



# The Tulip Tattler



## The Woman's Club of Brielle Newsletter

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### The President's Message

Our extended warm weather seems to be over- the fall chill is in the air... and I'm ready for Thanksgiving!

After a late start due to the uncertainty of the world last spring, we had the largest 50/50 that we can remember, chaired by Tonia and Jackie.

NJSFWC Day of Service was started by Mary Pat when she was state president a few years ago. The Covenant House is the chosen charity for this Day of Service. They are asking for \$10.00 gift cards to Wawa, Dunkin Donuts, American Express, Visa, and similar. Can't shop for a gift card? Bring \$10 to the November meeting and I will shop for you!

Our luncheon, under the steady hand of Joyce and her committee, was a huge success. WE ARE BACK and our successes motivate us to do more! Both Brielle Day and the Gift Basket Luncheon were extra sweet after what we've been through. We have a thought...How about a Card Party in the Spring? It has been several years since we hosted one and they are so well received. It is not a huge money-maker, but it is a lot of fun! We will discuss it at the November meeting.

I hope to see you all Next week on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM at The Curtis House.

Peace, love and joy  
Gail Harren



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# DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Bridge: Constance Russell**

As announced at the October 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, Bridge will resume (with caution) beginning in November. Bridge meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly from 1 to 3 PM at The Curtis House. If you have signed up you will receive monthly updates irrespective of whether you choose to play now or wait. Anyone interested in playing Party bridge, please contact Connie Russell at constancerussell@gmail.com.

- **Bylaws: Mary Pat Marcello**

Unless there is a specific question on the proposed Bylaws, as reviewed at the October meeting, the final vote will be taken at the November meeting. The proviso to the motion to adopt will be that the amended Bylaws will not take effect until the close of this administration, i.e., May 2022.

- **Civic Engagement: Lucy Sanzalone & Donna Greeley**

We collected 68 Christmas stockings and Gail brought them to NJFWC headquarters.

All items on the Thanksgiving basket have been assigned. If you didn't sign up but would like to contribute, any food item can be donated (cereal, canned vegetable, cookies, etc.). Items are to be returned to Lucy's house on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM.

- **Communications: Cathy Cafone**

A thank you letter has been sent to Suzanne Racace (out dear Marilyn Simonetti's niece) for her extremely generous donation of new clothing for our Lucy Sanzalone's Remarkable Endeavors.

The Coast Star reporter receives newsworthy information and our photographs for publication.

- **Corresponding Secretary: Cathy Cafone**

The P.O. Box is checked frequently. Please inform your corresponding secretary of any and all items that you are expecting.

- **Fall Luncheon: Joyce Raspanti**

Our Annual Fall Luncheon and Gift Basket Auction was a total success in every way. Considering the late launch, we surpassed our monetary goals for the 50/50 raffle and our gift basket proceeds.

Here are the exact numbers:

Gift Basket proceeds - \$5346

50/50 proceeds -\$6951

A Note From Tonia Scelfo: "Thanks to all who volunteered to sell the chances. Your efforts have been indispensable in making this drive a success."

Thank you to both committees for your tireless efforts.

The kimono presentation by Cami Osi was well received by our members and guests. It was such an honor for me to wear my mom's kimono and have my former students participate.

I hope I don't forget anyone but I must specifically thank Sue Stenson (gift basket chair), Donna Greeley & Sally McCallen (Reservations), Tonia Scelfo (50/50 chair), Mary Jane Crecca & your committee - for taking care of monies received, Kay Loreng - for your amazing program, Lucy Sanzalone -for graciously greeting all of our guests, Melissa Moffett & Cheryl Campaniolo - for your winner paddles which added the perfect

festive touch, Rosemarie Laird - for your expertise managing the drawing of the tickets, to all of our runners, Gail Harren - for helping me call the numbers, and Laurie Caccavo - for taking care of all the door prizes & co-chairing with me and taking care of all the last minute details. Thank you to all our members for your basket contributions and for inviting your guests. We had 165 reservations.

I also want to thank the members who were unable to attend in person for your generous support. We missed you.

So ladies, much has been done and accomplished for our two largest fundraisers. Now we can relax and enjoy the rest of our year together!

- **Federation Secretary: Randi Quilici**

Day of Service is Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to noon at The Woman's Club of Asbury Park. Gift Cards for \$10 are requested for Covenant House. Gail Harren has more information if you would like to attend.

If anyone would like to nominate a Women of Achievement Award, there is a November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Please contact Christine Jablonski at [jablonski@njsfwc.org](mailto:jablonski@njsfwc.org).

There is a Report Writing Workshop on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, in person, at Headquarters or by Zoom the same night at 7:00 PM. Please contact Barbara McCloskey, 2nd Vice President, at [mccloskey@njsfwc.org](mailto:mccloskey@njsfwc.org).

Headquarters is having an Open House on November 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, all are welcome. Light refreshments, tours, and music, are planned at no charge, and masks are required. The reservation deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup> to Karen Manneback, Headquarters Chairman, at [manneback@njsfwc.org](mailto:manneback@njsfwc.org).

If you would like to take a bus trip to GFWC's Holiday Open House in Washington, DC, on December 8<sup>th</sup>, please contact Annette Bortone at [bortone@njsfwc.org](mailto:bortone@njsfwc.org).

The monthly ALMANAC newsletter is on the NJSFWC website. If you are interested in reading up-to-date information from the state and clubs throughout NJ, please visit [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org) and go to the MATERIALS tab.

- **Health and Wellness: Lucy Sanzalone & Mary Ann McGevna**

Lucy and Mary Ann delivered 7 birthday gifts along with cupcakes, soda, plates, and napkins to The Valentine House in Point Pleasant on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Due to COVID restrictions, they were not allowed inside the building. New items such as scarfs, hats, ties, and sweaters are being collected to donate to The Valentine House residents. These donations will be used for the residents to purchase a holiday gift for a small amount (i.e., \$1.00).

Winter coats are being collected and can be delivered to Lucy's home. Please call Lucy to coordinate a drop off time.

The food pantry is going well. Please continue to bring donations to the general meeting or drop off at Lucy's home. Call Lucy to let her know when items are dropped off.

We are assisting a church to provide household items for several Afghanistan families. They arrived with nothing so anything you can spare, blankets, dishes, etc. would be appreciated. In addition, five Vera Bradley pocketbooks were filled with toiletries and a pair of pajamas to give to the Afghanistan women. Contact Lucy to coordinate drop off time of your items.

Thank you to everyone for being so supportive and generous.

- **Jewelry Sale: Joan Morse**

The committee has selected a tentative date for the sale of February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. This will need to be confirmed with the town. Friday February 4<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 PM will be a preview sale for club members and close family/friends. Saturday February 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM the sale is open to the general public. Everything will be priced to sell! If you still have jewelry you want to donate, we will take donations at the November and December general meetings.

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

The Literary Committee met on October 20, 2021 at The Curtis House. We discussed "Madness of Crowds," by Louise Penny. There were mixed reviews. We had lunch at Tap Room and the food and conversation was good. Three new members joined us.

Our next meeting will be November 17, 2021 at 10:30 AM at The Curtis House. The book for November is "Big Lies in a Small Town" by Diane Chamberlain. We will have lunch at Max Devros in Manasquan. Tonio Scelfo will be returning to our meeting in December. Welcome back!

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

We are pleased to announce that we would like to install two new members in the Day Group and one new member in the Evening Group in November. Below is their information:

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- **Programs: Unwanted Gift Auction: Diane Conahan/Joan Leavitt**

The "Unwanted Gift" Luncheon will take place at The Spring Lake Manor on Thursday, January 13, 2022. A sign-up sheet will be available at our November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please bring a check made out to The Woman's Club of Brielle for \$40.00 which will cover the cost of the luncheon including a plentiful buffed and a glass of wine or beer and soft drinks. More details will follow.

- **Sunshine: Cathy Cafone**

Tonia Scelfo is healing nicely from her knee surgery. New member Wendy Michaels is recuperating at home from a recent surgery. Please send prayers, texts, cards, and emails! Please alert me of anyone needing correspondence.

- **Therapy Dogs: Joan Morse**

I would like to get another Therapy Dog class going next Spring. This class would prepare you and your well-behaved dog to take and pass the Therapy Dog test. I will make arrangements for that test when you are ready.

Please contact me by email (digby6504@comcast.net) and let me know if you are interested (even if you have already spoken to me). I will begin a list of teams and contact you privately when we can get started training.

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