



Patter - Troy Patter July/August 2023

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Love, Loyalty and Friendship – the Bonds of Volunteering **Shirley Holly, NJSFWC President**

A Message from Our Club Presidents: Marilyn Marion and Marilyn Zarzycki

Can you believe that August is almost over, stores are having sales on summer items, there are back to school sales and even items for Halloween!

We have had a busy summer. Our Tricky Tray was a huge success. We made over \$19,000. Our summer picnic with good food and good friends was another success story. It's amazing what a group of 41 women can do when we all work together.

We are continuing our plans for the upcoming year, especially for the fall months. Our yearbook will have all our members' information, all the dates for our local and district upcoming meetings, as well as other important Club information.

This year we are trying something new. We have board meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month and general business meetings on the 4th Monday of the month. In order to keep the business meetings briefer, we will be having an activity or guest speaker on the 3rd Monday of the month.

On **September 18th** our first activity night will be adult coloring. In this way we can have fun, meet and talk to new people and just relax and enjoy ourselves. More information will come in an email. Also, on **September 13th** we will be hosting the District Council meeting. More information will be sent in an email.

Keep your yearbook with you and read the Patter. These two sources of information are extremely helpful. We will see you in September.

Marilyn Z. and Marilyn M.



Federation Secretary: Joan Garbarino

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer!

Remember to sign up for the Highlands District September Council meeting being held right here in Parsippany at the Rescue & Recovery Building. The meeting is on **September 13, 2023**, with registration starting at 4:30. Wear your club colors - come hear about upcoming events for the next club year!

Save the dates: you will receive more information about the following as the information becomes available:

- The State Fall Conference will be held on **October 23, 2023**, at The Battleground Country Club
- Highlands District "Support Our Veterans" will be held on Thursday, **November 16** at Centenary University
- Thursday, **November 30**, is the NJSFWC Holiday Open House-Festival of Trees
- Highlands January District Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, **January 10, 2024**
- NJSFWC Day of Service will be on Monday, **January 15, 2024** at the Parsippany Rescue & Recovery Building

It's also time to join the 1894 Society for the 2023-2024 Club year. This money goes to NJSFWC help pay the lease on our Headquarters' Building in New Brunswick. The forms can be found on the NJSFWC website under Materials/ Forms & Manuals/2023-2024 1894 Society.



2nd Co Vice-Presidents Membership: Janice Carrubba and Ginny Scala

Hope all you ladies have been enjoying the summer with family and friends and telling others about our club. We will have a busy year ahead. Soon our new yearbook will be available to all of you, it is filled with important information and dates for the year ahead, keep it close by to use as a reference. Let's see how many new members we can add to our club. Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday, **September 25th** at 8 pm.

Education & Library Chairman: Betty Lagitch

We donated 23 children books to the Parsippany and Lake Hiawatha libraries. They were very appreciative since many of them were Dr Seuss books.

Ways and Means: First Vice Presidents – Lois Preis White and Mary Ann Coyne

Thanks to all of you that participated in the Make A Difference Monday at the Gourmet Café on July 17th. Hopefully you relaxed, had a social time, laughed and enjoyed delicious food. Our proceeds from this event, including donations, amounted to \$280. What a great way to kick off this year.

My crystal ball tells me that Cash for Causes will start up again at the end of August. An email will be sent to you explaining the procedure for purchasing ShopRite or Stop and Shop gift cards from our Club at the list price, and as a result, our treasury receives 5% of the total sales.

Lastly, our Autumn Fundraiser will begin on September 25th. We will distribute brochures for David's cookies and cheesecakes and Meadow Farms products at our September 25th General Meeting. The selections are exciting and will get you thinking about your holiday shopping. This is one of our top fundraisers; it **will start on September 25th and end on October 25th**. If you will not be at the September 25th General Meeting, let us know, and we will get the brochures to you.

As you can see, we have many events going on. Together we can continue to make our Club a wonderful place to experience the feeling of giving and volunteering in so many ways. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer.

Civic Engagement and Outreach: Susan Byrne

Save The Date – Saturday, **September 30th** is the GFWC National Day of Service to help end hunger in the US. Our club will be holding a food drive to support the Parsippany Food Pantry. We are working with the Mayor's office to determine the best location for this event. It will be held from 9am to 2pm. Once the location is finalized, I will be sending an email requesting volunteers to collect food during the day. We will also need a few people to hold the donations over the weekend and bring to the Food Pantry in Lake Hiawatha Monday morning.

Food Pantry – Ann Claassen will no longer be able to collect food at our general meetings and bring to the food pantry. Please let me know if you are interested in taking over this collection. The monthly collection would need to be delivered to the Parsippany Food Pantry located at 1130 Knoll Road in Lake Hiawatha.



Tricky Tray: Marilyn Zarzycki and Cathy Haney

Our Club's second annual Tricky Tray earned a profit of more than \$19,600. This is the great result of all the hard work and generosity of so many of our members. Working together, we can accomplish so much!



Special State Project – Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: Cathy Haney

Our Highlands District of the NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs is collecting paper goods and detergent for our Special State Project, the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. Specific items requested are: paper towels, toilet paper, tissues and clear detergent. These will be given to the families of the pediatric cancer patients for whom ECF provides support. Thank you to members who already donated! If you want to donate, you can contact me to arrange pickup or delivery, or bring your items to the Highlands District Council meeting on **September 13** at our regular meeting place, the Parsippany Rescue & Recovery building.

Communication: Joan Garbarino

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! Please wear your club shirt to the General Meeting on **September 25th**. Since we have so many new members, I would like to get an updated picture for our club webpage. If you don't have a club shirt, please wear royal blue or white.



Historian Scrapbook: Janice Carrubba

We will be having our first evening scrapbook cropping for our 2023 scrapbook on Wednesday, **August 23** from 7pm to 9pm to be held at Parsippany Troy-Hills Police Station community room, 3339 Route 46 East, Parsippany. Please come and join us. No experience needed and all materials are supplied. It worked out really well last time when two women worked together to complete a page so we will be doing that again.

So mark your calendars for an evening to socialize while being creative and having fun. If you know that you will be there, please let me know so I can make sure we have enough seating. Also, if anyone has any materials from Club events, please let me know and I will arrange to pick them up.

Domestic Violence – Terry Gerber

JBWS - Continued requests for baby wipes, snacks, large diapers, laundry items and cleaning items.

There is a request for help in answering the donation phone line. This can be done from your own home and at your own time. There will be an increased need for help in answering the donation line with the upcoming holidays. People are very generous and need to be directed as to where their donated items should be delivered.

If you are interested in volunteering, there is no need for background checks or general training since you do not have to go to the facility. Please let me know if you are interested. I can have a half hour training at the community room of the police station.

Operation Holiday Stockings - Ronnie Fagan will distribute the stockings at the Summer Social in August. Please return the filled stockings at the September meeting. They will be delivered to the council office in October.



Programs - Lois Preis White

I hope you are having a wonderful summer. Catching up with friends and family is always on point. As we say goodbye to summer and hello to the fall season, we will begin our 2023/2024 Club year. Catching up with your Club friends, old and new, is foremost on our minds.

As mentioned in my email of July 30th, we will be having a 3rd Monday Gathering. Our first Gathering, an Evening of coloring and chatting, will be Monday, **September 18**, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the Rescue and Recovery building. See my email of July 30 for details.

As mentioned in that email, we are considering a Chair Yoga Class. Please let me know if you are interested. We have an instructor in mind but need a head count. The Class will be \$3 or \$5 depending on the number of participants.

Health and Wellness: Marilyn Marion

I am still collecting eyeglasses, old jewelry and hearing aids for New Eyes for the Needy and the Lions Club.

We also need one pound coffee cans for the Club's candy/cookie project. For the newer members, this is a project where we decorate coffee cans for the holidays and pack them with homemade cookies and candy for two local nursing homes and the Fireman's home in Boonton. This packing takes place after the general meeting in November. It has always been one of our favorite projects. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Health and Wellness: Esther Rucci

Esther Rucci has sent in an article on sun safety and awareness. The article is being sent out with the Patter.



Special Fall Event: Marilyn Marion

What is one of the nicer things about September? ... The Parsippany Fall Festival.

Everyone, keep **September 17** open to help out at our Club's booth. We would like an hour or two of your time to man the booth. The committee met and started the planning of our activities. Betty will be having the kids sign cards for our soldiers. That was a big hit last year. We will be distributing Vial for Life kits and of course membership information. Special treat! The club purchased tote bags with the club's name on it which we will distribute with the Club's new trifold brochure in it.

Please contact me with a time slot that you are free to help or spend the day with us. We need help from noon until 4:00 cleanup time. If you can get there at 9:30 for setup, it would be helpful, I already have six workers ready to go. Either email, text or call me at m.marion@live.com or 201-602-7853.

Literature: Janet Reilly

Our September meeting will be held at the Parsippany Library, Main Branch on Tuesday, **September 5th**, at 1:00 PM. We will look over the book kits and decide which books we will read for the current year. Hope you all have been reading books over the summer and can share them with us.

If anyone in the club is interested in forming another literature group, I would be glad to help them.

Dark Horse Winner: Susan Bryne



July Birthdays

Jennifer Biondo	1
Diana Fridinger	3
Teri Wohld	4
Pamela Newman	19

August Birthdays

Lois Preis-White	2
Sandra Neglia	6
Esther Rucci	9
Janice Carrubba	19
Cathy Haney	25
Marilyn Zarzycki	25
Ronnie Fagan	29

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TRICKY TRAY, JULY 11TH



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GOURMET CAFÉ DINE TO DONATE DAY, JULY 17TH



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