



November/December Par-troy Holiday Patter

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Love, Loyalty & Friendship-the Bonds of Volunteering Shirley Holly, NJSFWC President

Message from Our Club Presidents

Did this year fly by? It sure did for us. We will be starting the New Year off and running. The January calendar is filling up. Cathy Haney will be organizing a Fundraising Investigating committee meeting for the beginning of January. If you are interested in attending, please contact her. Get your thoughts together and bring any ideas no matter how small or large the project may seem.

I hope you all have your calendars marked for the Highlands District Council on January 10. This is a daytime event, and understandable why the daytime workers are not able to attend, but we do hope to see the rest of the members attending. We must do our best to attend council meeting as this is part of why we belong to the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs. Get your calendars out when reading this newsletter and mark the events coming up for 2024.

In line with publishing a section of our club's by-laws here is a small section of Article III Membership.

Section 2a. Active members may hold office and take part in the proceedings of the club upon payment of annual dues. In addition, they are required to actively participate in one community service program or to serve on one committee during the club year, and upon request of the hospitality Chairman, to serve as Hostess for one meeting per year.

Section 2c. A Prospective member must attend two meetings or one meeting and one club function before applying for membership. Each application must be made in writing with the full name and address of the applicant and endorsed by the Membership Chairman or by any member. These applications must then be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

The Membership Chairman shall inform applicants, in writing of their accepted membership indicating the amount of the membership dues required prior to the next meeting.

Our hope is in reading sections of the clubs' by-laws you will get a better understanding of what we are about. Please if you have any questions, just give us a call.

We wish everyone very Healthy and Happy Holidays, stay safe and enjoy time with friends and family.

Our best to all,

The Marilyn's



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

The David's Cookie and Cheesecake orders were delivered on Saturday, November 18th, and the baking has begun. Meadow Farms orders have been shipped out during November and December. Our Autumn Fundraiser was a huge success; our proceeds were \$1,465.05!!! Thank you for helping us achieve this goal.

More good news! The November Cash for Causes netted us a profit of \$307.50. Remember, there will not be a Cash For Causes in December. It will start up again in January. As you can see, November was a very successful month for our Club – all thanks to our supportive members. As we close out this year, our wish for all of you is that you be blessed with happy times and warm memories during this holiday season.

Environment: Janet Reily

Pass on Styrofoam. Choose cardboard egg cartons which are made from recycled newsprint. For paper boxes (such as cereal boxes), the rule of thumb is if the unprinted side is gray and not white, it's made from recycled materials.

I sent another box of jeans to be recycled. This is an ongoing project so if you have any jeans you have outgrown or don't wear bring them to our general meeting. - Janet

Literature - The book we are reading this month is a mystery titled The Death of Mrs. Westaway by Ruth Ware.

Our next literature holiday lunch will be Jan 2, 2024 IHOP in Parsippany Rt 46 E 12:30pm

Education: Chairman Betty Lagitch

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Special State Project – Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: Cathy Haney

The pediatric cancer patients have an Amazon wish list of wanted holiday items. Our Board voted to allocate \$200 to fulfill some of these wishes. We donated a Build-a-Bear \$50 gift card, a \$25 AMC Theatres gift card, a \$45 Chipotle gift card and two Bath & Body Works gift cards.

Four of our members assisted at the annual ECF Holiday Party for the children and their families. It was held at the Upper Montclair Woman's Club on Sunday, December 3rd. We helped serve the food, take pictures of the children with Santa, distribute gifts and make crafts.

Civic Engagement and Outreach: Susan Byrne Wreaths Across America

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at noon to Remember the fallen, Honor those who Serve, and Teach our children the value of freedom.

A local event will be held at the Denville Cemetery located at 9 Savage Road in Denville. A beautiful ceremony is followed by the laying of remembrance wreaths on the graves of fallen heroes. Please consider attending this ceremony with your friends and family. Please let me know if you plan on attending and if you would like to carpool.

Coupons – Please continue to clip coupons! They are used to enhance the well-being of overseas and domestic military families by sending them manufacturer coupons to make their hard-earned dollars go farther. The next mailing of coupons will be at the end of March. Only manufacturer's coupons dated January 1st or later will be collected. Please remember to sort your clipped coupons into food, non-food, baby, and pet.

Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful Holiday Season and a happy, healthy New Year!

Second Vice-Presidents: Janice Carrubba & Ginny Scala

What a great turn out we had for our cookie-candy fill. We all came together for a good cause. Our year is at a close, installing 11 new members was our best year ever. Let's keep up the good work in getting our Club name out to the public with all that we do. Looking forward to a great year ahead as we celebrate our 70 years in Parsippany. Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy & Healthy 2024!



Federation Secretary: Joan Garbarino

I would like to remind everyone to sign up for the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club (NJSFWC) weekly newsletter called the E-Connection. It comes on Wednesday each week and has information on various upcoming events and so much more, just go to <https://njsfwc.org> and click on "NEWS". The left column has information on how to sign up. Please let me know if you need any assistance – I'll be happy to help.

Refer to the email I sent out for more details on the following events. And don't forget we form a carpool for away events!

- The Highlands District January Council **on January 10, 2024, will be held in Long Valley.** Please get back to me by December 20th if interested in going. Refer to the email I sent for more information.
- The NJSFWC Highlands District Day of Service on **MLK Day January 15, 2024,** will be held at the PAL Building on Baldwin Road in Parsippany. Again, please refer to the email I sent out for more detail.

Please consider joining 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. Right now, I have six people (S. Byrne, J. Carrubba, J. Garbarino, C. Haney, M. Marion, and Lois P.W.) noted as having joined the 1894 Society this year. Please let me know if you joined and are not on this list. The information is used for year-end reporting purposes. Thank you.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous holiday season!

Spelling Bee: Mary Ann Coyne

Please join Club members and Fifth Grade Contestants for our annual Spelling Bee event. It's refreshing to see that the spelling of words can be done without the use of "spell check"! Come and cheer the students on at this fun event, **Friday, January 12, 2024 at 6:30pm (snow date – Friday, January 19, 2024).** The Bee will take place at Parsippany Hills High School Auditorium – 20 Rita Drive, Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Our three winners will then compete in the **District Bee on February 24th, 2024,** and hopefully move on to compete in the State Bee on **April 20th, 2024.** This is an exciting event, and we look forward to hosting it every year.



Education & Library: Chairman Betty Lagitch

Girls Career Institute: GCI is a program offered by the NJSFWC for girls who are completing their junior year in high school. This is a "mini college and career exploration experience". This is a 4 day program held at Douglass college. Our club is going to send two girls, one from PHS and PHHS. If know anyone who may be interest, they may contact their counselor in January.

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Programs - Lois Preis White – December 2023

Some of you are asking about when we will be having our next program. I am hopeful that we will be able to begin again in early 2024 (that is just around the corner!!!). A couple of ideas include making no-sew blankets for Project Linus and an informed presentation on Alzheimer's Disease and brain health. Keep your fingers crossed that we are able to secure a meeting place.

Have a wonderful, happy, and healthy holiday season.

70th Anniversary Party: Cathy Cerbo & Janet Reilly

Save the date! Our club's 70th anniversary celebration will be on **SUNDAY, APRIL 21st at Bruno's Restaurant.** More details to follow in the new year. In the mean-time please update your calendar and club yearbook.



December 2023 Birthdays

Cathy Cerbo-9th

Adelaide Richardson-16th

Kathy Schroeder-15th

Lee Maddocks-18th

Shalini Mehrotra-23rd

Bernadette Cicchino-26th

Denise Saccomanno-30th

Happy Birthday



