



The Tulip Tattler



Newsletter

The Woman's Club of Brielle Newsletter

General Federation of Woman's Clubs;
New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs Shore District — March 2021

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GAIL HARREN

Spring is coming and with a third COVID vaccine from Johnson & Johnson approved and the increasing numbers of people being immunized, our closed world is beginning to slowly open! Hopefully we will be meeting in person soon, albeit outside.

Fundraising continues to go well and we are able to offer 5 scholarships this year- amazing! We received an anonymous donation for a \$1,000 scholarship designated to be given to a girl in true financial need who shows potential and who will not receive other scholarships. How wonderful to seek out such a girl! The Education Committee is working to identify that recipient. The scholarship application is on the website. Please spread the word.

As discussed at our last meeting, the Environment Community Service Program chair, Virginia, voiced concerns regarding the use of chemicals on the parks and fields here in Brielle. Alas! The borough will not be using them this year. Several members of the community, including Virginia and Cathy Shalloo of the Bayberry Garden Club have been advocating for this for several years. Hopefully this is a permanent decision.

We will be meeting March 18th both at the Brielle Library and via ZOOM. If you plan on coming to the library, please let me know as our number at the library is limited by their policy.

Be well everyone!



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DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Communications: *Cathy Cafone***

The Coast Star has received and published articles and photos on Dottie's House and the Veterans sweatshirt collections.

- **Bridge: *Constance Russell***

I have completed my course on Defense. While this class was a step above my experience level, one strategy I found helpful was "Signaling." In part, this communicates information on suit count critical to your partner's next lead. Following are two books on Defense: Introduction to Defender's Play (Kantor) and Kantor for Defensive Play. Be well. ♣

- **Civic Engagement: *Lucy Sanzalone***

The Civic Engagement committee is collecting Easter basket supplies for Dottie's House as well as items for Madonna House - Children's clothing in good condition is always needed. And, of course, food collection continues.

- **Corresponding Secretary: *Cathy Cafone***

The P.O. Box is checked regularly. All checks for the Agnes Higgins Memorial Scholarship, Membership, Friends of WCB, and Operation Chill Out are forwarded to the treasurer.

- **Federation Secretary: *Randi Quilici***

The 127th NJSFWC Annual Convention normally held in Atlantic City is virtual this year. Please save the dates; Monday, April 26th, one-hour workshops are scheduled throughout the day for Rain Gardens, The History of the Palisades, and Marine Mammal Stranding Center. Tuesday, April 27th, is the business session. If you are interested in attending, please register with Gail Harren. There is a \$10 charge per person.

The 2021 International General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Annual Convention is rescheduled to Saturday, August 28th, through Monday, August 30th. The in-person convention is at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis on Peachtree Center Ave in Atlantic, Georgia.

- **Literature: *Cheryl Campaniolo & Sally McCallen***

We met on Zoom February 17th at 10 AM. Two members attended and one was on the phone. We discussed "Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett. Unfortunately, there was a problem for the members to connect on Zoom. Sue Stenson agreed to host our next meeting, March 17th, and she has sent out the information to everyone. The March title will be "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See. We discussed the possibility of meeting outdoors in April, if weather permits. April's title will be "Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah. We ended our meeting at 10:30 AM.

- **Membership: *Sue Stenson & Laurie Ann Cooper***

We have two prospective members who have attended two meetings and have sent in their applications and dues. They both would like to be installed at the next Evening Group meeting on March 18th.

Maureen Johnson: Maureen is a Brielle resident. She owns an independent sales office managing credit card processing and e-commerce payments. In the 1990s she was a member of the Junior Woman's Club of Bernardsville. She enjoys gardening and playing tennis. Her father was involved with the Brielle Rotary and mentioned how involved our Club is in town, and Maureen thought she would inquire about us when she moved here in August 2020....which she did.

Michele Heinle: Michele has been a resident of Brielle since 1998, lives in Barclay Woods and works as a Project Manager at Bristol Myers Squibb. She has been a caregiver for her mom who recently passed away. She has never been a member of a volunteer organization before but would like to join us now. She likes reading, exercising, and restaurants. She heard about us through local awareness.

Reminder: \$50 Dues are due by April 1st. They will carry your membership until 3/31/22. Please mail your checks to The Woman's Club of Brielle, PO Box 502, Brielle, NJ 08730 and mark your check "Membership Dues" on the Memo Line. Thank you so much.

In the past we had a Club Profile (beautifully reproduced). Is there someone who would be willing to update this document? I don't have this document on my computer, but perhaps someone who knows how to scan and recreate a document could work on this?

- **Sunshine: *Cathy Cafone***

Please inform me of any members needing correspondences. Necessary telephone calls will be made as needed.

National Events: www.gfwc.org

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