display a poster in their window or a table tent for their tables during the month of April? Please let me know as soon as you can. We also have coffee sleeves for any business that does take out hot drinks. Suggestions are welcome. Thank you for your interest in this initiative. Next month in April we will ask all members to please wear Blue or Green for Donate Life Month. If you would like to know more about the NJ Sharing Network and the Wrapped in Love Program please reach out to Jo Faccioli, Adrienne Melnyk or Dot VanBlarcom or visit www.newjerseysharingnetwork.org

Wrapped in Love Program: We received 4 hand-made items to donate this month. I have yarn! If you need any, please look for me at the meeting. Winter is coming and long evenings can be spent knitting or crocheting for a good cause. 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. If possible, please use darker colors for lap blankets and scarves as we are in great need for men's items. Lap blankets should be no larger than 30 x 36 and scarves should be 14 x 60. Thank you.

STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

Mariana Marzacco and Kathy Barrett

50/50 High School Special Needs Program

Congratulations to Joan Schuler on winning last month's 50/50 for \$100.00. As always, I urge you to take a chance to win money and help our special needs children. Some of the money goes towards the free lunch program; prom and yearbook costs for our graduates; products and simulators for life skills training. Their ultimate goal is to remodel a spare room to look like an apartment and use it to teach students independent living skills. Thank you for your participation.

DOGGIE ANGELS: Lil Campbell, Val Brown, Kay Eisenmann

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY LADIES FROM THE PUPPIES AND KITTIES!!

BY LAWS/PARLIAMENTARY:

Jackie Ott, Ellena DiCicco

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

Present at the January meeting were 69 members and 4 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.

Website: Please send updated information for the website as soon as convenient. The website is edited and moved live twice a month.

Facebook/Elec. Billboard: Please search Facebook for our organizational page and provide your comments. "**Woman's Club of Lacey Inc.**" Please visit our Facebook page, friend us, like and share. All future meetings, card parties, luncheons and fundraising events will be made available here. Please send your information to Terry Acquavita who has graciously agreed to update Facebook and the local electronic signs within the community. **If you are hosting an event, please get us the information as early as possible so we can get the word out on Facebook.**

Local Media and Photographs:

Thank you to **Susan Gundersen and Nancy Pribila**. They handle all notifications to newspapers and magazines as well as take photos at the events. In December they were present at the Installation Luncheon and the Holiday performance and shared some wonderful photos for use on the website 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.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Sandy DeYonker

Providence House - It was a pleasure having Jennifer Bauer, from Providence House speak at the January meeting. She gave us a great overview of all they do to help victims of domestic violence. Their 19th annual Gift Auction is their largest fundraiser of the year. It will be held on Friday, June 7th at Georgian Court College. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advanced. They sell out quickly every year. I will be collecting checks made out to Catholic Charities Providence House or cash along with the names of each person attending for table assignments. Any donations or sponsorships will be gladly accepted at our March and April meetings. All items must be new. Here are some suggested donations. Gift Certificates, pet supplies, kitchen items, camping/fishing supplies, event tickets, sports equipment, games, car care products, wine/liquor, jewelry, home décor items, tools, etc. These items will help to fill the over 400 baskets for the event. Please put your name on all items donated since Jennifer likes to thank everyone personally in the event program. Unlabeled donations will not be listed. Please give your check or cash to Sandy DeYonker at February, March or April's meetings. I will bring your tickets to the May meeting. Thank you in advance for your participation!

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

FUNDRAISING EVENT CHAIRS:

MONTHLY BASKET RAFFLES

Laurie Burke, Carol Setter

BUS TRIPS: Barbara Bowen

Our bus trip is Thursday, April 11th to Peddler's Village, Lunch at Jos. Ambler Inn & Wine Tasting at the Crossings. \$95, due by March 5th.

VICTORIAN TEA PARTY:

Ellena DiCicco and Marilyn Hock, Co-Chairpersons

Tickets for the Victorian Tea Party (April 6 – 1:30-3:30 pm) are now available, cost \$20.00 and as a starter can be purchased from Janet or Rose at today's meeting. Flyers are also available. Please take a few to distribute locally.

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 snaking, 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

The date for this event is Monday, April 22nd and will be held at the Clarion in Toms River. All are welcome to participate. If you are interested in participating or are a new member that would like more information, please see me after the meeting or call me 732-604-5042 and leave a message.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: CASA

Book Stamp Funding: Mickey Esposito

If you haven't done so yet, get a Happy Face on your handbook and support CASA.

Wine Tasting: Tina Pilot

CASA (Court appointed Special Advocates for Children) Fundraiser

Wine & Beer Tasting Charity Event for CASA is May 17, 2019 - 6-10 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 15 E. Lacey Road. Ticket donation is \$35 per person (includes finger food). Please contact Tina Pilot – 732-948-1911 or Patricia Larsen – 609-915-2347 for tickets.

CARING CORNER: Doris Nelson

WAYS AND MEANS:

Card Parties/Luncheons: Terri Candeletti

Luncheon Chair: Millie Pape

Thanks to all that help in the kitchen/luncheons.

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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.

CLUB BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY:

Patricia Longo	2/2
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
Eadie Jacquelyn	2/25
Lina Kazala	2/26
Emilia "Mimi" Schneider	2/27
Nancy Protonentis	2/28

MARCH:

Rose Neubauer	3/3
Connie Galvin	3/4
Mary Sharpe	3/5
Susan Morgan	3/19
Tina Pilot	3/27