



WOMAN'S CLUB OF LACEY

SHORE DISTRICT

NEWSLETTR DECEMBER 2019



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, LORI VIRCILLO - First and most importantly, I would like to wish each and every member a blessed holiday season. Although we are all busy doing for family, friends and neighbors, and community, let us remember to have some quiet time to reflect on all that is good and all that we can celebrate.

Congratulations to new members who will be inducted at the December luncheon. We welcome you into our club and all that we do.

Thanks to all department chairpersons and committees who have accomplished so much in the last few months: Christmas stockings, wreath decorations for the Lacey Foodbank and Providence House, Cookie Day and items for the nursing home, bras and sneakers, food items for food bank and domestic violence, new greeting cards for overseas troops, donation to multiple disabled/autistic classes at the high school and middle school, lap blankets, baby hats, Santa Letters, donations to Popcorn Park Zoo, monthly baskets that support high school scholarships, performances at local nursing homes and retirement communities, and our own Christmas Show for the community. May all the good you do be returned to you a hundredfold. Wishing you each a happy and healthy 2020.

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. Please give me your checks for "Sight and Sound". If you are paying in installments, first payment of \$75 is due, balance of \$75 due at January meeting. If you wish, pay \$150 now. Have a wonderful Holiday and a Happy, Healthy New Year. Don't forget our January Tricky Tray and put aside your unwanted gifts.

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 - Merry Christmas to all! I will report at the meeting. Thank you.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ANDREA HIGLEY - We have 121 paid members, 17 resigned and six honorary members.

TREASURER, JOAN SCHULER - Happy Holidays to everyone! I will present the December monthly report at the meeting.

FEDERATION SECRETARY, NANCY FORTIN
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.
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 - Thanks to everyone that participated in our puzzle wreath project! I have a heart full of gratitude for those who worked on these at home as well. Special thanks to Joan Schuler, Joyce Huffert and Sandy DeYonker for getting these delivered where they needed to be. With your efforts we completed over 180 wreaths!! Merry Christmas to each of you and God's Blessings in 2020.

Achievement Day – Hope you are all busy on your projects. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

ARTS PERFORMING:

Music - Christine Urban, Joan Zucker – Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah to everyone. May the New Year bring good health to all! Don't forget the Drama and Merilee Singers concert on Tuesday, December 17 @ 1 p.m. We all worked our best to bring you a wonderful show that everyone will enjoy! Come out and support your fellow members.

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: December 16 and the morning of the 17th (8:30). The show will be on the 17th. Thank you.

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

Thanks to all the members who have made our sneaker and bra collection a success. In November we collected 20 pairs of sneakers for the Nike Grind project and 280 bras for the Free The Girls Organization. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

EDUCATION: Eileen Tranz, Debbie Smith - We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

HOME LIFE: Carol Jones, Sheila Anderson – Wishing everyone Seasons Greetings and thank you for your support this year.

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 final nursing home visit for the year is December 18 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. for all who would like to participate. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out monthly and thanks to everyone who donated items for the residents. Happy Holidays!

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 –

We are still collecting all occasion new greeting cards for our troops overseas. Thank you for the cards that have already been contributed. Happy Holiday to all!!

LITERATURE: Nancy Conway, Fran Celantano

Literature is hosting the public Drama/Music Program on December 17. All club members are requested to bring cookies. We will also need help setting up before the program.

January's Literature book is "Witness" and will meet on January 21, 2020.

We hope everyone has a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Conway or Francine Celentano.

PUBLIC ISSUES: Carol Crotty - Food Bank/Tuna November meeting – members donated 86 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. Remember to share your registration with your family - let them know your wishes.

Wrapped in Love Program – Wishing everyone the joy of the season. Merry Christmas to all. 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 Multiple Disability Programs. Congratulations to BJ Graham winning \$81.00 at our November Meeting.

On November 27th, Lori Virchillo and myself attended a gathering at the High School and presented Mrs. Kelly's class with a check for \$700. We have been invited to attend Cookie Day at the Middle School on Dec. 19th at which time we will present Mrs. Mehy's class with a check for \$700.

I would like to thank all of you for your wonderful support throughout the year and wish you all a beautiful holiday and a happy, healthy 2020.

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 was held on November 9 at the Federation's Headquarters. Our By-Laws were amended in November 2019.

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 November meeting were 65 members and no 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: - **Tina Pilot** has done a great job updating the WCL Facebook page. Adding various events and photos of our meeting. Please search Facebook for our organizational page, friend us, like us and provide your comments. "Woman's Club of Lacey Inc." All future meetings, Game Day events, luncheons and fundraising events will be made available here. Don't forget to share with your friends. All upcoming event will be posted here. If you are hosting an event, please get us the information as early as possible so we can get the word out on Facebook.

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 – I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Thanks to the Woman's Club of Lacey many families who receive services from Providence House, had plenty of food for their Thanksgiving table. I delivered almost \$250 worth of food to Providence House on November 13th. They were very appreciative. Thank you so much for your generosity!

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

FUNDRAISING EVENT CHAIRS:

MONTHLY BASKET RAFFLES

Laurie Burke, Carol Setzer

Special Committees Fundraising - Basket Raffle Schedule

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

Our next scheduled bus trip is for Thursday, March 26, 2020 to "Sight & Sound, Queen Esther," Lancaster, PA. The cost is \$150.00. If you choose you can pay in full or with a \$75.00 deposit at the December meeting with the balance due on or before January 8. It is always a great performance. It will include a buffet at Shady Maple with a comfort stop on the way home. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. and arrives home at approximately 8:45-9 p.m.

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.

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.

WCL Roving Report: Susan Morgan:



This month's member focus is Eleanor Del Vecchio. Eleanor was inducted into the Women's Club of Lacey 1 year ago at our 2018 Christmas' luncheon. Eleanor was born in Brooklyn and move to Forked River 1 ½ years ago from Queens, New York. Eleanor is divorced with 1 son and 2 daughters. Eleanor has 4 grandchildren between the ages of 16 and 32. She also has 4 great grandchildren between the ages of 2-5 and 1 more on the way. She worked as an assistant supervisor with the Edo Corporation in the Reproduction dept. Eleanor has fond memories of her childhood growing up in Brooklyn. She remembers playing outside games like hide and seek and tag. One piece of advice Eleanor has for the youth of today is to stay away from alcohol and drugs. Eleanor is especially proud of her grandson who just became a doctor. Congratulations, Eleanor! Eleanor is a member of the arts and creative and Literature committees. In her free time, Eleanor enjoys painting watercolors and she is quite an accomplished artist. She has a piece ready for submission for achievement day. Did you know Eleanor donated a kidney to one of her daughter's? What a truly generous and unselfish act!

CLUB BIRTHDAYS – December:

Carol Jones	12/3
Eleanor DelVecchio	12/8
Robin O'Brien	12/10
Betty O'Neill	12/13
Kay Eisenmann	12/15
Jo Faccioli	12/17
Virginia LaVelle	12/19
Jackie Ott	12/19
Carol LaVelle	12/23
Ellen Larney	12/25
Carol Candeletti	12/29
BJ Graham	12/29
Carolyn Quinn	12/30