



September 2023 Autumn Par-Troy Patter

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

A message from Our Club Presidents: Marilyn Marion & Marilyn Zarzycki

Here we are in the middle of September. In the space of a few weeks we have accomplished much.

We hosted the Highlands District Fall Council. A special THANK YOU goes to all of our members who made the evening special by donating food, helped before, during and after the meeting.

Tell your friends and neighbors about our food drive being held on September 30th from 9am to 2pm at town hall. All food collected will be given to the Parsippany food pantry.

On the 3rd Monday of the month we will be meeting to have some social time together by having an activity or a guest speaker. This month we will have coloring next month chair yoga. These 3rd Monday activities do not replace the importance of attending our business meetings held on the 4th Mondays of the month.

We are once again participating in the town Fall Festival on October 1st. Help is needed so please let us know if you can assist us.

On October 3rd we are once again partnering with the LWV (League of Women Voters) to have a virtual forum between the candidates running for the Board of Education. More information will be emailed to you.

*Our best,
The Marilyn's*



Federation Secretary: Joan Garbarino

I hope those who attended enjoyed the Highlands District September Council Meeting. It's always a great way to find out the latest Federation news.

Please bring any detergent caps you have to the September meeting. These will be used at the State Fall Conference for a "one and done" project.

The NJSFWC State Fall Conference is on October 23. This is always an interesting day with speakers, vendor sales and camaraderie. If you've never heard Mary Ellen Brock (past GFWC International and NJSFWC President) speak you are in for a treat! You can even get your flu shot from Walgreen's which supports Shot at Life.

If interested in attending, please let me know and give me a check for \$50 made out to WCPTH by September 25 (our General Meeting). This gives time to register our group by the deadline.

We do carpool - so I hope many of you will attend.

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

- 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

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. Also let me know if you have joined so I can keep track for year-end reporting.

Communication

Esther and I have been working with Frank Cahill (Parsippany Focus) on updating our club website. Even though it's still a work in progress please go check it out at <https://parsippanywomansclub.org>. Suggestions are always welcome! Once we have it updated, we will be looking for other members to help maintain the site.

Don't forget to send me pictures from club events for posting on social media. I can also put out a press release if you send me the pertinent information. These are great ways to get the word out about our club and the great things we do!

Historian Scrapbook: Janice Carrubba & Esther Rucci

We had our first evening cropping for our 2023 scrapbook on August 23. A big THANK YOU to these wonderful ladies (Ivy Ertle, Cathy Haney, Betty Lagitch, Ginny Scala, Lorraine Steinsberger and a new prospective member Nanda Sanichar), who showed up and helped Esther and myself complete nine pages.

We will be having an afternoon cropping sometime in November, more info to follow as it gets closer. If anyone has any photo's (remember ladies to always smile) or items for the scrapbook please let me know so I can get them before our cropping.

Literature: Janet Reilly

We met at the library to choose our next few books to read for the coming months. The selection for this month is The Art of Hearing Heartbeats. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, and will be held at Lorraine Steinsberger's home. (Note the change of location). Happy reading.

Environment: Rethinking balloon releases, there is a downside with which we must reckon. Balloons get entangled in trees or pop, returning to Earth as litter that endangers our environment, waterways and wildlife. It is not just the balloon itself that is a danger, the ribbon or string also poses a big risk. Balloons are the leading marine debris risk of mortality for seabirds and turtles.

Contrary to popular belief, there is no such thing as a biodegradable balloon. Let's make balloon releases a relic of the past.

Arts & Culture: Ivy Ertle

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. International Lunches/Dinners will continue for this club year. The first will be a lunch held at ELMA'S located at 1561 US-46, Parsippany at 12:30pm on September 28. Please let Ivy know if you are going to attend NO later than September 25.

We will also be having an Adult Coloring Activity night on September 18th. I hope you come out for an evening of fun and socialization.

Upcoming events hopefully will include Color Me Mine, Wreath Making and a play. Does anyone have a hobby they would like to share with the club? Feel free to let Ivy know you'd like to chair an activity. All suggestions and ideas are welcome. Feel free to text Ivy at 917-364-1607, but please make sure you introduce yourself, as I do not have everyone's numbers in my phone.

"Festival of Trees" Marilyn Marion

Each year in November Federation Headquarters has a Holiday open house. This gives the members throughout the state the chance to visit headquarters and enjoy time with our Federation sisters. "Headquarters" is located on Douglas Residential College property in New Brunswick. This year there will be something new. This year's theme will be "The Festival of Trees". Presidents Holly's vision is to have decorated trees and wreaths available for auction at the Open House to raise money for Headquarters. The goal is to raise \$1,894; but she needs the help of all members. The trees should be artificial, tabletop with a maximum height of 4 feet with or without lights battery operated lights). I have a list of the themes they would like us to use. You can donate an individual tree or wreath, or one can be sent from the club. The open house and auction will be on November 30 with two sessions 11:00am – 12:30pm or 1:00pm – 2:00pm. If you are interested, please contact Marilyn Marion for the list of themes for the trees.

The wreaths should be decorated with a holiday theme and can be made of any material (live greenery, artificial greenery, branches, cloth etc.).

We can do one from the club and if any member would like to donate a tree or wreath, they can. I have the paperwork that needs to be filled out. All donated trees and wreaths must be delivered to Headquarters between November 16th and November 28th in time for the open house. Thank you. Marilyn Marion

Second Co-Vice Presidents Membership: Janice Carrubba & Ginny Scala

We all have had time to relax and enjoy the summer, now we are ready "full steam ahead" for another Club year. Hope many of you will attend the adult color night on the 18th to mingle with other ladies. We will be doing something different at our next meeting. Come see! At our September 25 meeting at 7pm we will have a few new prospective members joining us. Let's be welcoming and show them what our Club is all about.

Domestic Violence: Theresa Gerber

Requested items for back to school were purchased from the club's funds: snacks, umbrellas and tissue packs.

A few club members are beginning training to be volunteers at the JBWS facility. It is 2 night sessions a week, one in person and one on zoom for 6 weeks.

JBWS is looking for volunteers to retrieve messages from their donation line, especially for the holidays. This can be done from your own home. For more information, please see Terry Gerber at the General Meeting or call or email.

Special State Project – Emmanuel Cancer Foundation: Cathy Haney

Thanks to the amazing generosity of so many of our members, the recent collection of paper goods and detergent for ECF was a huge success. To the Highlands District collection, we contributed 9 large containers of clear detergent, 54 rolls of paper towels, 58 rolls of toilet paper, 18 boxes of tissues and 1 package of napkins, with a total value of \$245. These items will be a big help to the families of the pediatric cancer patients served by ECF.

Civic Engagement and Outreach: Susan Byrne

Food Pantry – Ann Claassen will no longer be able to take the food that is donated at our general meetings to the food pantry. Please let me know if you are interested in taking the monthly collection to the Parsippany Food Pantry located at 1130 Knoll Road in Lake Hiawatha.

Food Drive – Our club will be holding a food drive on Saturday, September 30th from 9am to 2pm at Town Hall to support the Parsippany Food Pantry. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help that day. I need a few people to place signs around town the morning of the event. Please let me know if you can help.

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 November. Only manufacturer's coupons dated September 1st or later will be collected. Please remember to sort your clipped coupons into food, non-food, baby, and pet.

Programs: Lois Preis White

By the time you read this, our first Gathering, an **"Evening of Coloring and Chatting"** was a total success with more than 20 ladies enjoying the evening. At the point of writing this post, we have not yet planned our October 16th Gathering. We will let you know, by email, as soon as we have confirmation. As always, this is your Club, so please do not hesitate to suggest a subject matter you would enjoy along with your Club sisters. Drop me an email or a text message with any suggestions.

Donation Lake Hiawatha Library: Betty Lagitch

With our generous donation of \$1,000 the Library purchased a lot of excellent children's books. They designed bookplates to be placed in every book with our logo. It states "Funds for this book were generously donated by The Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills".

Education & Library: Chairman Betty Lagitch

Success for Survivors Scholarship

Our donation of \$500 supports survivors of Intimate Partner Violence towards their goals and independence. Survivors might otherwise not be able to balance personal-life demands with those seeking a degree. Many scholarship recipients have expressed a desire to use their careers to advocate for other survivors, fight for the voiceless, and help others heal.

First VP's Ways & Means: Lois Preis White & Mary Ann Coyne

Welcome back! We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our September General Meeting. Just a reminder that we have a Dine to Donate set for Wednesday, October 4th and Thursday October 5th at the Bonefish Grill in Pinebrook – Rt. 46W. An email reminder will be sent out along with the Flyer which you must present at the time of your visit. Please tell your friends and family to join us in supporting our fundraiser. Cash 4 Causes got off to a great start. Our September proceeds amounted to \$160. Lastly, brochures will be distributed at the General Meeting for David's and Meadow Farms products. Keep in mind that web access, ordering, and many more choices are available online for Meadow Farms than what's shown in their brochures. 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 General Meeting, let us know, and we will get the brochures to you. Remember, a few members can do a little; together we can do so much to continue our mission of giving and volunteering in so many ways.

Reminder: Don't forget to bring empty, clean, coffee cans (11-oz size) for the candy/cookie project.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!!!**

Ivy Ertle-2

Adrienne Satch-18

Janet Reilly-2

Angie Barone-19

Karen DeChristopher-3

Linda Laidlaw-26

Lois Brown-14

Mary Ann Coyne-28



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Terry Gerber made her annual summer trip to Disney to see her favorite character.

SNOW WHITE



Many of our members, this is the recent collection of paper goods, large containers of clear detergent & so much more for ECF. It did not fit in the picture!!!

OUR HIGHLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL DINNER

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