



# 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 — May 2021

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### A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GAIL HARREN

Well, we made it! More than a full year of challenges with restricted gatherings and we've finished the year strong. Our zoom skills are spot on but we're ready to move forward. Congratulations to US!

I "attended" the virtual Shore District Conference and the NJSFWC Convention and we received several awards for the work the club has done under the most extraordinary of circumstances. I hope we will have the certificates to present at the May luncheon.

The May luncheon will be our first fully in person meeting since last summer...and I'm ready for it. It will be held at Riverfront Park in Point Pleasant, starting at noon on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Joan Leavitt has put together a picnic style event under the pavilion at the park. Box lunches are being ordered from Whole Foods with choices of a salad or 3 varieties of sandwiches. The charge is \$15. Unfortunately, there is no alcohol allowed at the park. Please contact Joan by Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> with your choice. Guests and prospective members are always welcome.

You know how we are always collecting? Yes, we still are. Please bring to the luncheon:

Old cookbooks- Cheryl is collecting

Costume jewelry- Joan and her committee are collecting

Cancelled stamps (no flag stamps)- Laurie is collecting

Used greeting cards- Laurie is collecting

Food- the need is so great now

Please be ready to sign up for next year's committees- we are hoping to gather at the Curtis House. Masks and distancing are still the words of the times.

Be well and I hope to see everyone on May 13th!

In peace, love and joy,

Gail Harren



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# DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **First Vice President- Ways & Means: Joyce Raspanti**

“From Our Kitchen” Cookbook Update- Great News!!!

Our cookbook has shipped from Nebraska on May 3<sup>rd</sup> (one week early!) so we should be able to hand deliver them to those who pre-ordered at our next general meeting. Of course, if you were not able to pre-order, we will have extra books for sale that day. We will also be advertising our book on our website, Facebook, and Instagram too.

This project was such a success -especially during this unique year! I am so proud of our club members and how they rallied to submit recipes, purchased books to share with friends and family, helped sponsor the production of the book, and contacted friends and businesses to sponsor the book which launched “The Friends of the Woman’s Club of Brielle”. As a result, the book is ALREADY PAID FOR IN FULL SO ALL PROCEEDS from our sales will support our charities this coming year.

I want to acknowledge and thank my committee for their input and countless hours of labor typing and proofing each recipe. Please forgive any omissions or errors- we did our best!

Thank you -

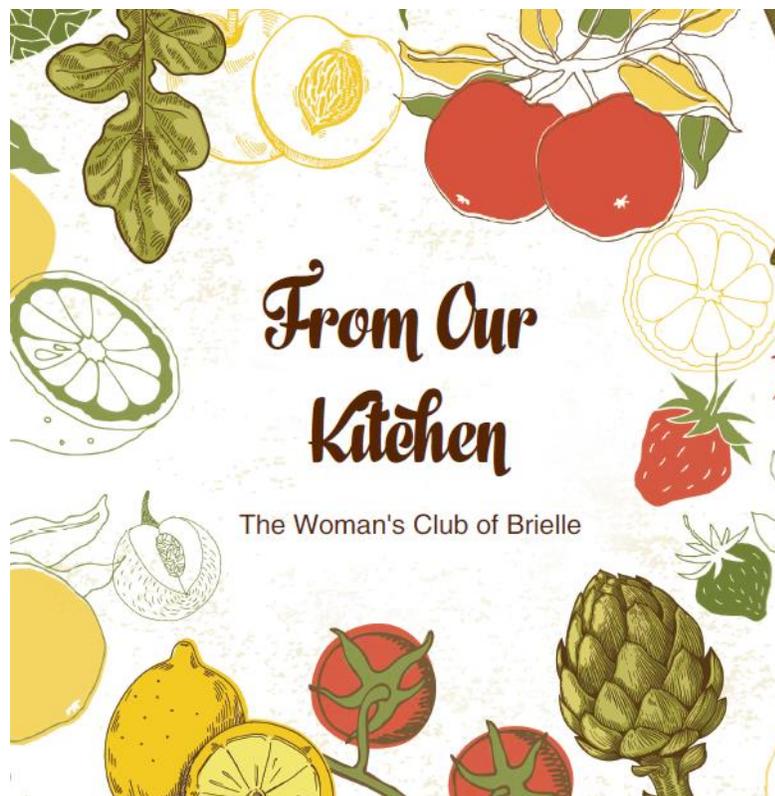
Laurie Caccavo  
Diane Conahan  
Sue Stenson

Joan Morse  
Nancy Ricany

Connie Russell  
Tonia Scelfo

Thanks to Zoom, we were able to put this book together without ever having one in person meeting. But I am looking forward to sharing a meal and some of our recipes together sometime this summer! 😊

Needless to say, I am hoping that our cookbook will be a unique keepsake and memory for you. If you are unable to attend our May 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon and you would like to order a book, please do not hesitate to contact me. They are \$15 each.



- **Communications: *Cathy Cafone***

The Coast Star reporter received information and photographs on the Easter Baskets and "Got Sneakers" projects which have been published. An article is being drafted about the Evening Group's blanket project.

- **Bridge: *Constance Russell***

To date five people have signed up along with interest from an Evening Group member. We would like very much to hear from our more experienced players as well. Please contact Connie Russell if you are interested. In addition, after a second inquiry to the Borough of Brielle Administration Office, we have been told a decision has been made that there shall be no card playing at the Curtis House until further notice due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

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

The P.O. Box is checked regularly and all mail is given to the designated members. We have sent out and received sympathy and thank you cards as appropriate.

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

Thanks to the diligent work of the GFWC Regions and the Convention Committee, arrangements for the 2021 GFWC Annual Convention are finalized and registration is open! Join your fellow clubwomen in Atlanta, GA, August 27-30<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate all that our Federation has achieved in the first year of this Administration and to prepare for the future. Make your voice heard as we consider the proposed Bylaw and revisions to the Resolutions and learn more about GFWC programs and our work with Affiliate Organizations at the workshops. Register now through the GFWC Member Portal by June 15<sup>th</sup> to secure the Early Bird rate.

Do you ever wonder how your international membership dues are being used to provide you with a positive experience as a GFWC clubwoman? You can now see an explanation of revenues and expenses for the past two fiscal years by reviewing the Financial Breakdown in the GFWC Member Portal's Digital Library. To view the Financial Breakdown, visit the "F" Resources folder in the GFWC Member Portal's Digital Library (if you don't already have a Member Portal Profile, please allow 12-24 hours to receive access).

- **Health and Wellness: *Lucy Sanzalone & Joan Morse.***

Donations of blankets, beach towels, and small dishes were provided to Madonna House.

We are collecting used children's clothing to support a new charity, Village of Children and Friends, which supports foster children. The charity is located in the basement of the hardware store in Point Pleasant. The foster children go to the charity to select their own clothing. Lucy also contacted the Brielle and Point Pleasant police. They will accept bags/backpacks with clothing to give to foster children brought to the police station. Please leave clothing on hangers.

If you bring a donation directly to Madonna House or some other charity, please provide Lucy with information about the donation so that The Woman's Club of Brielle can get credit for the donation.

Ongoing: Please remember to donate food for the food pantry. Items may be left by the garage door at Lucy's home. Please call Lucy to let her know when items are dropped off.

Thank you to everyone for being so supportive and generous.

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

We met outside the gazebo by The Curtis House on April 21<sup>st</sup>. There were four members in attendance and we discussed "Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah. We compared the situation with our current Pandemic and difficult times. Our next meeting will be May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. We plan on having lunch after the meeting. The title for May is "Good Company" by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney and we will discuss our plans for this summer and possibly meeting for lunch.

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

Dues of \$50 were owed on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Laurie Ann Cooper and I have reached out to all people who have not paid their dues. So far 49 people have paid. Anyone not paying dues by May 31<sup>st</sup>, unfortunately, will be dropped from membership in our Club.

The Evening Group installed another new member Tuesday night: Maureen Johnson. We wish her many happy years of volunteering with us!

- **Operation Chillout: Tonia Scelfo**

We are collecting \$10 gift cards for Operation Chillout to be either sent to our PO Box or brought to our May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and luncheon. Gift cards can be purchased at any of the following establishments:

McDonald's

Subway

Wawa

Burger King

Dunkin Donuts

Quik Check

These cards are usually available at supermarkets, drugstores, etc. Thank you for your continued help and support for our Special State Project.

- **Sunshine: Cathy Cafone**

Sympathy/condolence cards have been sent to the family of Sally Brown. Prayers and cards For Lynn Schambach have been sent from the club. Evening Chair Patty Nolan organized a restaurant gift card project for her as well. Please inform me of members needing our assistance.

**National Events: [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)**

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