



WOMAN'S CLUB OF LACEY

SHORE DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2020



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO - Presidents Message: Warmest greetings to each of you. Surely these are difficult times, but as wives, mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers (of which I am one) we have all been through a lot. And we are still here loving and doing good. Bravo to us!

Please follow all the recommendations in place for Covid-19; this will eventually pass and WCOL will be fully functioning again. Be aware that there are scams out there. From the Lacey Police Department, "The CDC along with other health organizations are not completing surveys or asking for donations due to the pandemic." The rest of this message can be read on our webpage.

As you may know Achievement Day and Spring Conference have been cancelled. I just learned that the Convention has also been cancelled as is Bunco. This is a unique situation and no one needs the additional stress of trying to manage club business on the usual schedule. When this passes we can catch up on budgets, elections, etc.

At the General Meeting time, 10:30, April 8, "Let us bow our heads for a moment of silence for departed members, our men and women in the service, world peace and all in need of our prayers, especially all effected by the Corona Virus".

On a lighter note, Calendar Club Winners for March. All winners were members or their family members: Valerie Freidman, Nancy Ambrosio, Diane Moser's grandson, and those TWO VERY LUCKY SISTERS: Ellena DiCicco and Connie Galvin. Ellena's daughter won \$500 (her birthday was the following day) and Connie's grandson, recently graduated doctor in Texas, won \$100. I'd be a little suspicious if I hadn't picked them myself!!

I just found out that Bev and Shirley have been very busy making masks and visors to donate to groups needing them. They have put out a considerable amount of money and Bev would accept any donations to offset cost of materials and a new machine.
God Bless.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, BARBARA BOWEN -

Hope you are all healthy & safe. Aside from going crazy staying home, we are fine. Have a Happy, Blessed Easter. Hope to see you soon.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, PATTI O'DONNELL-

Please continue to keep track of your time and miles during the year. Stay Safe!

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL CANDELETTI -

I hope all the Woman's Club Members are doing well!! I don't have anything new to report. Can't wait for the next meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,

ADRIENNE MELNYK -

Prayers that everyone is well! As you can well imagine, mail has been light. We have received dues from 2 members, as well as a refund check

from the township for prepaid hall rental fees. Also, a letter from NJSFNC acknowledging our request to enroll Jo Foschino and Val Brown to the Memorials Book at headquarters. On a personal note, I would like to thank you for all of your calls, cards and messages. I am feeling much better and getting more energy every day.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY -

Hi Ladies. I hope everyone is doing well during these trying times. I have been playing games on the internet and reading a lot. So much I have run out of books LOL I wanted to remind everyone We still have almost 40 members who didn't pay their dues; I have sent out over 30 emails and as soon as I get stamps (from Amazon didn't want to wait in line at the post office) I will send letters. Hopefully everyone is well and looking forward to the next time we can have a meeting! Regards Andrea

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER – Please send out prayers and a heartfelt of thanks to our first responders, doctors and nurses, hospital maintenance that you may personally know and those we don't and of course our families, friends and members.

I will forward the March monthly financial report via email to the Executive Board.

FEDERATION SECRETARY, NANCY FORTIN

Due to the current health emergency, all Federation, District and local events are postponed until further notice.

I offer this personal thought: When you are feeling anxious and stressed, pause to appreciate the world. Put your mind at ease. In the midst of this pandemic, we are seeing the best in humanity.

Shore District Domestic Violence" Chairman - Nancy Fortin - Domestic Violence advocates are available 24/7 at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) in more than 200 languages. All calls are free and confidential.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

ARTS CREATIVE: Adrienne Melnyk – During this time of isolation I hope you are filling your days in creative ways! Please take care of yourselves, not just physically but mentally and emotionally as well. Love you all.

ARTS PERFORMING:

Music - Christine Urban, Joan Zucker – Hi Singers - Chris here, I am waiting, but not patiently for rehearsals to begin again. We can all do simple warmups to keep our voice in shape. Remember the "WOOOO" like a siren. Use your hand to make a circle as you sing. Great way to throw phlegm off the vocal chords.

1) humming 5 notes up and down 123454321 start on any pitch. go up and down as far as you can.

2) sing the numbers 123454321. start on any note and go and down as far as you can

3) look over your Christmas music (wasn't that a fantastic concert, I am so proud of your performance. Sing some of your favorite pieces, it doesn't matter what key , keep your voice active.

I have some new music for 2020, I am sure you will enjoy!

Keep a song in your heart and on your lips

Love,



DRAMA: Patti O'Donnell – Happy Easter!

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

Hi all - Hope all is well with everyone as we adjust to this new normal. We miss you and hope that you are safe and practicing social distancing.

During this time, there are many things that you can do to keep busy. There are many exercise classes online as well as virtual sites where you could see concerts, museums etc. There are Mahjong and Canasta sites where you play virtually. We hope these ideas help you find some fun activities to do.

Please take care and hope to see you soon. Hope you have a blessed Easter and Passover.

EDUCATION: Debbie Smith, Eileen Tranz –

The Education Dept. wishes to thank the following club members for giving their time to read to the elementary children during Read Across America. They are: Ellena DiCicco; Jo Faccioli; Debbie Fetherston; Patricia Larsen; Susan Morgan; Patti O'Donnell; Joan Schuler; Debbie Smith; Eileen Tranz; Lori Vircillo and Pat Zipoli. Also, I will still accept books. Please call me and I can pick them up from your home. Thank you.

HOME LIFE: Carol Jones, Sheila Anderson –

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– I will advise you when nursing home visits resume.

Please continue to collect and bring the following to our meetings: Stuffed animals, used clothing, lotions, shampoos, new socks, brushes, combs, toothpaste, toothbrush and items like those mentioned. THANK YOU!!

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH:

Carol LaVelle –

Heartfelt wishes for all our women's club members and your families to stay safe and healthy. Looking forward to seeing everyone in May! HAPPY EASTER

General greeting cards are still being collected for our troops overseas. At our next meeting I will start collecting items for our annual "Operation Christmas Stocking" for the troops. Suggested items are puzzle books, small travel games, hacky sacks, small nerf balls, playing cards, nasal spray, lip balm, tissues, eye drops, Q-tips, lotion. Only nonperishables please. Candy & snacks can be collected in September & October. Thank you!!

LITERATURE: Nancy Conway, Fran Celantano

On Saturday 3/21/20 we received an Executive Order from the Governor of the State of New Jersey that adds all libraries in the state to the list of venues that are closed to the public indefinitely due to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

How This Will Affect Our Book Groups:

All book orders scheduled to be picked-up by our groups the last two weeks of March and the month of April will be cancelled. The titles you have scheduled for discussion at your April and May meetings can be rescheduled for a future date once we reopen.

Any library materials you have, including Book Discussion books, should be kept at home and not returned to the library until we reopen. All materials will automatically be renewed, and fines will be waived.

Please check Facebook and the Ocean County Library website for further news.

Also - if we're going to have our May literature meeting, please think what you're going to bring for our potluck. Hope you're staying safe.

PUBLIC ISSUES: Carol Crotty - Happy Spring! (although it doesn't feel like it) I hope all is well. Please try and be extra generous with the tuna at our next meeting (possibly six cans). Thank you for your support, and God bless you. Keep safe until we meet again (hopefully soon). Food Bank/Tuna March meeting – members donated 81 cans of tuna. Thank you for your support!

Jo Faccioli, Adrienne Melnyk, Dot Van Blarcom - NJ Sharing Network: Happy Spring to All!

April is Donate Life Month! "Be the rainbow in someone else's life" and become an organ and tissue donor and discuss your wishes with your family.

5K Celebration of Life Walk/Run Long Branch – This event has been CANCELLED. If you signed up for this event you should have received an email from Janet Brown. You have the option of a refund, using it as an entry to the New Providence Run (**tentative date sometime in July**), or use it as a donation to the New Jersey Sharing Network. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 5K or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact Jo Faccioli.

Public Issues - Wrapped In Love Program - 21 items were donated last month, and they were well received. With the onset of COVID-19, the need for handmade items will be needed more and more. Once again, I received a generous donation of yarn. If you need some to keep your fingers and mind busy, please contact Jo. Also please take time to read the *Wrapped in Love Notes* for this month.

STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Mariana Marzacco and Kathy Barrett and Judy Wisniewski

- Congratulations to Nancy Fortin on winning \$102 from our 50/50 drawing. All proceeds from our 50/50 are designated to our Middle and High School Multiple Disability Programs. Please remember to purchase your tickets at our next Meeting. You could be our next winner.

DOGGIE ANGELS: Lil Campbell, 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.

STAY HEALTHY!

STAY SAFE!

STAY HOME!!!

During your extra time at home, please review the By-Laws for the Woman's Club of Lacey. If you have any questions, contact me. 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 March meeting were 65 members.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jo Faccioli

Website and Email updates: Contact Jo Faccioli or Jof1217@comcast.net.

Local media, photographs and Electronic Billboard: Susan Gundersen and Nancy Pribila.

Facebook: - Tina Pilot.

Roving Reporter: Susan Morgan

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Sandy DeYonker

Providence House – Gift Auction update - All gift auction meetings have been cancelled through the end of April. Ticket sales are also pushed back to April 30th. Not sure at this point if the auction will be postponed until a later date. Will keep you posted. Be safe everyone!

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

FUNDRAISING EVENT CHAIRS:

MONTHLY BASKET RAFFLES

Laurie Burke, Carol Setzer – The basket that was raffled off at the March meeting raised \$180.00.

Special Committees Fundraising - Basket Raffle Schedule
May- Conservation
June-Executive Board

TRIPS: Barbara Bowen – Our Lancaster “Sight & Sound” bus trip has been rescheduled in May but will most likely be postponed.

ACTIVITY DAY: Lina Kazala

At Community Hall – New 2020 Mah-Jongg playing cards are out. Can't wait to play! Please notify your friends that Activity Day has temporarily been cancelled. When Activity Day resumes, it will be posted on our Website. Thank you and stay safe!

ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Adrienne Melnyk

As you are well aware this has been cancelled. My apologies to all who worked so diligently to have completed your entry. On the bright sideyou are all set for next year ! 🎉👩

Seriously though I hope you are all following thru with every precaution that you possibly can. In one way or another ,whether in a big way or some small way, each of you have touched my life and left your footprint on my heart. I miss our time together and pray for you all. See you soon my friends

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT: Mickey Esposito and Peggy Bea

CARING CORNER: Doris Nelson

WAYS AND MEANS:

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

Thanks to all of the club members who helped me decorate, serve the food and clean up" It helped us all have a good time at our 55th Birthday Party" Thanks again Millicent E. Pape and Terri Candeletti, Chairpersons of Luncheons and Meetings.

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.

ROVING REPORTER: Susan Morgan



New member profile for Sue Sims.

Sue is a brand-new member having been installed at our February meeting. Sue and her husband of 40 years live in Forked River. They have 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren.

Sue recently retired from Bristol Meyers Squibb. She is an RN by profession. Her duties at Bristol Meyers Squibb were overseeing clinical trials. This was a job Sue loved and did for many years.

Sue is a volunteer at Coastal Volunteers in Medicine. She loves to travel, garden and read. Sue and her husband enjoy their mobile home and go RVing whenever time permits. Sue is looking forward to working on committees for the WCL. She enjoys meeting new people, learning new things and having a good time. Seems WCL is a good outlet for these things. Due to Sue's dad being in the automobile industry, Sue and her family have moved 18 times over the years. She has lived in New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Colorado and Minnesota. She is a Jersey girl, however, through and through.

Sue has 4 pieces of advice for the younger generation. They are: 1. Don't post on Facebook; your employers can see what you've said. 2. Put your cell phones down; you're not that important. 3. Learn from adults. They have a wealth of knowledge to share. 4. History repeats itself. Welcome, Sue, to the Women's Club of Lacey. We are so happy to have you as a member.

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL:

Linda Hintz	4/1
Debra Smith	4/3
Nancy Conway-Hermann	4/10
Ruth Ward	4/13
Renee Zebrowski	4/16
Doris Nelson	4/24
Dotty Dobis	4/26
Barbara Bowen	4/27
Patti O'Donnell	4/27
Theresa Candeletti	4/28
Valerie Freidman	4/28
Erna Phillips	4/30
Shirley Schwartz	4/30