



## PAR-TROY SUMMER PATTERN

JULY/AUGUST 2019

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

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### A Message from Our Club Presidents

By Diana Freidinger and Joan Garbarino

*"The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves."*

*-- Helen Keller*

### Bylaws & Standing Rules

By Joan Garbarino & Diana Freidinger

This month instead of Bylaws & Standing Rules we will be featuring the GFWC Community Improvement Project Award. This information has been taken directly from [NJSFWC.org](http://NJSFWC.org) website.

**"THE GREATNESS OF A COMMUNITY IS MOST ACCURATELY MEASURED BY THE COMPASSIONATE ACTIONS OF IT'S MEMBERS."**

By: Corectta Scott King

The GFWC Community Improvement Program Award offers GFWC clubs, financial opportunities, developing leadership skills, and creating public awareness of club activities and GFWC.

Introduced in 1949 as the "Build a Better Community Contest," this program has provided GFWC clubs with a platform for developing and implementing projects that meet the varying and changing needs of their communities. As GFWC's longest standing project, it benefits clubs by increasing membership opportunities, developing leadership skills, and creating public awareness of club activities and GFWC. Designed to meet the needs of individual communities, the GFWC Community Improvement Program Award also provides a platform for enhancing relationships between GFWC clubs and their communities.

Club projects that help make your community a better place to live, by revitalizing distressed communities and improving living conditions, are "community improvement" projects and are eligible for national recognition and reward. Sometimes the smallest things that we can do for our neighborhoods can have the biggest impact.

For more information go to <https://njsfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2018-20-Community-Improvement-Project.pdf>

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It's hard to believe that fall is almost here and with that comes a new Club year of exciting projects & events. After the business part of the September General Meeting concludes we will be working on a few service projects to get the new Club year off to a roaring start. They include sorting and counting coupons for Troopons, bagging items for our Women in the Military project, making bookmarks for the library for CASA and writing postcards of encouragement to elementary students in El Paso, Texas where one of the latest mass shooting tragedies took place.

Bring along a friend who might be interested in joining and let them see what we do!

Throughout the year various clubs in the Federation have fundraising events to support their projects. No one can attend everything but if you can each attend one or two of these events to show the support of our Club that would be wonderful. This is a great way to show our gratitude to our sister clubs for supporting our Golf Classic each year. Four of our members plus one guest will be attending the Washington Club's Tricky Tray on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Be on the lookout for emails or announcements in the Patter about upcoming events. It's also a great way to get to know other Club members better! This Patter will be full of upcoming events and dates so be sure to mark your calendars.

Don't forget to email Diana and Joan with your recommendations for donations to local organizations and causes for the Board to consider. Last but not least, *THANK YOU* – Marilyn Z. and all who helped make the Golf Classic a huge success again this year, Mary Ann Coyne for working with Cheryl Schuck on the Blood Drive and Cathy Haney for another successful "Gourmet Café" fundraiser!

### **First VP Ways & Means: Cathy Haney**

**Cash for Causes** will resume in September. I'll send everyone an e-mail early in the month with the details. At our September general meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, I'll distribute the gift cards you have ordered.

**Autumn Sale** – This year, we'll order from Meadow Farms, which sells nice gift items similar, to what was available from Genevieve's. We'll also order from David's Cookies. I'll distribute catalogs and order forms for both vendors at our September meeting.

### **Education: By Cathy Cerbo**

We honored two more Eagle Scout this summer: Ryan Anthony Porcelli and Jack Rocco Summa. Thank you to Marianne Burke for representing our club at their Court of Honor! Hope you saw her in the Parsippany Focus article.

Once we get in the swing of things this Fall, we'll have an Education/Scholarship meeting to map out projects for the year. Sign-up at the September club meeting. All ideas and committee members welcome!

### **Federation Secretary: By Marilyn Marion**

September 11 is NJSFWC Highlands District Council. Remember it is an evening event, being held in Madison. The registration starts at 6:00 with the meeting at 7:00. I do hope you are able to attend. If you are still working, I hope you can still make it, Madison is not that far. The fee is \$3.00 payable at the door. I have to send in the reservation by September 3, so if possible, let me know as soon as possible it you can make it. PLEASE JUST RESPOND IF YOU ARE COMING AND DO NOT REPLY TO ALL. I do have 7 members already signed up so, if you already signed up no need to contact me.

I know I mentioned this before but NJSFWC State Fall conference in on **October 21st** in the daytime. Please mark your calendars.

### **Membership Second Vice President By: Betty Lagitch & Marilyn Zarzycki**

How quickly the summer goes by! Reminding you our next general meeting is September 23, 2019. It is going to be a special meeting, so bring a friend.

### **Fall Festival By: Marilyn Marion**

We all know by now that the Parsippany Fall Festival is on **September 22nd**, and it will be here before you know it. The committee is preparing a great display of who we are and what we do. I have a signup sheet starting at 12:00 when the Festival begins. The Festival ends at 5:00 so I am looking for helpers between 12:00 and 5:00. Please let me know what time suites you best and how long you can stay. I do have members who already signed up, so those members do not have to get back to me. There are six members who will be helping with the setup so if you are down for the 12:00 start time, please try to get there at that time so the early bird workers can take a break. Thank you, please try to come even if it just for an hour. If you have a blue club shirt, please wear it.

Thank you, Marilyn M and Lora McBride.

### **Golf Outing By: Marilyn Zarzycki**

Thank you for all your help and support for our golf, luncheon, raffle and tricky tray fund raiser. We were able to raise \$10,000.00 for our education fund that supports our education endeavors.

SAVE THE DATE Next years Golf Outing, Luncheon, Raffle and Tricky Tray fund raiser will be held on **July 14, 2020** at the Knoll West Country Club.

### **Blood Drive By: Mary Ann Coyne**

As you know the Parsippany Woman's Club and Cheryl Schuck of RE/MAX Neighborhood Properties partnered to create and host a Blood Drive which was held on Tues., July 23, 2019. Our Goal was to have 18 donors; we had 39 who registered, and we collected from 36. As a result, we received \$231. in donations. A Splendid Community Project. We made a huge difference in the lives of others! Thank you.

### **Hospitality By: Virginia Scala**

Hope everyone had a great summer. Now is when we get into full swing with the WCPTH. Please mark your calendar for **Thursday December 5th** for our Holiday Dinner. Details to follow.

Thank you all again for items you brought for our Salad Supper and through the year. It was a great success and our food was enjoyed by everyone. Looking forward, keep in mind the date of our Holiday Dinner will be Thursday December 5, 2019. Enjoy the summer and keep cool!

### **State Project – CASA By Theresa Gerber**

We have had a few workshops to make more bookmarks. We are always in need of cardstock paper and stickers.

We could also use more labels (Avery #5160). Teri and I have been refilling the bookmark baskets weekly, with nearly 100 each time. We will have a mini-workshop at our September General Meeting.

Donations for CASA of Morris county is ongoing. We are collecting writing pads and pens for the children to use. We will collect them at the General meetings. Also, any new items that you feel would be useful for these children will be accepted.

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

I will have more information at the General meeting. There is an app for our phones that can be used for benefit of the schools. However, I have seen that the regular process might still exist. More information later!

Thank you to Cathy Cerbo and Marilyn Marion for cutting some card stock for the bookmarks. We might need your help again. Thanks to all.

### **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.

I am asking each member to bring one week's worth of manufacturer's coupons already cut out from your Sunday paper to the September General Meeting. The coupons once sorted will be sent to military families both here and abroad via the Troopons program. This includes expired coupons which can be used on bases outside the U.S. Users of these coupons are able to stretch their grocery budget with 1/3 of families reporting savings of up to \$50 per month, 29% reported savings of up to \$150 per month and 10% reported savings over \$150 per month. I have personally sent close to 2,000 coupons already this summer!

### **Domestic Violence By: Bernadette Cicchino**

"Back to School" Collection

As a result of our club's donation of \$100 and the donations of 9 of our members, I was able to deliver to JBWS \$275 in gift cards and \$275 in snacks. The generosity of those who donated is outstanding. You know who you are and much thanks again! The children were still on vacation when I arrived, so I heard them shouting and playing. I hope those snacks are still around in time for lunch boxes. I know they will be enjoyed.

### **"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.

### **Cash For Causes By: Cathy Haney**

We're restarting our Cash for Causes project for the new club year. To review the procedure:

- You can order gift cards from Shop Rite, Stop & Shop or both.
- Cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100.
- You will pay the face value of the cards.
- When the order total for each store reaches a certain amount (\$1000 for Shop Rite; \$500 for Stop & Shop), the store charges only 95% of the face value of the cards.
- I order the cards, and, when they're available, I get them, paying the 95% amount to the store with a check from the club bank account.
- Everyone who ordered writes a check for the face value (100%) of the cards to the club: WCPH.
- At that month's meeting, I distribute the cards and collect the checks.

EXAMPLE: Orders for Shop Rite gift cards total \$1000. Shop Rite charges \$950 for them, and I pay with a club check for that amount. I give the cards to the members who ordered them, and they give me checks totaling \$1000 for the club. So, the club has gained \$50, the difference between the \$950 expended and the \$1000 collected.

**\* Please send me your orders by Thursday, September 12.** I'll distribute the gift cards and collect the money at our September 23 meeting.

### Scrapbooking By: Janice & Laurie

Our first crop of the year was held on August 20th and a lot was accomplished. The next Scrapbook is going to be another wonderful walk down memory lane thanks to all those who participate to make it the book that it is. If you have any more pictures or memorabilia, we'll take it! Remember any pictures please put the NAME and DATE on the back (Laurie is making name tags so we need the names as well as the dates). See you in September at the General Meeting and we will most likely have another crop soon after that. Watch your emails!

### Fall Festival By: Cathy 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!

### International Dinner By: Lois Brown

Hope you have all enjoyed your summer. Let's start our season with an International Dinner September 12, meeting at 6.30 at Hunan Chinese Room, 255 Speedwell Ave, Morris Plains, NJ 07950.

**Please**, let me know if you plan to attend so I have a number count for the restaurant.

**ALSO**, we have a wonderful and easy way to participate in an International Program while feeding the hungry throughout the world. It's "free" and the sponsors fund food for the hungry, the food goes to more than 130 charities working in the United States and Worldwide.

**Visit:** The Hungersite.Greatergood.com, when there, click: CLICK TO GIVE - ITS FREE ! a page will pop up with a box in the top middle that says "THANK YOU!" Your click donated \_\_\_ cups of food. We funded \_\_\_ cups of food yesterday.

### Bookmark Making By: Theresa Gerber

I just stopped at the library and delivered over 300 bookmarks. Thank you to Marilyn M and Cathy Cerbo for cutting the card stock. I probably will have more to be cut soon. The librarians tell us the kids love them!!



### Home Life: By Marilyn Marion

Yes, we are still collecting food and coupons for the local food bank. Just bring them to the General meeting on **September 23, 2019**.

Also start saving coffee cans (not the large ones) or any can of that size. We will need that for candy/cookie packing at the November General meeting.



### NJSFWC events By: Marilyn Marion

Busy times are coming. In this email I am just talking about the State & District events that will be going on. There are many more events happening in the club, which you have heard about from our Co-Presidents, Joan and Diana.

On September 11 the Highlands District Council will be held at the Community House in Madison. It is an evening event which starts at 6:00 for Registration & refreshments with the meeting starting at 7:00. This looks to be a very informative council. Registration is \$3.00 paid at the door. I know many of you are working, however Madison is not that far from Parsippany, so I am hoping many of you can attend. I would like to send in the clubs' registration number by September 1st, so please get back to me as soon as possible. After I see who will be attending, I will arrange car pools.

October 11 -13 is Mid-Atlantic Regional (MAR) conference, right here in Parsippany. All the information was sent to you from me with all the details. This is like a mini convention which included Federation Club members from New Jersey, New York, Delaware and Pennsylvanian, what a great way to meet our Federation "sisters". So far, I have heard from Joan, Lois Preis White and Cathy Cerbo. Please try to join us. Our club should be able to have many members in attendance seeing it is being held in our town. Just fill out the registration form with a check with the required amount made out to GFWC MAR Conference and get it to me before August 28. I will mail them altogether. Please contact me if you have any questions. NOTE: If you just want to attend just one of the dinners you will still have to pay the registration fee. However, it would be nice if you could attend the Saturday afternoon workshops and the meetings.

\*October 21 is State Fall conference. Mark your calendars, information will follow.

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

The Sparta Woman's Club is holding their Annual Game Day & Luncheon on Wednesday, October 23 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.

**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://cgrcengage.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.

**Arts Creative By: Ivy Ertle**

So begins another year. We started early with a workshop of making beaded bracelets for fall fest. A bunch of ladies gathered at Kathy Haney's house on August 15th for an enjoyable, productive evening. Kathy provided some nice refreshments for us to indulge in while we created.

Our next activity will probably be wreath making. If you have any ideas for activities, please feel free to share them. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the season.



**PATTER BY: ESTHER RUCCI**