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President's Message—Jan W. Hanson

The President has had to deal with a lot of changes since the start of her administration so it comes as no surprise that she also needs to make a change at the end of her administration. An alternate theme to this administration is "The Best Laid Plans". So, get out your calendars. **The 2022 NJSFWC Convention will be at the Tropicana, North Tower, starting Sunday, April 24th - Tuesday April 26th. New place, slightly new date, but the same wonderful Convention.**

Nineteen NJSFWC members travelled to the GFWC Convention in Atlanta and enjoyed some Southern hospitality. GFWC President Marian St. Clair presided over an educational and compact convention. Much of the business involved a complete overhaul of the resolutions, a major undertaking. One resolution that was passed was from New Jersey and involved the training of first responders on interacting with the mentally ill. We had two LEADS graduates, Marta Cirilli Kuebler (2020) and Brandi-Leigh Miller (2021). They experienced a day of workshops and networking as they embraced their LEADS education. They will share their impressions in the November ALMANAC.

It was an honor to represent New Jersey and quite a thrill when we would win an award. Even though I was the one to accept the award the real winners were Barbara McCloskey, Second Vice President, and all the clubs who worked on the projects and submitted reports.

Do not miss the deadline to register for the NJSFWC State Fall Conference, October 4th. Conference Chairman, Patricia Mignella is working hard, with her committee, to make this another successful event. The registration form is on the website and in the ALMANAC. We will be collecting arts and craft supplies for Children's Hospitals. So come "Stick Your Neck Out" and enjoy a day of Federation Friendship at the Battleground Country Club on October 18th.

October is the start of our annual Operation Holiday Stocking collection for US military personnel. This year we will once again partner with Operation Yellow Ribbon and New Jersey Cares who will handle the delivery. **Be sure to check this month's ALMANAC for instructions, as well as drop off times at Headquarters.**

November is a busy month. On November 13th we will hold our Day of Service for Covenant House in each District. Next, there will be the Southern Special State Project luncheon and fashion show for Operation Chillout. Finally, on November 30th we will be holding our NJSFWC Headquarters Open House. This year, each room will be decorated so come out and enjoy our Winter Wonderland.

One of the highest awards we bestow, along with Douglass Residential College, is the Women of Achievement Award. Do you know an outstanding woman, living in New Jersey who deserves to be nominated? The deadline is November 15th.

December 15th is the deadline for the clubs to submit resolutions to the Legislation/Resolutions Chairman, Chris Sienkielewski. This is an opportunity to "Let Our Voices Soar" by submitting a resolution to be considered by the membership at the NJSFWC Convention in April

In Federation Friendship,

Jan

GFWC CONVENTION AWARDS, ATLANTA, GA

NJSFWC

Civic Engagement and Outreach
Women's History and Resource Center
Fundraising and Development
Legislation and Public Policy

Clubs

Juniorette Participation-Arlington
Juniorettes, Boys Charity Group,
Princeton Area Juniorettes, Long Valley
Juniorettes,
Youth Poetry
Youth Short Story

Signature Program Fundraising
Achievement- Tenth Place, Woman's
Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills
Third Place, Woman's Club of
Maplewood

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NJSFWC 2021 Jennie Award Winner – Jill McDonald

Each year, the General Federation of Women's Clubs honors one clubwoman from each GFWC Region for outstanding commitment to her club, community and family. The "Jennie" is the only GFWC national recognition to individual members for a lifetime of personal excellence.

The GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly nominated Margaret Jill McDonald for this honor. After review of all nominations, hers was submitted to the Middle Atlantic Region board. Jill and the nominees from Delaware, New York and Pennsylvania were introduced at the MAR luncheon at the August GFWC Convention in Atlanta, GA.

In the rural village of Red Creek, New York, Jill started living the volunteer spirit very early. She watched and learned as her parents and grandparents organized the town's 632 residents to accomplish anything Red Creek needed. During her school years, she was active in Girl Scouting, her church, school academic, music, sports, and service projects. She was Editor of the high school newspaper and a student contributor to the Rochester *Democrat and Chronicle*.

After high school, she attended the University of Pittsburgh and then the Auburn (NY) Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. While there, she was elected President of the Syracuse Area of the Student Nurses Association of New York State, where she organized student nurses to support efforts to move the March of Dimes from a polio focus to birth defects. The next year as State Vice President, she led the group to apply political leverage to ensure that hospitals were teaching students rather than using them as inexpensive staff.

Upon graduation she married her husband of 54 years. As he was a military officer, she held positions in Officers' Wives' Clubs and participated in all manner of volunteer projects. Through his two deployments to Viet Nam, she enhanced a pre-school childcare program at her church and gained social security benefits for the staff.

Following assignments in Washington, the family went on a three-year tour to Korea. As an Army Community Service volunteer, she defeated bureaucratic inertia to establish child-care centers in Seoul. Overseeing a multinational staff and over several months establishing three centers, she was hired as Director and extended the concept to all in-country bases.

Upon their return stateside to Fort Monmouth, NJ, and based primarily on their extensive volunteer service in Korea, the McDonalds were named a Great American Family. Jill shortly became ACS Volunteer Supervisor with a staff of over 50. Many were young military spouses who needed paid employment. Jill envisioned, designed, and overcame command negativism to create the Family Member Employment Assistance Program. She gained official support and eventually funding to grow the program. She was a leader in expanding Army-wide and was acknowledged as a Subject Matter Expert for the Department of Defense. As an extension of FMEAP, she initiated an innovative program to expose nearly 500 teens to the "world of work" with her Summer Youth Volunteer Program.

Jill discovered her path to Federation based volunteerism when she joined the Woman's Club of Tinton Falls in 1983. Positions as Recording Secretary and First Vice-President led her to an extraordinary 19-year tenure as President and an active member of the Shore District.

Fast forward to 2012. After a working career as a mother of three, registered nurse, independent business owner and decades of volunteering, she and her husband retired and relocated to Mount Laurel to help their second son's family during his deployment to Afghanistan. Jill joined the Woman's League of Mount Holly where she first served as Public Issues Chairman collecting and sending over \$10,000 in discount coupons to military bases world-wide. Positions as Recording Secretary, Parliamentary Consultant and membership on many committees followed. In 2012, Jill was appointed to the NJSFWC Board as ALMANAC Chairman, then Headquarters Chairman in 2014. Her four-year appointment as Director of the NJSFWC Girls' Career Institute was a stellar accomplishment as enrollment increased to over 190 girls with over 100 clubs participating.

In recognition of her volunteer service there, the Woman's Club of Tinton Falls enrolled Jill on the NJSFWC Honor Roll and Order of the Lily. In 2014, the NJSFWC honored her with the Cecelia Gaines Holland Award for community service outside of Federation.

Jill has been an active volunteer at the Middle Atlantic Region conferences when they were hosted by New Jersey. In 2015, she organized a service project to assemble blankets from knitted squares. In 2019 she organized the collection and transportation of over 1000 pairs of shoes to Soles for Souls.

Well known for her baking, Jill prepared 100 dozen cookies for the 2018 and 2019 GFWC Holiday Open Houses.

In 2020, Jill was elected Garden District Vice President where she has led her 29 clubs through the trials and tribulations of the pandemic months. The NJSFWC is proud of our 2021 nomination; Jill McDonald.

NJSFWC PRESIDENT-ELECT**Shirley A. Holly**

This is a continuation of questions that have been asked of the District Vice Presidents from club Presidents and members.

Question - Bylaws; why is it important to get them approved by the Parliamentarian to Clubs?

A clubs' bylaws cannot be in conflict with the NJSFWC Bylaws. NJSFWC Bylaws cannot be in conflict with GFWC Bylaws. The Parliamentarian will review to see that they are not in conflict, she may see that a procedure is convoluted and offer a simple suggestion or she may suggest simplifying the verbiage. Ann Quinn, Parliamentary Consultant to Board stated "It is often a help to have someone outside the club take a look and perhaps offer something better. This Officer remembers when she was Parliamentary Consultant to Clubs, one club took out the quorum because they could never get that number at a meeting, and of course they made it worse because without a number their quorum was a majority of the entire membership".

Question - How do we choose which Federation Projects to support when we have limited funds and want to help our community too?

There is nothing that states each club must support Federation projects. Clubs pick and choose which projects they choose to support. We encourage clubs to support Federation with whatever it is they can do – if a club can only donate one or two Christmas stockings, we are happy for their support. That is the power of Federation when we all come together. Two stockings may not seem like much, but when added to the other stockings clubs have donated, we make a powerful statement with our support!

If there are other questions you would like answered, please email this officer at holly@njsfwc.org

NJSFWC SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**Barbara McCloskey**

Updated report forms and instructions should be received by all Club Presidents by early October. The materials are also all on the NJSFWC website.

Although the President receives this information, it does not mean it cannot be shared with other club members. Some clubs have a Report Writing Chairman or a committee that writes reports. Other clubs hand out the report forms to the specific Department Chairman for them to complete.

Whatever method you use, please be sure to share the instructions, along with the report forms to your members. It is not too early to review the forms; you do not have to wait until January 1st to start looking at the materials and try to remember what projects and fundraisers you completed over the past year.

Keeping records throughout the year will also make this project go so much easier. If you do not use a Report Form, there is a sample on the NJSFWC website, under Materials with instructions.

You should not look at report writing as a stressful or difficult task! It is a recap and history of what your club has accomplished over the past year. The information can be used for press releases, sharing with members, the community and potential members.

As our NJSFWC President Jan Hanson has stated. "When I mention reports I mentally hear a collective groan; however, I would like everyone to consider how important report writing is to our history and our future. Instead of looking at reports as an unappealing chore, consider it a privilege to record your accomplishments for present and future members to share. Find ways to make report writing fun. We need your voice in order for our voice to soar."

When you add up all the volunteer hours and dollars you may have donated, you can be proud of what your club has accomplished, and also review if the projects were worth the effort, or how you can make changes for the future.

In 2020, New Jersey clubwomen reported a total of 16,963 projects, 320,119 hours, \$1,299,636 and in-kind \$960.862. These numbers are based on approximately 2/3 of clubs reporting.

Can you image the figures if all clubs reported?

NJSFWC THIRD VICE PRESIDENT**Susan Chambers**

Membership. Leadership. Communication. These three areas overlap over and over again when we think of retaining members and gaining new ones. Your club probably has a Membership Chairman, but does she have a committee to help her? It's not the responsibility of one person alone to maintain and increase membership. ALL members are needed to help out and each member can take the lead.

Ask members to bring a guest to a meeting or two. Every one of us knows someone outside of our club to invite: a fellow religious congregant, a book club member, a sewing group friend, a neighbor, a former classmate, a recently retired co-worker. Once she (or he!) sees what your club is all about, how much enjoyment you get from it, and enjoys refreshments with you, they may very well want to join too.

Communicate to your members the importance of reaching out. And ASK for new members on your Facebook page, your website, and your town's website/newsletter. Let the community know of all the great work you do. AND that you have fun doing it! Post pictures of projects and gatherings. And remember to "talk it up" wherever you go!

Remember to join us at State Fall Conference when we'll announce the Club with the greatest membership increase for 2020 as well as the winners of the NJSFWC Grant campaign.

Let's give a hearty welcome to NJSFWC's newest members:

North Brunswick Woman's Club

Barbara Russell

Franklin Woman's Club

Doreen Sirjue

Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills

Susan Byrne

Woman's Club of BrielleKaren Ostberg
Kattia Lohmann**Woman's Club of Belleville**Gabrielle Bennet-Meany
Doris Cortes-Delgado
Kimberly France
Jacqueline Guaman
Isabelle Hayman
Brenda Pacheco
Danyale Wells**Woman's Club of Rutherford**Janice Chapman
Cany Gill
Diana Grassi
Geraldine Lewis
Danielle O'Connor
Renuka Pinto**Woman's Club of West Milford**Marisa Denzler
Barbara Tirado**NJSFWC FINANCIAL SECRETARY****Christina Burlew**

This Officer thanks all the clubs that have either emailed or mailed in their 990-N (e-postcard) confirmation that states "You have successfully filed your 990". If your club is under the NJSFWC 501(c) 3 umbrella, you need to file by November 15th and send a copy of the IRS confirmation to Chris Burlew, NJSFWC Financial Secretary, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. If your club name does not appear on the confirmation, please write the name of your club on the copy. Remember to print the screen before logging off and keep a copy for your club's files.

This form is for tax-exempt organizations with gross receipts of less than \$50,000 per year. There may be a penalty assessment for filing late and clubs that fail to file for three consecutive years will automatically lose their tax

NJSFWC FINANCIAL SECRETARY (Continued)

exempt status. Revocation of the club's tax exempt status will happen on the filing due date of the third consecutively missed year. In order to avoid spending extra money and time to be reinstated, do not miss the deadline.

For valuable tips and explanation of the different Financial Forms that need to be filed, go to the njsfwc.org website. Click on Materials at the top and then choose Treasurer & Financial Information, Forms.

Gertrude Hawk Candy will be available for purchase for the Holidays. Information will be in next month's ALMANAC.

COLLEGE DISTRICT

Mary Lou Bak

Returning to familiar routines, clubs marked the start of the year with children in mind. The **Princeton Area Junior Woman's Club** collected clothing, shoes, socks, and underwear for the first day of school. They wanted students to experience that same special feeling members recall from their own youth with a new outfit for the new school year. The outfits along with backpacks full of school supplies were provided to Homefront, which strives to lessen the stressors of homelessness. The **Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook** had a book drive for toddlers and infants.

Fundraising also began in earnest. The **Branchburg Woman's Club** held a basket auction at the Branchburg Country Fair, and prepared information promoting the club to distribute at the fair. Coming up in October is a garage sale by the **East Brunswick Woman's Club** to support local charities and scholarships. The sale is on Friday and Saturday, October 8th and 9th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 11 Darby Road - East Brunswick. Gearing up to hold their Flea Market after a year and a half, the **North Brunswick Woman's Club** will be hosting vendors on Saturday, October 9th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 710 Hermann Road-North Brunswick. The **Franklin Woman's Club** will hold an online auction on the Bidding Owl website, www.biddingowl.com, beginning mid-October and running through the beginning of November.

In addition to the annual fall drive for Operation Holiday Stocking, clubs are collecting arts and crafts supplies for Children's Specialized Hospitals for delivery during Advocacy for Children week, October 24th – 30th, 2021.

GARDEN DISTRICT

Jill McDonald

This report is being written in anticipation that the Garden District September Council will have been held at the beautiful clubhouse of The **Haddonfield Fortnightly**. A light early evening meal with COVID precautions will have been enjoyed by those enjoying being together once again. If all went well, members not quite ready to be together yet will still have been able to tune in by Zoom.

Club members were honored as they were placed on the NJSFWC Honor Roll or Order of the Lily at the Summer Conference. The General Federation of Women's Clubs Convention is just behind us. Ladies who have been in office for over a year were finally officially installed there. And then came the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference where those attending gained more knowledge about the bigger picture. Now the NJSFWC Fall Conference is just ahead.

Several clubs have been more active as some COVID restrictions were lightened and the weather allowed for outside activities in the parks or members' back yards. **Woman's Club of Wenonah** saw good crowds at their weekly Farmers' Market. **Woman's League of Mt. Holly** took activities to area migrant children. Other clubs collected school supplies. Clubs are raising funds by scheduling collection and pick-up days with the Bargain Center in Philadelphia. Others have held Hoagie and Pizza sales to support local businesses. Seamstresses have been making holiday stockings to be filled for Operation Yellow Ribbon and New Jersey Cares.

Many clubs are gathering supplies on the Operation Smile Inventory List and turning them in at Headquarters or packing them to bring to Fall Conference. Those donations will be taken to Operation Smile Headquarters in Virginia Beach just after Fall Conference.

HIGHLANDS DISTRICT**Nancy Levy**

The clubs in the Highlands finished up the summer in strong fashion. Clubs participated in their local National Night Out events, Back-to-School collections abounded, and many of the clubs attended Operation Chillout's Vets Summer Fest in Budd Lake and helped out at the Federation table that day.

Blair Woman's Club's members met at a club picnic and had a member book exchange of favorite pandemic reading materials.

The **Woman's Club of Boonton** held a Pizza Fundraiser to benefit Family Promise, and partnered with Thrivent, a group that works with non-profits to support their communities.

The **Woman's Club of the Denville-Rockaway Area** held an Afternoon Garden Tea Party, an elegant high tea with delicious food.

The **Long Valley Woman's Club** has been using its Cluster Program to keep its members connected.

The **Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills** participated in the "Support Our Troops" coupon collection, and continues to make new blankets for Project Linus.

The **Roxbury Woman's Club** participated in their town's community-wide yard sale at Horseshoe Lake, and is distributing Vial of Life kits.

The **Woman's Club of Sparta** Co-Presidents were sitting pretty; they rode in the Sparta Township Parade in a member's convertible.

The **Washington Woman's Club** held a Tricky Tray and Luncheon, and is having a Jane Austen Quilt raffle.

LIBERTY DISTRICT**Ellen Lund**

No pandemic can stop the Liberty District Clubs from continuing their activities.

The **Woman's Club of Allwood** is collecting socks for the Veterans home and have an ongoing hygiene shower with collection boxes at the Library and Hair Salon.

The **Junior Woman's Club of Arlington** will be participating at Kearny's annual Dog Pawrade in October with a doggie-themed craft and a story time.

The **Woman's Club of Arlington** is collecting items for Operation Yellow Ribbon. Members will begin decorating Thanksgiving placemats for the residents at Alaris Nursing facility. Members continue to volunteer weekly at the Kearny Food Pantry Network.

EMD of Arlington will be hosting a Touchtone Crystal Jewelry Zoom fundraiser on October 21st. The program for the October meeting is Backyard Beekeeping by Brandi-Leigh Miller.

The **Woman's Club of Belleville** are filling Christmas stockings for Operation Yellow Ribbon and organizing a clothing drive.

Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights is having a Fall Harvest Festival Fundraiser on October 19th at Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence from 1-4 p.m. Games and homemade desserts will be available.

An International Buffet Dinner with members bringing ethnic dishes to share will be hosted by the **Woman's Club of Caldwell**. The program will be a presentation on the lively Mexican holiday "Dia de los Muertos" (Day of the Dead). Attendees will also create a drawing of a decorative sugar skull to be used as a Halloween decoration.

LIBERTY DISTRICT (Continued)

Liberty District Past Presidents' will hold their fall meeting and Luncheon on Thursday, October 14th at the **Women's Club of Upper Montclair**. Members will be collecting puzzle books and pens for veterans and monetary donations to benefit Brady's Buggies.

On October 15th, the **Montclair Women's Club** will kick off their year with an Art Pop-Up Event from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Women artists will be featured along with Champagne tasting. On Tuesday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m., the Club will mark National Domestic Violence Awareness Month with speaker Cynthia Walker, founder and director of S.O.F.I.A. (Start Out Fresh Intervention Advocates). Friday, October 29th will feature April Smith of the Haunts of Montclair podcast.

The Lilies will meet on Monday, October 25th at Headquarters at 10:00 a.m. They will be bringing to the Veterans Hospital various toiletries and hard candy.

On October 6th the **Women's Club of Upper Montclair** will be celebrating their 120 + 1 Anniversary. On October 13th, they will be hosting an International Luncheon and on October 27th a Goulash Luncheon to benefit Operation Chillout. **West Orange Women's Club** will be launching a Spelling Bee.

PALISADES DISTRICT

Debbie Cibelli

As the leaves begin to turn, our district clubs have been "raking" up ideas, bringing all members and sisters together again.

Woman's Club of Paramus has had an exciting fall. They will celebrate their 75th Anniversary on October 28th with a fabulous event which will include local officials, NJFWC representatives and their wonderful members.

The **Woman's Club of Ridgefield Park** is having a Bake Sale on Oct 2nd and 3rd and they are participating in their Town Street Fair in hopes of recruiting new members on Oct 30th.

The **Woman's Club of Carlstadt** had their installation and awards and in addition, they were able to start up collecting for their food bank again.

The **Woman's club of Norwood/Northvale** will be hosting a Beefsteak Dinner Fundraiser on October 15th at the Northvale American Legion Post 366. Interested? Call Mary at 201-988-5351.

Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights held a raffle to benefit Operation Chillout. It featured four beautiful handmade Afghans each a different design and color made by members of their club.

Woman's Club of Haworth held their opening luncheon on September 21st, 2021 at Ragazzi. It was nice for all to gather again.

Junior Woman's Club of Harrington Park set up a booth at their town's farmers market every other week to recruit new members. They also took part in River Edge Town Day selling ice cream. **Woman's Club of Rutherford** was proud to have collected food for their two food pantries in town.

Woman's Club of Dumont continues to work hard on baskets and prizes for their Tricky Tray, scheduled for Friday, May 20th, 2022. The **Woman's Club of Lyndhurst** donated \$535 in backpacks and school supplies for Lyndhurst students in need.

RAMAPO DISTRICT

Marie Sullivan

The Ramapo District Clubs were terrific as they started September strong. Meetings are planned and fundraisers in the works, as Clubs start the new year. After proving to themselves and others just how resilient they are, they know nothing can hold them back from their goals of helping their communities.

RAMAPO DISTRICT (Continued)

After a huge yard sale in late September, **Suburban Woman's Club of Pompton Plains** will have a booth at Pequannock Township's Annual Hoe-Down October 16th. They will have Christmas cards to color for our soldiers that they'll include in the Operation Yellow Ribbon Stockings. They'll also have a raffle for a small quilt made by one of their members. They'll be giving out 'Save A Life' Life Saver cards reminding women to have an annual mammogram.

Club Members of the **Woman's Club of West Milford Township** will be doing the autumn lights festival, a town wide event where 20,000 people will be traveling down Main Street. They will hand out handmade masks, sell crafts made by members, and promote their club by inviting prospective new members to their next meeting.

The **Past President's Club** met in person at the Riverdale Community Center. The members in attendance were happy to see each other again! After a brief meeting with reports from the Treasurer and Special State Project Chairman, members enjoyed their brown bag lunch with desserts provided. Bingo games were played and prizes were given out, much to the winner's delight.

The **Contemporary Club of Ho-Ho-Kus** held their "Annual Garden Party", welcoming current and new members to the 2021/2022 Club year. What a great way to start the year!

The **Junior Woman's Club of Ramsey** will host: Touch-a-Truck at Farmer's Market, Local vehicles (police, fire, rescue, ambulance, DPW, etc.) gather to allow kids to pretend to play on the vehicles-honk the horn, ride in the back seat, etc. It's a fun, family event! All donations collected go to the non-profits in Ramsey. The Juniors will be holding their annual Pumpkin Decorating at the Farmers Market.

SHORE DISTRICT**Randi Quilici**

The Shore District is wearing masks, keeping busy, staying safe, healthy, and having fun. The **Woman's Club of Brielle** is reviewing their revised bylaws with members; the KnitWits committee is making hats for infants and chemo patients at Jersey Shore Hospital, and the weekly golf committee continues playing at Bel Air Golf Course.

Woman's Club of Brick Township made and delivered Silver Fox Goodie Bags for the elderly who cannot leave their home.

Woman's Club of Colts Neck October meeting starts with the collection of 40 Operation Yellow Ribbon stockings. They are also planning their Veteran's Luncheon by hosting Veteran's and their families who attend the town's Veteran's Day Ceremony. A sit-down lunch is planned. Members are also looking forward to the State Fall Conference.

GFWC Woman's Club of Matawan is having a Tea and Basket Auction fundraiser as well as a Games Luncheon if the Delta strain is not causing too much havoc. **Jersey Shore** Woman's Club is looking forward to the NJSFWC State Fall Conference.

Little Silver Woman's Club is distributing flyers for their Military Project (collecting gowns) and Got Sneakers fundraisers. They are contacting local gyms and corporations for donations. A special thank you to Alexandria Sarra and all the members of the Montville Township Woman's Club for their numerous gowns, evening shoes, bags, and jewelry.

Woman's Club of Middletown is delivering stockings for Operation Yellow Ribbon. **Woman's Club of Spring Lake** is traveling to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country and the Sight and Sound Theater for an overnight trip. Two local council speakers will discuss Spring Lake at their meeting. The Evening Group is also having a "Jeans for Teens" service project, and a jewelry appraisal evening.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT**Pamela McNamee**

Now that summer is behind us we can get down to the business of having regular meetings and helping our communities. Several clubs started their club year with activities in September with great success and members looking forward to upcoming activities and events.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT (Continued)

The **Woman's Club of Absecon's** October activities has members planning events to get members involved. One activity involves going into the schools for their "Say No to Drugs" program. They also plan to take part in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser.

The **Colony Club of Ocean City** will be very busy in October. Their activities include being part of the Citywide Block Party selling water and juice boxes. The money raised will be donated to the Special State Project, Operation Chillout. They will have a fundraiser at Randazzo's Restaurant. The 15% of sale will help the club's budget. The third Saturday of October will be spent cleaning up the 16th Street beach during the citywide "clean the beach" event. The fourth Monday finds the club taking part in the citywide "Welcome Night" event that offers information to residents regarding organizations and services available in Ocean City. The speaker for the Colony Club's meeting will be a retired member of the Secret Service, Jim Solarski.

The **Millville Woman's Club** October activities include the annual International Luncheon where members bring an ethnic dish to share. Members will be asked to tell about the origins of their dish. These side dishes and desserts will be shared with those present. The members will also take part in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser and the Civic Engagement and Outreach's Walk to Fight Suicide. Members will enjoy the fun at the Halloween Game Day and their readers look forward to the monthly Book Discussion day.

THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Lynn Webb

October is the best time to visit art galleries and museums with your club. Where do you find art galleries in your area? Search the internet and check out what is happening in your town. There may be an exhibit at the library or the municipal building.

Universities have their own galleries, and they are open for visitors. Here is contact information to schedule a visit at the Ben Shahn Center for the Visual Arts located at The William Paterson University, 300 Pompton Road, Wayne, NJ 07470. The phone number is 866-573-1793. Ask if there are virtual exhibits like they had last year.

This Chairman has visited the Grounds for Sculpture, 80 Sculptures Way Hamilton, NJ 08619. Their phone number is 609-586-0616. Choose a nice day to walk around outside and admire the sculptures. It is breathtaking and worth the trip. A great place to capture a photo opportunity.

The **Haddon Fortnightly Woman's Club** researched virtual tours for exhibits, galleries, and museums. The museum may request a donation or charge a fee. Here is a short list of places to explore on the internet:

- Tours around New Jersey www.jerseyarts.com
- Tour in France - Louvre Museum check their website <https://www.louvre.fr/en>
- Tour in New York -The Metropolitan Museum of Art www.metmuseum.org

Last year, the **Blair Woman's Club** of Blairstown visited the 1833 Martin Museum Guitar Factory, 510 Sycamore St Nazareth, PA. Unfortunately, the museum is closed to the public due to COVID. Anyone interested in a future visit, please complete the inquiry on their website: www.martinguitar.com

Explore in person or virtually in your communities and report your findings next year.

THE ARTS/PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Rosemarie Saviello

The Writing Contest

What kind of experiences did you have this past year? How do you feel about "getting back to normal?" Everyone has a story they can tell, so why not put it in writing? Now is the time to get started to write a story or poem and enter it in the NJSFWC Writing Contest. Your writing entries must fall into the following five categories:

1. Book Review: 2,000 word limit. Please use "Word Count" when creating your document.

THE ARTS/PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (Continued)

2. Haiku: 17 syllables (5-7-5). Only one entry per person.
3. Play or Skit One act: This should be a 10 – 15 minutes play/skit.
4. Poetry: Minimum 8 lines, maximum 50 lines, any style.
5. Short Story: 2,000 word limit. Please use “Word Count.”

Rules for Your Writing Pieces:

Every contest must have rules so that the contest is fair. Please read the rules carefully.

1. Entries must be written during the contest year.
2. Entries must be the original work by the author and not published prior to the competition.
3. Entries must be typed, double spaced, printed on one side only with minimum margins of 1 inch on all four sides, on 8 ½ x 11 paper.
4. Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page:
 - a. Author’s name
 - b. Email address if available
 - c. Mailing address
 - d. Telephone number
 - e. Name of local club and state
 - f. Category
 - g. Title of writing piece
 - h. Professional or Amateur Writer. A professional’s earnings must not exceed \$500 annually.
5. Enclose a \$1.00 entry fee to cover all entries per person/per entry. So, if you have more than one entry, a \$1 fee must be enclosed for each entry. Make checks payable to NJFSWC earmarked “Writing Contest.”
6. All entries are judged by content, organization, and form. Decision of the judges is FINAL.
7. Entries will not be returned to authors. You should keep a copy for yourself.
8. First Place State winners in Short Story and Poetry will be sent for judging in the GFWC Member Short story and Poetry contests by the State Chairman. A release form must accompany all entries. Please see the flyers enclosed for the “Creative Arts Waiver” form.
9. Winners will be notified.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Gail Kovacs-Felici****Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial Commemoration**

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has served as the heart of Arlington National Cemetery. It is a people’s memorial that inspires reflection on service, valor, sacrifice and mourning. In March of 1926, soldiers from Fort Myer were assigned to guard the Tomb during daylight hours. Since 1937 there has been a sentinel on duty in front of the Tomb every minute of every day.

Following a tradition established by the British and French, an American Unknown from the Great War was interred on the plaza of the Memorial Amphitheatre on Armistice Day 1921. The hastily built simple marble sarcophagus served as the nation’s primary monument of the Unknown until the addition of the more elaborate and current die stone in 1932. In 1958, Unknowns from World War II and the Korean War were buried in separate crypts in front of the main monument. A Vietnam Unknown was designated and buried in 1984, but this body would be later disinterred and identified through the use of new DNA technology.

Wreath laying ceremonies (arrangements are encouraged to use white roses in their design) are conducted thousands of times each year by many organizations. The Society of the Honor Guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (SHGTUS) has a free Community Presentation Program (1 hour) that can be virtually obtained.

Throughout this year, the Arlington National Cemetery will hold events leading up to the centennial ceremony on November 11th, 2021. The public will be able to experience and participate in the commemorative events in many ways, both at the cemetery and virtually (www.arlingtoncemetery.mil). NJFSWC clubs can co-ordinate with their community in various ways - A “Never Forget” garden, planted in town or at a local Veteran’s Administration Center, can be designated with an 11” x 17” marker. The marker (\$122) can be obtained through tombguard.org. The DVD “Voices from the Tomb” runs for 56 minutes and would make an excellent program and is available for \$25.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Brandi-Leigh Miller****SPELLING BEES R-E-T-U-R-N**

There's a buzz in the air – it's the excitement and energy that crops up around the state as students prepare to spell their hearts out in hopes of becoming the next spelling champion. After being sidelined by the pandemic, this Chairman is hopeful that the NJSFWC Spelling Bee program will be on track for the 2021-2022 season. Information and template materials for local clubs are available in the materials section of the NJSFWC website under the **Education & Libraries** heading.

Dates for District contests will be announced in the fall and the State Spelling Bee contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th, 2022 at Headquarters.

Local clubs who would like to schedule a local Spelling Bee contest or would like more information about how to host a local contest should contact their District Spelling Bee Chairman or Education & Libraries Community Service Program Chairman, Brandi-Leigh Miller at miller@njsfwc.org or (202) 201-4488 for assistance.

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO): "ENLIGHTERN YOUR OWN PATHWAY"

The honorary educational society Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) was organized in 1928 as an adult education project of the Indiana Federation of Women's Clubs and was incorporated in 1930. Its purpose was to encourage clubwomen to read and study. Affiliated with GFWC in 1934, the first national meeting of ESO was held in 1934 at the GFWC Convention in Seattle. It provided a course of planned reading for members. Groups of clubwomen were eligible to take ESO courses for credit with supervision provided by an authorized educational agency such as a state university, college, or a state library. Full membership in the sorority could be achieved after completion of four courses. In 1938, ESO was accepted as part of the Adult Education Division of the GFWC Education Department.

The structure of the ESO reading program has changed with the times. It flourishes today by providing an educational reading program that stimulates a desire for self-improvement. Updates to the 23 categories on the reading list are based on selected best seller lists, American Library Association lists, Pulitzer and other prize lists, and GFWC-related topics. Support ESO and NJSFWC by officially joining our ESO Chapter. Send your check for \$2 (memo ESO) to Headquarters and complete the ESO application while you submit your book report online at the link below. For questions or to suggest a book for future NJSFWC book discussions, contact ESO Chairman Pat Trainor by email at pattee217@aol.com.

Reminder! You can now join ESO and submit your ESO Book Report online at <https://tinyurl.com/ESONJSFWC>

If you are on Facebook, be sure to search for **GFWC 2020 2022 ESO Book Club** and click the "join" button to be added to this private group. Don't miss out on the exciting and fresh ideas to energize your club projects!

BOOK DISCUSSION – NOVEMBER 10th

The Madame Curie Complex: The Hidden History of Women in Science, by Julie Des Jardins

Why are the fields of science and technology still considered to be predominantly male professions? The Madame Curie Complex moves beyond the most common explanations — limited access to professional training, lack of resources, exclusion from social networks of men — to give historical context and unexpected revelations about women's contributions to the sciences. Exploring the lives of Jane Goodall, Rosalind Franklin,

Rosalyn Yalow, Barbara McClintock, Rachel Carson, and the women of the Manhattan Project, Julie Des Jardins considers their personal and professional stories in relation to their male counterparts — Albert Einstein, Robert Oppenheimer, Enrico Fermi — to demonstrate how the gendered culture of science molds the methods, structure, and experience of the work.

With lively anecdotes and vivid detail, The Madame Curie Complex reveals how women scientists have often asked different questions, used different methods, come up with different explanations for phenomena in the natural world, and how they have forever transformed a scientist's role.

Add this to your reading list...a book discussion will take place on November 10th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss these amazing women, their contributions, and how we can encourage girls and young women to pursue STEM fields in their local schools and beyond. To receive the Zoom information for this call, contact ESO Chairman Pat Trainor by email at pattee217@aol.com.

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Dawn Pogosaew**

October 23rd, 2021 is "Make a Difference Day". Let's make this day a yearlong commitment for each of us to make a difference! Whether your club's environmental passion is animal welfare, recycling, gardening, or even getting together for lunch, we can celebrate this event all year and help "Make a Difference"!

We can make a difference at a local animal shelter like the **Haddon Fortnightly EMD Club** did by creating pet toys from upcycled t-shirts or the **Woman's Club of Emerson** by crocheting cat baskets and donating worn towels, sheets, and blankets. It could be as simple as asking each member to bring a can or bag of pet food to your next meeting to donate. Check with your local shelter to see what supplies they might need.

We can make a difference by gardening for wildlife in our yards. Start adding native plants to your yard that will sustain wildlife throughout New Jersey. This is a fantastic way to get information on creating a habitat. Let's help build the "Homegrown National Park"! Visit homegrownnationalpark.org, create an account and get on the map! Make sure to add NJSFWC at the bottom of the application to let them know that we are "Making a Difference"!

We can make a difference by reducing, reusing, and recycling every day! We can make a difference by the food we eat. Create a luncheon based on locally sourced ingredients. Start planning a "seasonal" luncheon by using vegetables and herbs that your club members grew or purchase food from local farmers markets and truly create a "Farm to Table" meal!

Whatever environmental area your club is committed to, "We Can Make A Difference"!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**Claire Hill**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Please remind your members to schedule a mammogram. Wear pink at your meeting to bring awareness to Breast Cancer.

Time to think about flu shots. If you have not gotten one, Walgreen's Pharmacy will be offering shots at Fall Conference. Since Walgreens donates to 'Shot for Life' for each shot, please consider going to your local Walgreens for your shot. Please remind members to report their shot for the end of year report. If you need a COVID-19 vaccination or booster there must be a month between your flu shot and your COVID shot.

Consider a donation to Heifer. You can donate in honor of a loved one, or in the name of a grandchild. These donations help people in underserved countries to make a living and feed their families.

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**Jane Mackesy**

GFWC Advocates for Children Week, is October 24th – 30th. If you are making plans to do any activities, be sure to fill out the GFWC, 'Stick Your Neck Out' Award form which is in the September Advocates for Children, 2021 Bulletin. For project ideas, check the Advocates for Children Supplement, on the NJSFWC website, or go to the GFWC Advocates for Children page. Please, let me know if you apply.

Just a reminder, if you couldn't bring Arts and Crafts donations for Children's Specialized Hospitals, to your September Council, you may bring/send them to the State Fall Conference. The suggested items are listed in the September Almanac and the July 14th eConnection. Thanks to all who have donated.

Here are a few of the Top Advocates for Children projects from 2020.

- "Pillow Talk ", was a project done by the **Thursday Morning Club**, Highlands District. A representative from CASA, educated students in the BASC program (Before and After School), who are not in Foster Care, about the System, The students were then given plain, pillowcases to decorate, for children, in the CASA program. Seventy-five pillowcases were decorated. Some Club members used brightly colored material, to make an additional 12 pillowcases. The pillowcases were given to the local CASA office to be distributed. The Club reported 14 volunteer hours and In-Kind donations of \$675.00.

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN (Continued)

- Before COVID-19 hit the **Woman's Club of Point Pleasant**, Shore District, used their Martin Luther King, Day of Service, to be Advocates for Children. One station at the event, was set up to create 30 Paper Bag puppets. These colorful and creative puppets were donated to Children's Specialized Hospital.
- The **GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly** chose the Pinelands Family Success Center, as the recipient of much of their time and treasure. The year-long support, included a Warming Tree with hats, scarves and gloves. They made desserts for monthly Family nights, until March, and made Easter Baskets. They delivered four Birthday Bags a month until March and resumed delivery in September. Thirteen, filled backpacks were donated and \$1,290.00 in gift cards were donated for Christmas gifts.

COMMUNICATIONS

Carole Speechley

Club Newsletters:

Club newsletters help keep your members informed, and can build enthusiasm for your projects.

Monthly newsletters help your members keep track of club deadlines, activities, events and projects. They are also great reminders for club projects and fundraisers, and also a great way to share what District and state events are planned. Using emails for members who have it, the cost of a club newsletter is very low and the benefits are high.

There are Two Newsletter Contests you really should enter! Information on both contests can be found in the Communications Supplement which, along with the forms for the **NJSFWC Newsletter Contest**, can all be found on the njsfwc.org website in the Materials section under Communications. Information on the **GFWC Newsletter Contest** can be found in the Membership Portal on gfwc.org. Go to folder "c" in your digital library, select "Club Manual", then select "Awards and Contests".

One of the requirements of the newsletter contest is "**Club name, District, NJSWFC of GFWC, Club President, contact information and date must appear on front page.**" While your newsletter is an important way to keep your members informed and involved, it is also a great tool for attracting new members. Your newsletter could be given to guests at your meetings and events, and handed out at your table at town events. It's important that anyone you give your newsletter to can easily find how to contact you.

Another 2020 Club Project

The **Woman's Club of Cranbury's** Historian creates scrapbook pages for each club, community and Federation event they participate in using the My Memories software package. These pages include attractive backgrounds, departmental logos, photographs, statistics and comments. They are saved in pdf format and uploaded to their website for others to see what their club is doing. At the end of the club year a printed version of the scrapbook is made to be shared at a meeting and kept for their history.

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM

Ora Kokol

It is getting to be Crunch Time! Start gathering all your information and photos for your Community Impact Program (CIP) entry now! All entries must be within the Award time period – January 1st, 2020 – December 31st, 2021, to be eligible. Here are a few suggestions to consider before submitting your entry.

Does it promote NJSFWC and/or GFWC? Does it make a difference? Does it have a continuous promotion for making a difference? Does it promote our mission of volunteering? Please consult your State Yearbook or the Supplement CIP page on our website for all the requirements necessary to make your entry viable. There have been many changes made to this program, both additions and deletions.

All of your Community Impact Program entries must be sent to this Chairman by February 15th, 2022 to be eligible to be judged. This Chairman will be anxiously waiting to receive your clubs innovative projects that you will be entering.

FALL CONFERENCE/PROGRAM ASSISTANCE**Patricia Mignella**

We are finally at the homestretch in the preparations for our STATE FALL CONFERENCE to be held on Monday, October 18th, 2021 at the Battleground Country Club, Manalapan, NJ. As our DEADLINE to register was October 4th, the hard-working Committee Members and this Chairman and Vice Chairman are looking forward to a large and enthusiastic gathering of women excited to bond together in Fellowship for a wonderful day of learning, inspiration, tributes and shopping with familiar and new vendors. In addition, Walgreens will once again offer flu, pneumonia and shingles shots to those with proper insurance identification.

Morning speakers will include Chris Sienkielewski, NJSFWC Legislation/Resolutions Chairman; Jim White, Executive Director of Covenant House, NJ and Jenna Mellor from NJ No Harm Reduction Coalition. Following Lunch, the afternoon Keynote Speaker will be Eric Nelson, Museum Technician for the Palisades Interstate Park Commission. His topic will be the historic Kearny House. Before adjournment, there will be a presentation of the GFWC and Membership Awards.

President Jan Hanson is eager to greet everyone as we "LET OUR VOICES SOAR"!

{Directions for the Battleground Country Club & the Radisson Hotel are included in this ALMANAC}

**GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT:
DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION****Joyce Fredericks**

Ask your local shelter if they need any help with items for their Thanksgiving dinner. If they do, now is the time to announce to your membership if anyone is getting a free turkey, and if they want to donate one. The shelter may need more than one turkey. If no one is expecting a free one, suggest you circulate a basket among your members to donate towards a gift certificate to your local supermarket for purchasing a turkey and fresh vegetables. Ask your club to donate items such as potatoes, piecrust mix, can of pumpkin for the pie, maybe special napkins. If the shelter has any other suggestions, you can mention it at your October meeting. Also, if anyone has Thanksgiving knickknacks they can donate or a bag of candy corn. Use your imagination as to what could help make their dinner fun and take their mind off of their situation.

This Chairman would like to share some projects reported in the GFWC Report as follows:

The **GFWC Women's Club of Bloomfield**, a club of 43 members adopted a Safe House in their area and held a Housewarming Shower for the residents to furnish their apartments. Items donated included bathroom sets, sheets, comforters, blankets, kitchen utensils, kitchen towels, pot holders, dinnerware set, flatware, blenders, toaster, hand mixer, a toaster oven, a Microwave, coffee maker with mugs and coffee, crock pots, knives, detergents, paper towels, toilet tissues, electric slicers, can openers, Rubbermaid take-along, glasses, bath towels, and gift cards.

Notes wishing them well in their new life and stepping away from abuse was included. (75 hours, \$25.00 and in kind \$2100. Another project involved Valentine's Day where the Chairman purchased candy hearts for the residents of our "safe house." These candies were to be given to the children to give to their Moms. Homemade cookies and dipped chocolate pretzels were wrapped and put on a decorative platter as a treat for all. A card signing party was held at the President's home where members gathered to sign the cards with supportive and inspirational messages of encouragement and praise and strength. (2 projects, 25 hours, \$150.00 and \$75 in kind donations)

Despite COVID, this club contacted the Director of the Safe House to find out what might be needed. Her response was that due to COVID, many residents were being moved to hotels to maintain the safe distancing rules. The need was for microwavable food products, plastic utensils, paper products peanut butter and jelly, crackers and diapers newborn size 6. Members responded overwhelmingly. (40 hours \$1,250 and \$1,375 in kind donations). TOTAL PROJECTS 15,470 HOURS, \$1,250 in donations and \$5,460 in kind donations

The **GFWC Marlton Women's Club** a club of 40 members continued their support and special relationship with Catholic Charities of Burlington County, NJ Providence House, a domestic violence program and "safe" house. As many shelters experienced an urgent need for food, because of the pandemic shutdown, this club provided \$750 to offer immediate relief to the Providence House.

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION (Continued)

The needs of this organization was communicated to club members and as a result several food drives amongst the members and the community resulted in a several vans full of 35 full sized towels and wash cloths which is a constant need as it is part of a new client kit for incoming clients. The community drive included items for the pantry, cleaning supplies, food storage, laundry and paper products for the safe house and the extended client community. A request for backpacks and school items resulted in a large donation from members of crayons, notebooks, pencils, highlighters, markers, post-it notes and more.

A member of this club who happens to work with the Providence House as a trained domestic violence counselor notified the club of their need for Halloween party items for their PALS program. The Domestic Violence committee partnered with the Advocates for Children committee to provide donated pumpkins, treats and party items to help with the Providence House's party. In addition the club also provided gifts for the Holidays including purses, make up, cosmetic bags, perfume, personal care items and nail supplies. Designer purses were included in the community drive. Information about the GFWC Survivor Scholarship was also provided to the Shelter's contact. This club also worked with the Covenant House in Atlantic City, NJ who provides needed shelter and services for homeless teens and women at risk for human trafficking. After being notified of an emergency need during the pandemic, the club provided a \$750 donation providing them with food and other emergency services. A drive was undertaken to provide needed items like t-shirts, shorts, flip flops, food, snacks, sunscreen, and personal feminine products. . This club did 6 projects, 115 hours, \$1,525 in donations and \$1,000 in kind.

HISTORIAN

Maribeth Hugelmeyer

The Road to Headquarters....

Did you know that not all State Federations have their own headquarter building? We are one of the lucky states, but that was not always the case. From 1894 to 1900, the NJSFWC was in fact "homeless." During these early years, the Board of Directors alternated attending monthly meetings. These meetings were held at a member's home and frequently it was the home of the State President. The women would carry with them all the records and paperwork of their position. The Board Meeting would end promptly at 5pm since transportation was arduous and many traveled a distance.

As the organization began to grow, the need for a meeting room and storage area was realized. In 1900, such a space was obtained at 885 Broad Street, Newark, but after a few years, it again became evident that Federation "still needs a club home and field secretary." In 1914, a room was acquired at the Hotel McAlpin in New York City, free of charge. Travel into and out of New York City was difficult. After a few years, a room was available in the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark.

In February 1917 Federation moved once again, this time to a room in the YMCA Building at 53 Washington Street, Newark. This room came at the cost of \$200 per year. In 1927, a permanent secretary was hired. This building became "home" for the next 40 years. In 1959, Rutgers (who owned the building) needed the space, and we were asked to leave. They did however suggest a vacant space in the Griffith Building at 605 Broad Street, Newark which became our home for several years, until Federation once again, outgrew that space.

Clubwomen had discussed building our own headquarters for several years. When Lavenia S. Taylor became NJSFWC President in 1964, she announced in her acceptance speech that her main project for her administration would be the building of a NJSFWC Headquarters... and that she did!!

In the 2020 Women's History reports, fifty-nine of the seventy-seven clubs reporting stated that donations had been made to the 1894 Society which helps to pay the land lease to Rutgers for the property our building sits on. We thank you for your past support and look forward to your future support.

HONORS

Marie DiMatties

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT Awards were initiated in 1981, and have been co-sponsored by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs and Douglass Residential College of Rutgers, The State University.

The Women of Achievement (WOA) is awarded for contributing significantly through professional and personal accomplishments, activities and achievements on a local, state and national level. This year's Summer Conference Journal lists all the women who have received this award. Take a look around your club and community you may find at least one deserving candidate!

HONORS (Continued)

The deadline for submitting a nomination for the Women of Achievement award is November 15th, 2021. The nomination form was included in the September ALMANAC; additional information can be found on the website. The completed nomination form and supporting documentation should be sent to the Executive Assistant at NJSFWC Headquarters.

If you or your club has previously submitted nominees for this award, you may resubmit the nominee by updating the information and following the instructions as they may have changed.

Information pertaining to Women of Achievement as well as other NJSFWC Honors and Awards can be found on the njsfwc.org website under **Materials, Awards and Achievement Forms**.

LEGISLATION/RESOLUTIONS

Chris Sienkielewski

WHY ADVOCATE?

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot; Nothing is going to get better. It's not. Dr. Seuss.

The history of NJSFWC has shown that our members do care – especially when concerns throughout the world, our country, our state and our local community affects the lives of people. Look at some of NJSFWC legislative accomplishments:

- In 1911, our members studied national and state laws that affected women and children in jails and station houses stressing the importance of a resident woman physician on staff in every institution where women were confined.
- By 1920, the New Jersey Legislature realized that NJ clubwomen were active and vocal in expressing their opinions, especially in their letter writing campaigns.
- Between 1961 and 1962, our clubwomen promoted the nationwide 'Women's Crusade for Seatbelts and endorsed legislation making them mandatory.
- And, most recently, NJSFWC joined with other groups to save the Palisades from high towers.

Whether our members come back to face-to-face club meetings or continue with Zoom, they can still begin the process of looking at issues in which we can make a difference. Here are some ways your club can become advocates:

1. Form a small committee of members (even just 2 or 3) and look at the active NJSFWC Resolutions that express some issues in which your club members can be advocates. Take some time at each club meeting to discuss a particular issue or even to write individual letters about one resolution that is important to your members. Just think – this one little project – completed at a club meeting - can help to determine new policies or even new legislation that will solve a particular problem.
2. The committee may also wish to look at some state or local issue that may be of concern to your local/county or state communities. Look through newspapers or on the internet to study the issue and then begin the process of writing a resolution from your club to the Legislation/Resolutions Committee by December 15th. This Chairman is just a phone call or email away and always ready to lend a hand whether you need advice as to how to begin or even helping to do research.

So how do we know that all of our phone calls, emails, letters and resolutions work? The short answer is – we don't. Just like with any program or fundraising strategy, there is no guarantee that our advocacy efforts will yield the results that we want 100 percent of the time.

On the other hand, advocacy has the potential to deliver real, long-term solutions to issues that affect us now and for future generations. Our history reveals that NJSFWC is a leader in helping to make positive change in our environment, our safety, our food sources, and our health. We have the opportunity to stand on the shoulders of past members who sought for change and we benefit from their courage today. WE can do that for our members of the future.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**Linda Carbley****Attention!****Attention!****Attention!**

Now is the time for your club to nominate capable, interested women from your club to assume positions on the NJSFWC Board of Directors in order to participate in the work of the Federation for the 2022-2024 Administration.

Club eligibility is determined by:

1. A Woman's Club must be a member of NJSFWC for at least one year.
2. Clubs with an active membership of fewer than 80 members may propose no more than two members to serve as Trustees during any given two year period
3. Clubs with an active membership of 80 or more may propose no more than three members to serve as Trustees during any given two year period.

The President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the Office of President.

Candidates for First, Second, or Third Vice President shall have served as a member of the Board of Directors for at least four years at the time of the election, two of which shall be as an elected Trustee.

Candidates for the Offices of Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary shall have served as a member of the Board of Directors for at least two years at the time of the election.

Candidates for the Office of District Vice President shall be nominated by a club in her District. There are eight districts: College, Garden, Highlands, Liberty, Palisades, Ramapo, Shore, and Southern.

Chairman are also needed for each of the Community Service Projects.

To be eligible for nomination as a Trustee, each candidate shall have been an active member of the NJSFWC Woman's Club nominating her for at least one year at the time of her nomination. She shall be expected to remain an active member of her club for the term of office.

On or about November 1, 2021 each Club President will receive a mailing which will explain the procedure to follow for the nomination/endorsement of a candidate to serve on the NJSFWC Board of Directors. Included with the letter of instructions will be a white Nomination Blank. It is necessary that all instructions be read carefully and followed precisely. After the club has voted to nominate a member, the Nomination Blank must be signed by the Club President and the Recording Secretary.

Please include the following when returning the Nomination Blank:

1. Name, address, telephone number, and email of the nominee;
2. A headshot-passport size;
3. A narrative, not to exceed 200 words, describing the qualifications of the candidate.
- 4.

Please return all of the information to Linda Carbley, Chairman of Nominations and Elections, NJSFWC Headquarters, 55 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, postmarked **NO LATER** than **January 2, 2022**.

Please email the narrative and headshot to Linda Carbley, carbley@njsfwc.org

This is your club's opportunity to invest in the future of the NJSFWC by nominating a qualified candidate for the Board of Directors of the NJSFWC.

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT**Patricia Dahl**

This Chairman would like to thank all who sat at our table at Vets Summerfest, President Jan Hanson, Second Vice President Barbara McCloskey and members from the **Parsippany-Troy Hills, East Brunswick, West Essex,**

SPECIAL STATE PROJECT (Continued)

Vernon Township and the Absecon Clubs sat at the table. Stopping by were members from the Sparta Woman's Club and the Garden District Vice President. They sold our Special State Project Pins and raffle tickets for the quilt.

The tickets for the quilt are now available. The quilt ticket prices are 1 for \$10 and 3 for \$25. The measurements of the quilt is 96" by 106" which will fit a king size bed. The tickets are available until Convention 2022, where the lucky winner will have their ticket pulled. **Get YOUR TICKETS!!!** A picture of the quilt is on the website, njsfwc.org and on Facebook.

We are in the **second year** of our Special State Project and our **GOAL** is to raise as much money as possible for Operation Chillout so a large donation can be awarded to them at the 2022 Convention.

Our first of two state fundraiser will be November 18th at 11:30 a.m. The Southern Fall Fashion Show Luncheon will be at the Pennsauken Country Club. There was a registration form in the September ALMANAC with all the details. Reservations will be on a first come basis. The cost is \$42 a person. The fashions will be from Chico's. Meal choices will be Filet Mignon, Crab Cakes and Chicken Marsala, vegetarian and gluten free will be available upon request. Their food is worth the price of a ticket.

Our second State Fundraiser is still in the planning stages but will be in the north on Sunday afternoon, March 13th, 2022 at the Upper Montclair Club House. So mark your calendars.

Our District Chairmen are very busy planning their District Bunco Fundraisers. Please have your club help and participate in any way they can. If you don't know how to play Bunco don't worry directions will be explained at the fundraiser, anyone can play

This is a STATE PROJECT and this Chairman is asking as many clubs as possible to plan their own fundraisers, every dollar counts!!! **Please share with this Chairman all your ideas and plans regardless how large or small so she can share them with the rest of the state.** 'Let our Voices Soar for Operation Chillout for what NJSFWC has accomplished, even during a pandemic.

Thank you in advance for all you will do!!!!

WEBMASTER

Denise Hosier

The Watchword Is CAUTION!

There have been several scams going around in email, so here's a warning to protect yourself and your computer or device.

1. The scariest email that's been received lately might come from your website form or to an email address listed on your website. It comes from a purported attorney and says you are in violation of copyright on photos and are infringing on someone's rights. This is particularly upsetting because we all use photos from random places that might be copyrighted. **DON'T FALL FOR THIS!** If you click on a link in the email, it will take you to a website with another link. This second link might install ransomware on your computer or device and cause you to lose everything. Delete this email from your account right away!
2. A very common spam email will come from a friend or someone you know. It will be a short message saying they are away or their credit card has been frozen and they need your help in purchasing a gift card for a family member. **DON'T DO IT!** It means the sender's email has been hacked. Try to get in touch with them in some other way besides email and tell them they should change their email password immediately.

There are other scams out there, so the watchword is CAUTION! Be aware and be careful. If you have any suspicions at all, don't respond. And **NEVER CLICK ON THE LINKS!** As long as you exercise caution, you will keep your accounts and your devices safe.

DAY OF SERVICE**Barbara Rose**

November 13th, our Day of Service for Covenant House New Jersey, will help support their Mother-Child program Raphael's Life House (RLH) that saw nine babies delivered during the pandemic.

Rebecca, who went to RLH in April expecting a baby this summer says, "I came to Covenant House because I didn't have anywhere to go, and I was going house to house. Being at RLH means a lot to me. RLH has helped me with motherhood by providing a lot of basic training classes. Being a new mom is scary but receiving training like Baby Care Basics has helped a lot."

Amber came to Covenant House as a safe place to raise her daughter Madison who was born on December 8th, 2020. "I needed a place where I wasn't going to be judged. Being at RLH means I get a second chance. I am given the opportunity to get back on my feet and become the best mom I can be. RLH has helped me realize my past is not my potential and that I can and will do better for myself and my baby girl.... Since being at RLH I have been given housing opportunities, work employment and mom and baby support groups. RLH gets moms started with a youth savings plan to help deposit our work income. This has provided me with the financial literacy all moms should know."

Check out the Bulletin from September Councils for details on how you can help on November 13th, 2021.



**IMPORTANT
CONVENTION
INFORMATION**

NJSFWC Annual Convention Update

Bally's is unable to host our Convention in April 2022, therefore, we will be moving to the Tropicana. We will not be in the same tower as the Summer Conference, but in the North Tower which is closer to the Boardwalk, the casino and the main lobby.

There is also one more major change. **The Convention will start on Sunday, April 24th and conclude on Tuesday, April 26th. So please change your calendars.**

