

A COLLECT OF CLUB WOMEN

*Keep us, oh God, from pettiness;
Set us be large in thought, in word, in deed.*

*Let us be done with fault-finding
And leave off self-seeking.*

*May we put away all pretense and
meet each other face to face,
Without self-pity, and without prejudice.*

*May we never be hasty in judgement
and always generous.*

*Let us take time for all things;
make us grow calm, serene, gentle.*

*Teach us to put into action our better
impulses straightforward and unafraid.*

*Grant that we may realize it is the little
things that create differences, that in the
big things of life we are at one.*

*And may we strive to touch and to know
The great, common human heart of us all.
And, Oh Lord God, let us forget not to be kind.*



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – NANCY FORTIN

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TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE and will continue to make a difference. Since September, the Woman's Club of Lacey's Merilee Singers provided song and helped to memorialize the 15th anniversary of 9/11 with the Methodist Church. We have helped to provide Flu & Pneumonia shots, gave over 1000 cookies to Crystal Lake Nursing Home, held a "Trunk Show and Jewelry Sale," enjoyed a "Sadie Hawkins" Bunco, had a "Jewelry and Scarf Sale" and sold bows at our Christmas Luncheon, went on a bus trip, had card parties and 50:50's and donated \$1450 to the Special Needs Class at Lacey Township High School. Our Merilee Singers performed for other organizations five times during the holidays. With them, our Drama and Literature Departments entertained the community at our Annual Christmas Program. Were you a part of any of this? Did you participate in the planning? Did you go to NJFWC Fall Conference or to the Shore District Council Meeting? Did you support the efforts of our club? Of our Federation? Those who did enjoyed. Had fun. Felt good. Upheld the promise they made when they became a member of the Woman's Club of Lacey. Won't you join us in our future endeavors: District Council Meeting, Public Issues Day, Mini-Achievement Day, Arts Performing Day, WC of Lacey Birthday Party, WC of Lacey Talent Show, Achievement Day, Spring Conference, Convention, "New Members and Township Committee Breakfast," card parties, department programs, Activities Day, 50:50's, the Fashion Show? We want you to join in.

Be a part of the fun!

Be a part of the promise.



Woman's Club of Lacey

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2017

JANUARY

Lisa Boshnack	01/03
Mickey Esposito	01/04
Carol Nicolay	01/04
Tina Viero	01/11
Rosalie Flynn	01/14
Rose O'Brien	01/18
Alice White	01/21
Jo Foschino	01/23
Nancy Pribila	01/25
Rose Mary Kaiser	01/27
Nancy Sevinsky	01/28

FEBRUARY

Pat Longo	02/02
Mary Lou Lenti	02/03
Charlene Brown	02/05
Betty Romberg	02/05
Lori Vircillo	02/07
Rose Squeo	02/07
Barbara Fyfe	02/10
June Burdge	02/11
Nancy Fortin	02/11
Dot Van Blarcom	02/12
Beth Bigos	02/15
Carol Setzer	02/15
Janet Shwiner	02/18
Ellena DiCicco	02/23
Jackie Eadie	02/25
Lina Kazala	02/26
Mimi Schneider	02/27

UPCOMING EVENTS- 2017

Woman's Club of Lacey

February 8	Mini-Achievement Day
March 8	Club Birthday Party
April 1	"Fashion Show"
May 10	Club Talent Show
June 14	Luncheon/Installation, Clarion, Toms River
June 27	New members & Twp Committee Breakfast
September 13	General Meeting

Shore District

January 23	District Council and Program Assistance 10:00am - \$3.00 attendance fee. Woman's Club of Point Pleasant Clubhouse, 513 St. Louis Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach
March 27	Arts Performing, Spring Lake
April 24	Achievement Day, Spring Lake
April 25	Spring Conference

NJSFWC (State/Federation)

March 20	Public Issues - March 20, 2017 "Helping Others both Near and Far." Forsgate Country Club, 375 Forsgate Drive, Monroe Township, NJ Registration 9:30am - \$37 includes registration/meeting fee and hot luncheon Details at the February 2017 Board/General Meetings
April 24	GFWC Day
May 8 - 10	Convention, Golden Nugget, Atlantic City
June 5 - 8	GCI at Douglass College, New Brunswick
June 26 - 29	GFWC Convention, California

NJSFWC DEADLINES:

Newsletter	Feb. 1
Scrapbook:	Feb. 1
GCI:	Mar. 1
Honor Roll/Order of the Lily	April 1

LITERATURE – Carole Crotty & Eileen Tranz

Literature: Book to be discussed will be "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand at the January 17 meeting. Next book will be "Perfume Collector" by Kathleen Tessaro.

NEWSLETTER – Nancy Fortin - Department Chairmen, continue to do your reporting in the newsletter. Please have your information in **NO LATER THAN** the night of the Board Meeting. When submitting your report **please do not use all capital letters** and use Times Roman font – size 10, if possible.

NURSING HOME – Denise Cosenza-Brisco & Sally Blood

Volunteers are always needed. Contact Denise or Sally.

PUBLIC ISSUES – Carole Crotty

We collected 92 cans of tuna and 8 miscellaneous item.

REGISTRARS AND TELEPHONE – Lil Campbell and

Pat Longo. We had 95 members and 2 guests at the December luncheon. Please remember to return calls to your caller. It is essential that you do that. The hall seating is set up based on the number of people who reply and say they are coming.

SCRIP – Cathy Katsianis –Purchase and/or order your Shop Rite cards today, and at future Board Meeting, Card Parties and General meetings. They are available in \$25 and \$50 denominations. **They make wonderful gifts.** Let me know how many you want.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT – Mickey Esposito and Peggy Bea

Did you get your beautiful new SSP pin? It is only \$5. Do you have a Smiley Face on your new handbook?



All children deserve
great childhoods
because our children
are our future.

1st VICE PRESIDENT – Lori Vircillo -. Thank you for all the condolences we received. I am touched by your thoughtfulness. See you in February. Be sure to participate in today's "Unwanted Gift Auction."

2nd VICE PRESIDENT – Dotty Dobis– Chairmen(Department and Events). **I need your reports.** State report preparation date is upon us.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT– Adrienne Melnyk- Membership Happy New Year! Welcome all new members and guests.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Rose Mary Kaiser

I will update you at today's meeting.

TREASURER –Ellen Larney- As we continue to have fundraisers, please remember all requests for payment must be submitted with original receipt and no tax should be paid. If you need a tax-exempt form, please see me before any purchase is made. Also, please keep in mind, when needing payment for anything, two signatures are required on all of our checks. Therefore, I need at least one week to be able to meet up with another authorized signature.

FEDERATION SECRETARY – Patricia Pasquale

Please see information listed in this newsletter under Upcoming Events. Honor Roll and Order of the Lily nominations deadline is March 1; follow Standing Rule #8, page 36 and no petitions.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Dot Van Blarcom

Membership dues of \$36.00 for 2017-2018 are due as soon as possible. Please make out your check payable to the Woman's Club of Lacey.

ACTIVITY DAY – Lina Kazala - Monday afternoons 12:00-3:30 PM (except the 1st Monday of each month)for Mahjongg, card playing, and other fun board and table games. Contact Lina for the 2017 dates.

ARTS/CREATIVE – Adrienne Melnyk and Ellen Larney

Happy New Year ! Mini Achievement Day is next month at our regular meeting. I hope to see many entries! I have received the guide lines for District Achievement Day which is in April. There have been some changes so if you are planning to enter please see me after the meeting or call me. If you are a new member and don't know about this annual event, I will be happy to explain it all to you. Also I am looking to expand our focus to doing projects to give to the various organizations and nursing homes in our community. Also, thinking about WCL selling handmade items at our high school craft shows. There will be a meeting on Tuesday January 17th at 10 AM to discuss future projects and any ideas that you would like to share. I hope to see a lot of you there.

ARTS/PERFORMING - MUSIC– Chris Urban & Joan Zuczek

Happy Winters Day! Brrr! You can see the Merilee Singers if you go to www.youtube.com then on the "Search" line put Woman's Club of Lacey Christmas Show 2016.

CARING CORNER – Doris Thornstrom–Please notify President Fortin at 609-693-7791 of any situation where a greeting card would be appreciated.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

CIP - Marion Kowalewski, Jo Faccioli & Dot Van Blarcom - Thank you to all who purchased 50:50 tickets at our December luncheon. You helped get this year's donation off to a great start. Congratulations to Terry Acquavita who won \$162. Let's keep up the good work so we can help our local special needs students at LTHS. Remember you can't win it if you aren't in it!! Wishing everyone a healthy and Happy New Year.

Doggie Angels - Lil Campbell & Val Brown–

Please be generous and remember our 4-legged friends. Many rescues took place over the holidays and will continue with this cold weather. Popcorn Zoo needs our help. Continue please, to donate blankets and newspapers without glossy magazine sections.

CONSERVATION –AdeleHamilton -We will continue to collect cancelled stamps and fronts of greeting cards (no metered stamps). Give Hallmark, American Greetings and Disney cards to Arts Creative.

Co-Chair is needed for Conservation.

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE– Jo Faccioli

Website - The website had 1204 views this month. Please submit any information you want on the website to me the day after the Board meeting. The website will be updated twice monthly

Communications All e-mails regarding the General meeting will be sent out the Sunday before the General Meeting. Please forward any information that the members on our e-mail list need to know. Also, please notify Lillis Campbell of these e-mails so she can inform members who do not have internet.

EDUCATION – Judy Schermerhorn - GCI selections will be made soon. If you have a Lacey Twp. high school Junior in your family, let Fran Verdolina know. During January consider reading to a shut-in or donate books to Grace Initiatives Thrift Shop in Lanoka Harbor.

GCI – Fran Verdolina, Sheila Anderson, Charlene Brown-Scholarships - Charlene Brown and Sheila Anderson–

LTHS scholarship applications will be submitted by students in January. If you have a relative who is graduating in June please encourage your student to apply and let President Fortin know their name.

FUND RAISERS – Barbara Bowen -Happy New Year! I am now accepting checks for our next bus trip on June 22 to American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA. for "Vegas Legends." Lunch is at Shady Maple. Cost is \$100.00. I've been there and am sure it will be great. Our jewelry sale at the Christmas Luncheon netted our Club \$380.00. Thank you, ladies and thank you Denise Cosenza for all your help.

Today is our “Unwanted Gift Auction.” Be prepared to bid on gifts. We have "two very special auctioneers." Be prepared to have some fun!

HOME LIFE/SOCIAL SERVICES - Carol Jones -Mary Clayton

Please continue to save your eyeglasses, aluminum tabs, cell phones and Education labels. Don't forget to make baby hats. Those with some lavender or purple are needed for the Special State Project. We are searching for our needy family. The committee is ready to read your letter of recommendation.