



## **PAR-TROY AUTUMN PATTER**

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*"A Proud Legacy-A Shinning Future!" Mary Wolfe, NJSFWC President*

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*"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."*

*-- Sally Koch--*

### **A Message from Our Club Presidents**

**By: Diana Freidinger and Joan Garbarino**

We hope to see you all at the upcoming General Meeting on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. After the business meeting concludes we will all get a chance to work on some small service projects. Please wear your *club shirt* (or a *white shirt* if you don't have a club shirt) as we will be taking photos for use in press releases and our club scrapbook, of course!

Seven club members attended the September Highlands District Council Meeting on **September 11**. It was a very informative meeting and it was great to see some friends from the other clubs in the district. The International dinner at Hunan Chinese Room was delicious. Thanks to Lois B for arranging this nice dinner out with a great group of ladies!

Hope to see everyone at the library on Wednesday, **September 18<sup>th</sup>** to hear Vernoy Paolini talk about her experience in Gander, Newfoundland.

The Fall Festival is on Sunday, **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We hope everyone gets a chance to stop by our booth.

Don't forget to email Diana and Joan with your recommendations for donations to local organizations and causes for the Board to consider. When making recommendations please do some research and make sure most of the money goes to the cause and not to "administrative expenses" including fundraising.

**Reminders:** Next Board Meeting is an Executive Board Meeting on **October 14<sup>th</sup>**

### **Bylaws & Standing Rules**

**By: Joan Garbarino & Diana Freidinger**

This month instead of Bylaws & Standing Rules we will be featuring information about the 1894 Society as featured in the September 2019 NJSFWC Almanac by Joanne Mangels. If you have any questions or would like to donate but are not sure how – see Diana or Joan. And please let Marilyn Marion, our Federation Secretary, know if you donate for her year-end report! Thanks!

What is the 1894 Society? The NJSFWC Headquarters building sits on land leased from Rutgers University. Membership in the 1894 Society ensures that funds will be available to pay the land rent. NO DUES are used to pay the rent.

**What would happen if 6,748 NJSFWC MEMBERS each gave \$18.94? \$127,807 would be raised!**

**But how can you afford \$18.94?**

- Drink one Starbucks coffee a day? In one month, you will have spent over \$120.
- Dunkin Donuts Coffee? Drink one a day? In one month, you will have spent over \$47.
- Eat out often? One glass of wine averages \$9, dine out 2 times a week, cost per week \$18 plus tip.
- Skip one fast food restaurant meal a week? It will take you less than a month to raise \$18.94.

We appreciate all donations to the 1894 Society and many of our members and clubs contribute more than \$18.94. Even so, in 2018 we only raised \$12,000. We can do better. Help us ensure the future of NJSFWC.

This Chairman challenges each of you to become an individual member of the \$18.94 society!

**Special State Project CASA By: Terry Gerber & Teri Wohld:**

For the Fall Festival, we have made 225 bookmarks to be given out at the Fall Festival. We will also bring the display that we use at our meetings.

We have delivered almost 1,000 bookmarks to the library since May. They seem to be "going" much quicker than ever. We are still looking for stickers and cardstock. Please keep an eye out for sales.

We have delivered 2 bags of items. One with mostly hats and scarves made by Lee and her friend. She also gave me items that she found in garage sales, gently used. These however were not accepted by CASA. They only want brand new items.

I have also given writing pads and pens that I have received in the mail (without my name on it). They are always looking for gift cards, which we will donate after Cash for Causes activities. More information to come.

I asked what other items they could use. They have collected back to school supplies (which conflicts with the collection Bernadette was doing for Jersey Battered Women). The woman at the desk said that they are always looking for gift cards. Food stores to be used by the advocate as well as Target, Walmart, McDonald's, etc.

**Education By: Cathy Cerbo**

Welcome back to school and the kick-off of this committee! We will have a committee meeting on **Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. Parsippany Public Library** in the upstairs meeting room at the on Halsey Rd. Sign-up will be circulated at the General Meeting or send me an e-mail directly. At the meeting we will discuss Education budget for the year, committee projects, etc... Do you have ideas?

**Arts Performing By: Diana Freidinger**

The Highland District Arts Performing Day is **March 11, 2020**. It is never too early to start planning! Last year, four members told jokes. This is a daytime event. Arts performing categories include literature, music, drama and dance. Do you play an instrument? Are you in a chorus? Attendance at local or professional events, also count towards hours in annual reports. Please email [56deedeemf@gmail.com](mailto:56deedeemf@gmail.com) with any ideas.

**Federation Secretary By: Marilyn Marion**

The next Federation event is State Fall conference, which is on **October 21<sup>st</sup> in Manalapan**, it is a daytime event. Another great event to hear want is going on in Federation. Please contact me to learn more. The registration will have to be mailed by **September 18**.

**December 4<sup>th</sup> is the GFWC Headquarters** open house in Washington DC. The cost is \$60.00. It is a one-day bus ride. Please consider going on this trip, you will be surprise of the fun you could have on the bus. More information to follow.

**HOME LIFE By: Marilyn Marion**

Yes, I am still collecting eyeglasses that you no longer have a need for. And the same goes for jewelry, and hearing aids. Remember this little jester of donating these items helps those who do not have the means to purchase them.

**FALL FESTIVAL By: Marilyn Marion & Lora Rios McBride**

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> Parsippany's Fall Festival.** Our club will have a booth set up handing out brochures from the different projects we are involved in. There will be a signing of cards for our military, a sale of bracelets, membership and CASA information, a jar for donations for Operation Yellow Ribbon and many more. We need your help to main the booth. Please contact Marilyn Marion or Lora Rios McBride to sign up to help.

*(The Fall Festival is fast approaching, so did you sign up yet to help out that day? To remind you it is on Sunday, **September 22** from 12:00 to 5:00. You can help out with as much as you can spare. The plans put together by the committee looks like it will be a very reformative afternoon. We are showing the pubic not only who we are but what we do. Don't forget to wear your club shirt! Please contact me or Lora Rios McBride to tell us what time we can schedule you or if you need further information.*

*On another note State Fall Conference is on **October 21 at Battleground Country Club**. This is always a good day to learn more about our Federation, with a chance to meet our Federation sisters throughout the state. The cost for the lunch is \$40.00 and reservations must be sent in by **September 19**. If you would like to learn more about the workings of this day, please contact me. If you have any questions about the Federation, I will be happy to discuss/explain anything with you. Thank you Marilyn Marion)*

### **Blue Foundry Bank By: Lois Preis White, Treasurer**

Blue Foundry Bank (formally known as Boiling Springs Savings Bank) is the bank at which our Club has its checking accounts. Many of you are currently supporting our Club, through their Community Alliance Program, by having a checking and/or a savings account at Blue Foundry. The Bank Awards WCPTH with the amount equal to a pre-determined percentage of all deposits (checking and savings accounts) from customers associated with WCPTH. The money does NOT come from your account. Blue Foundry Bank provides the funds. There is one stipulation in the CA Program, we must maintain, at a minimum, 20 individuals whose accounts are associated with WCPTH in order to be eligible for the quarterly award. We currently have exactly 20. However, if one or more individuals accounts are removed, we will lose our award. We have been earning \$250-\$350 per quarter from CAP!!! Please consider opening an account at Blue Foundry Bank. They have great rates and many perks. Please see me for more information and a form to fill out.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **Public Issues: By Joan Garbarino**

Please continue to bring in those used & unused greeting cards. Remember no Hallmark, American Greeting or Disney for the used cards due to copyright laws. The troops and children at St. Jude will certainly benefit from your generosity.

Don't forget to bring some clipped coupons to the **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** meeting to support our Troopons effort!

If you have "gently used" paperback books and/or magazines you would like to donate, Operation Jersey Cares will send them to our troops currently deployed overseas. Please bring any donations to the **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** General Meeting.



### **GFWC Holiday Open House Washington DC**

**By: Marilyn Marion**

It seems all Federation events have been filling up fast. So, at this time, I am telling you about the bus trip to GFWC Holiday Open House at GFWC Headquarters, in Washington DC.

It is a one-day bus trip on **December 4, 2019**. The bus picks up the members at three locations, Lyndhurst at 9:00am, Federation Headquarters in New Brunswick and a location in South Jersey. The return is around 9:00-10:00pm. The cost is \$60.00, which also includes a delicious lunch on the bus, music, and games. It is a fun day.

If you need further information, please contact me. I will be going and will be happy to drive you to Lyndhurst, where we will be the first ones on the bus.

Please let me know by our General Meeting on **September 23**. It does seem like a long way off, however the way things have been going lately, it will be here before you know it.

### **Fall Festival By: Catherine Haney**

Some members gathered to make beaded bracelets to sell at the Fall Festival. We made 70 bracelets in one evening. A few ladies took beads to make more at home. Bernadette Cicchino made over 30 additional bracelets. Thanks to all who participated!

### **Hospitality By: Ginny Scala**

Plans have been made for our Holiday Dinner on Thursday **December 5th**. It will be announced at our meeting.

### **Membership**

**Second Vice Presidents: Betty Lagitch & Marilyn Zarzycki**

We will be having, Membership Recruitment at the Parsippany Library on **October 5th & 26th** from 10am to 4pm. Our theme is "Volunteers are Lifesavers" We are asking your assistance to volunteer for just 2 hours. Please sign up at the **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** meeting.

Help us out with recruitment and bring a friend to our meetings.

### **Adopt A Family By: Lorraine Steinberger & Marilyn Zarzycki**

We will once again adopt a classroom of children attending the Dover Head Start Program. More information will be given in the next Patter.

### "Operation Yellow Ribbon" By: Bernadette Cicchino

Most of you have received stockings to be filled delivered to your door, along with a voicemail message from me to those of you who were not home to receive the stockings personally. This was the most efficient way for me to get them to all club members in a timely manner, inasmuch as I do not have final dates for delivery to headquarters yet.

I am asking that you bring them filled to the meeting on **September 23rd**. Please remember the handwritten note to your soldier! It will be a nice photo opportunity with all of us together holding our filled stockings. It will also be a help to me, because we can just pack them into my car's trunk and they will be ready for transport along with any others that I receive from outside sources. Hope to see you all soon in good health and ready to proceed with all our future projects.

### GFWC Legislative Action Center By: Joan Garbarino

I wanted to pass this email along and urge each of you to "TAKE ACTION" as the email suggests below.

If you haven't joined the GFWC Legislative Action Center yet, please consider clicking on the following link so you can join with other Club women across the country and let your voice be heard on matters the General and State Federation support. <http://cqcengage.com/gfwc/home?0>  
Joining the Legislative Action Center supports one of the Seven Grand Initiatives of the 2018-2020 GFWC Administration under Mary Ellen Brock.

### Annual Game Day & Luncheon By: Joan Garbarino

The Sparta Woman's Club is holding their Annual Game Day & Luncheon on Wednesday, **October 23rd** from 11am to 3pm at the Lake Mohawk Country Club in Sparta. The cost is \$35 which includes a delicious lunch, great prizes and a fun afternoon playing your favorite game with your friends. You must plan your own table of 4. Choose any game such as Bridge, Euchre, Monopoly, Dominoes, Scrabble, Mah Jongg, Canasta, etc. All Proceeds to benefit their scholarships and local charities. This is all the information I have but if you have a group of four who would like to participate let me know and I will find out where to send the money, etc.



Join GFWC as we prepare to celebrate the centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment, granting women the right to vote! As a part of the 2018-2020 Administration's "Brand Initiatives," we've asked each club to begin planning projects to celebrate this milestone. In addition to this, we're asking you to contact your members of Congress to support H.R. 1923 and S. 2427, the Women's History and Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Quarter Dollar Coin Program Act. These bills will allow a trailblazing woman to be honored from each state, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories on the reverse side of the U.S. quarter. Urge your members of Congress to celebrate 100 years of suffrage for women by supporting the Women's History and Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Quarter Dollar Coin Program. Act Today!

### Take Action

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### -September Birthdays

Ivy Ertle 2<sup>nd</sup>

Janet Reilly 2<sup>nd</sup>

DeChristopher 3<sup>rd</sup>

Angie Barone 19<sup>th</sup>

Mary Ann Coyne 28<sup>th</sup>



### **Literature By: Janet Reilly**

Our October meeting will be at Lorraine Steinsberger's home on **October 1, 2019 at 1:00 PM**. Please let her know if you will be coming. Bring any books or notes about any books you have read over the summer to this meeting. I will have our next selection of a book to read for November discussion at this meeting. Looking forward to a great new season of reading and discussion. - Janet

### **Conservation By: Janet Reilly**

The town of Parsippany is having an Autumn clean-up on **October 19<sup>th</sup>**. Free Shred-it from 9:00 to 12:00 at town hall and leaf bags sales from 8:00 to 2:00. \$15.00 for 50 bags. Purchase at town hall. Further information can be obtained by going on Parsippany town site.

### **Historian/Scrapbook By: Janice & Laurie**

Our second crop of the year will either be **Thursday October 17 or Thursday October 24**, at 7:00pm in the community room at the police station. I will let you know definitely at our general meeting on **September 23**. Please don't forget to bring any pictures or memorabilia that you may have from any events that have already taken place. Please remember to put NAME and DATE on the backs of anything you hand in. Thanks  
Janice Carrubba and Laurie DeConcilio

### **WAYS & MEANS 1st VP By: Cathy Haney**

**Cash for Causes** If you ordered gift cards, I'll give them to you at the **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** meeting. Please make checks payable to WCPTH.

**Autumn Sale** – At the September meeting, I'll distribute catalogs and order forms for Meadow Farms gift items and for David's cookies. Please ask your co-workers and friends if they would like to order too.

**\*\*If you won't be at the meeting and would like the catalogs and order forms, please contact me, and I'll arrange to get them to you.**

